

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

December 16, 2025

WHEREAS, Division 1 of Title 3 of the Orange County Codified Ordinances and the California Emergency Service Act provide for the development and adoption of emergency plans for meeting any condition constituting a local emergency or state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, this Board previously adopted separate emergency plans: the County of Orange Emergency Operations Plan and the Orange County Operational Area Emergency Operations Plan, and in 2017 found it to be in the County's best interest to combine and update them into a single plan entitled the County of Orange and Orange County Operational Area Unified Emergency Operations Plan ("Unified EOP"); and

WHEREAS, the Unified EOP represents the combined responsibilities of the County of Orange ("the County") for emergency preparedness, response, and recovery by assigning specific responsibilities to County agencies, local government jurisdictions, and other emergency response partners; and

WHEREAS, the Unified EOP establishes an emergency management organization and assigns functions and tasks consistent with California's Standardized Emergency Management System and the National Incident Management System; and

WHEREAS, the Unified EOP provides for the integration and coordination of planning efforts of the County and of all Operational Area jurisdictions when required; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 552 (Stats. 2021, Hertzberg), added Sections 10609.50-10609.80 to the California Water Code, which assigned new responsibilities and requirements at the State of California and local levels to help small water suppliers and rural communities reduce their risks of inadequate water supply amid a water shortage event that could be caused by droughts or other emergencies such as wildfires, earthquakes, floods, or other local emergencies; and

WHEREAS §10609.70 requires counties to establish a drought and water shortage task force and develop a plan that addresses drought and water shortage risk and solutions for state small water systems and domestic wells within each county’s jurisdiction, and that the plan can be included as an element of a county’s emergency operations plan; and

WHEREAS, Orange County Public Works (“OCPW”) and Orange County Sheriff’s-Coroner Department (“OCSD”), Emergency Management Division worked collaboratively with local jurisdictions to establish a Drought Task Force and create the Orange County Domestic Well Drought Resiliency Plan (“the Plan”); and

WHEREAS, the Plan has been reviewed by affected emergency services agencies, as well as by County staff, and provides the policies, organization, and responsibilities of County departments and agencies to meet the requirements of §10609.70; and

WHEREAS, the Plan was approved by the Emergency Management Council and Operational Area Executive Board on November 12, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Orange County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve and adopt as an Annex to the County of Orange and Orange County Operational Area Emergency Operations Plan, the Orange County Domestic Well Drought Resiliency Plan dated November 2025 and authorizes distribution of the Plan for immediate implementation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that OCPW and OCSD’s Emergency Management Division is authorized to incorporate this Plan into the Unified EOP, and to address any federal or state mandated regulations necessary to implement this Plan.

The foregoing was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, on December 16, 2025, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors: DONALD P. WAGNER, KATRINA FOLEY, JANET NGUYEN
VICENTE SARMIENTO, DOUG CHAFFEE
NOES: Supervisor(s):
EXCUSED: Supervisor(s):
ABSTAINED: Supervisor(s):



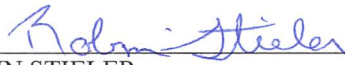
CHAIRMAN

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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COUNTY OF ORANGE)

I, ROBIN STIELER, Clerk of the Board of Orange County, California, hereby certify that a copy of this document has been delivered to the Chairman of the Board and that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the Orange County Board of Supervisors

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and seal.





ROBIN STIELER
Clerk of the Board
County of Orange, State of California

Resolution No: 25-147
Agenda Date: 12/16/2025
Item No: S28C



I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors, Orange County, State of California

Robin Stieler, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy