

**PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY WITHIN THE SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY COVID-19 “CORONAVIRUS”**

**WHEREAS**, in December of 2019, an outbreak of respiratory illness due to a novel coronavirus (a disease now known as COVID-19) was first identified in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China; and,

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 has since spread outside of China, impacting more than 100 countries, now including the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC activated its Emergency Response System to provide ongoing support for the response to COVID-19 across the country, and;

**WHEREAS**, the California Department of Public Health has activated its Medical and Health Coordination Center, and the Office of Emergency Services recently activated the State Operations Center to provide support and guide actions to preserve public health; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 3, 2020, Governor Newsom declared the existence of a state of emergency for the State of California; and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the Director-General for the World Health Organization declared that COVID-19 can be characterized as a “pandemic”; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared that the outbreak of COVID-19 in the United States constitutes a national emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative to prepare for and respond to suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases within the Authority, and to prepare to respond to an increasing number of individuals who may require medical care; and

**WHEREAS**, strict compliance with Authority regulations would prevent, hinder, or delay appropriate actions to prevent and mitigate the effects of the COVID-19, which issue cannot be timely addressed absent a declaration of emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority appoints the General Manager as the Director of Emergency Services and empowers the Director to issue an emergency proclamation if the Board is not in session; and,

**WHEREAS**, a local emergency declared by the Director of Emergency Services shall not remain in effect for a period in excess of fourteen (14) days unless it has been ratified by the Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, after consideration of all items the Director of Emergency Services now desires to proclaim the existence of a state of emergency to make additional resources available to address the effects of COVID-19.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Director of Emergency Services for the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority does find and proclaim as follows:

1. The Director of Emergency Services finds that the conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the Authority, caused by the effects of COVID-19.

2. The Director of Emergency Services further finds that the Board of Directors is not currently in session.

3. The aforementioned conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency by the Authority's Emergency Service Director. Pursuant to the authority granted by Authority regulation, I hereby proclaim that a local emergency now exists throughout the Authority.

4. The local emergency shall not remain in effect for a period in excess of fourteen (14) days unless it has been ratified by the Board of Directors.

5. This proclamation and its contents will be published and promulgated in as widespread a manner as is reasonably feasible under the conditions prevailing during this local emergency.

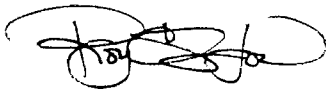
6. This proclamation of a local emergency shall take effect immediately as of the date first set forth below.

**IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this Authority shall be those prescribed by state law and resolutions of this Authority, and by the policies and procedures of the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority.

3-18-2020 1:30 pm  
Date and Time

  
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Director of Emergency Services,  
PATRICK MATHEWS

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

  
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ROY C. SANTOS, General Counsel