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REQUEST TO EXTEND PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO SEPTEMBER WEATHER FLOODING EVENT
Fiscal Impact: None

A Proclamation of Local Emergency was issued by your Board on September 26, 2025, due to the extraordinary level of response and damage caused by weather and flooding that began in Kern County on September 18, 2025.

Pursuant to Government Code section 8630, your Board must periodically review whether conditions warrant extending the local emergency proclamation.

The September Weather Flooding event continues to have significant impact to both incorporated and unincorporated areas of Eastern Kern County. This includes the City of Ridgecrest and California City, along with the Randsburg and Johannesburg areas. The Rand Communities Water District also continues to have significant impact resulting from the event. Kern County continues to move forward in the formal process of requesting financial assistance made available from the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA).

Staff deem it prudent to extend the local emergency while recovery efforts are ongoing.

Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED that your Board affirm conditions continue to pose a threat to public safety and extend the Local Emergency for the September weather flooding event.

Sincerely,

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cc: County Administrative Officer
County Counsel