

**EMERGENCY RESOLUTION NO 2023-03-06-01**

**RESOLUTION OF THE SALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT DECLARING  
A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THE POWER OUTAGE OF FEBRUARY 21, 2023**

**WHEREAS**, the Salton Community Services District ("District") provides sewer and wastewater treatment services to residents on the west side of the Salton Sea;

**WHEREAS**, the District was subject to an unplanned power outage caused by high winds Tuesday February 21, 2023, at 10:30pm through Wednesday March 1st, 2023, and which disabled the pumps, aerators and other electrical equipment providing sewer conveyance and treatment and without which raw sewage can backup or overflow causing a serious threat to the health, safety and welfare of the residents and employees of the District;

**WHEREAS**, the District responded to the emergency situation quickly and decisively by, among other things, renting generators and other equipment, and employing District equipment to remediate the emergency and the threat to human health and safety;

**WHEREAS**, the District does not have the financial capacity to absorb the cost of the rentals, equipment, fuel, inventory, salaries as well as other costs and expenditures to respond and remediate the emergency;

**WHEREAS**, there is an emergency situation as contemplated by Government Code Section 8634 and immediate impairment and threat to sewer and other services upon which the community relies for sanitary sewer service.


**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Directors finds and hereby declares that due to the immediate threat to sewer services upon which the community relies for life sustaining sanitary conditions, an emergency exists. This emergency situation presents a threat to the life, health, and property of District residents. Given this emergency, it is hereby resolved that the Interim General Manager or designee is authorized to take all actions to protect the interests of the District and to protect the health, safety and welfare of residents as a result of operating the recent power outage and to address the threat to sewer service.

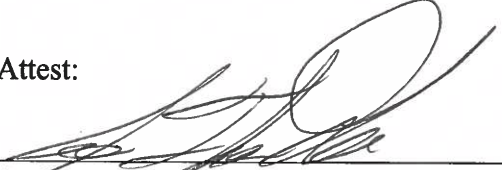
**IT IS FURTHER DECLARED, RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that during the existence of said emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of the District shall be those prescribed by state law, ordinances and resolutions of the District. Pursuant to applicable law, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Interim General Manager to bind the District for the acquisition of equipment, materials, supplies, labor and/or services necessary to respond to the emergency and to make needed repairs necessary to maintain and secure continued sewer service to District residents. The Interim General Manager shall report to the Board of Directors on his activities and any expenditures under this authority during each Board meeting while this emergency resolution is in effect. The Interim General Manager is directed and authorized to seek any needed service, mutual and financial aid from surrounding local agencies, the County of Imperial and State of California to ensure that the District has access to adequate

resources in order to address the immediate emergency and to purchase needed equipment and services and make repairs needed to provide and secure continued sewer service to the residents of the District.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023 by the following vote:

	YES	NO
<b>Michelle Gilmore, President</b>	<u>✓</u>	<u>      </u>
<b>Michael Friese, Vice President</b>	<u>✓</u>	<u>      </u>
<b>Manuel H. Ramos, Director</b>	<u>✓</u>	<u>      </u>
<b>Dale Johnson, Director</b>	<u>✓</u>	<u>      </u>
<b>Lidia Sierra, Director</b>	<u>      </u>	<u>✓</u>

  
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Michelle Gilmore, President of the Board

Attest:  
  
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Sonia Thania Garcia, Secretary of the Board

