

CITY OF DANA POINT**AGENDA REPORT**

DATE: OCTOBER 20, 2026

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: KELLY REENDERS, CITY MANAGER AND DIRECTOR OF
EMERGENCY SERVICES

SUBJECT: REVIEW LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR HURRICANE MARIE AND
PROCLAIM LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR HURRICANE RACHEL

RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the City Council:

- 1) Review and continue the Local Emergency Related to Hurricane Marie (Supporting Document B); and
- 2) Adopt a Resolution entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANA POINT,
CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY
RELATED TO HURRICANE RACHEL

BACKGROUND

On September 1, 2026, the National Hurricane Center identified a tropical storm in the eastern Pacific Ocean that strengthened into Hurricane Marie on September 3, 2026, before transitioning to a post-tropical system on September 8, 2026. In response to the resulting coastal conditions, the National Weather Service issued numerous high-surf and coastal-flooding advisories for Southern California, including the Dana Point coastline.

A separate weather event began on September 27, 2026, when the National Hurricane Center identified a tropical storm originating in the eastern Pacific Ocean. The storm strengthened into Hurricane Rachel on September 30, reached peak intensity on October 1, and transitioned to a post-tropical system on October 11, 2026. On October 15, 2026, the Director of Emergency Services, Kelly Reenders,

proclaimed a local emergency in response to Hurricane Rachel and its associated impacts.

Elevated tides, large swells, and associated coastal flooding created and continue to pose conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property. Several structures along Beach Road within the Capistrano Bay Community Services District (Capistrano Bay) have been designated as red-tagged or yellow-tagged by City officials due to observed structural damage and unsafe conditions.

Capistrano Bay remains vulnerable to coastal flooding and continued monitoring of affected structures is necessary to identify additional damage, assess changing conditions, and protect public safety. City staff will continue to evaluate structures as conditions permit and update their safety designations as appropriate, including removing restrictions when conditions support a change in status.

DISCUSSION

Following the City Council ratification of a Emergency Proclamation on September 15, 2026, in response to Hurricane Marie and the resulting coastal impacts, emergency response and protective work along Beach Road has continued. The California Coastal Commission is responsible for issuing Emergency Coastal Development Permits authorizing emergency repairs and protective measures. Homeowners and Capistrano Bay have received emergency authorization from the Coastal Commission for various protective actions. Authorized work is being performed by private contractors as tidal and weather conditions permit.

The Orange County Emergency Operations Center and the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) are tracking Hurricane Marie and Hurricane Rachel as separate events and have indicated that separate local emergency declarations are required to address each event.

The City continues to coordinate with Capistrano Bay and California Coastal Commission staff regarding emergency response, authorized protective measures, and recovery activities. The City is also working with county and state agencies to identify potential assistance programs for affected residents, including low-interest disaster loans administered by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 8630(c), the City Council is required to review the need to continue a local emergency at least every 60 days until the emergency is terminated, which is now required to continue the local emergency proclamation for Hurricane Marie.

Section 2.20.050 of the Dana Point Municipal Code authorizes the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City is affected, or likely to be affected, by a public calamity and the City Council is not in session. The ordinance requires the City Council to take action to ratify the proclamation within seven days, which is required now to ratify the local emergency for Hurricane Rachel, proclaimed by the Director of Emergency Services on October 15, 2026.

Continuation of the local emergency associated with Hurricane Marie and ratification of the local emergency proclaimed for Hurricane Rachel will allow the City to maintain emergency response and recovery coordination, monitor affected properties, and continue collecting and compiling information from affected homeowners for submission to county and state agencies in support of potential assistance requests.

California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) conducted a physical inspection on October 6, 2026, and the City is awaiting further direction regarding the state's assessment. The inspection, together with homeowners' reports of property damage and losses along Beach Road, will support the evaluation of potential disaster assistance, including possible eligibility for Small Business Administration (SBA) low-interest disaster loans.

NOTIFICATION / FOLLOW UP:

Any City costs incurred for response activities or supply purchases are being absorbed within existing departmental budgets and will be tracked separately for possible reimbursement or accounting purposes.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There have been various costs incurred which are not quantifiable at this time.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Strategic Goal 1: Maintain and ensure public safety.

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ACTION DOCUMENT A**RESOLUTION NO. 26-10-20-XX****A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANA POINT, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY ON OCTOBER 14, 2026**

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2026, the National Hurricane Center identified a tropical storm with origination in the eastern Pacific Ocean, which was upgraded to a Hurricane named Hurricane Rachel on September 30, 2026, reaching peak intensity on October 1, 2026 and which returned to post-tropical on October 11, 2026; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Hurricane Rachel, the National Weather Service has issued numerous high surf and coastal flooding warnings and advisories for the Southern California coastline, including the coastal areas of the City of Dana Point; and

WHEREAS, these meteorological conditions have produced extreme high tides, large ocean swells, and storm-driven coastal flooding that have created conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property in the City of Dana Point; and

WHEREAS, multiple structures have sustained damage or face imminent threat of damage from coastal flooding and wave action, including multiple private properties along Beach Road within the Capistrano Bay Community Services District that have been red-tagged and yellow-tagged by responsible safety officials; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Code of the City of Dana Point empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when said city is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the City Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the City of Dana Point hereby found that on October 15, 2026:

Conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property had arisen within the City, caused by Hurricane Rachel; and

The City Council of the City of Dana Point was not in session (and could not immediately be called into session).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Dana Point does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. On October 13, 2026, the Director of Emergency Services proclaimed that a local emergency existed on Beach Road within the Capistrano Bay Community Services District as a result of Hurricane Marie (Exhibit A).

Section 2. The City Council hereby ratifies the declaration of a local emergency by the Director of Emergency Services on October 15, 2026.

Section 3. The City Clerk is directed to certify the Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of October, 2026.

John Gabbard
Mayor

ATTEST:

Shayna Sharke, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) ss
CITY OF DANA POINT)

I, Shayna Sharke, City Clerk of the City of Dana Point, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 26-10-20-_____ adopted by the City Council of the City of Dana Point, California, at an adjourned regular meeting thereof held on the 20th day of October, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
(SEAL)

Shayna Sharke
City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

**PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY BY THE DIRECTOR OF
EMERGENCY SERVICES**

The Director of Emergency Services for the City of Dana Point does hereby find, order and declare as follows:

WHEREAS, the California Emergency Services Act, Government Code section 8550, et seq., authorizes the proclamation of a local emergency when conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of a city exist; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.20.030 of the Dana Point Municipal Code designates the City Manager as the City's Director of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.20.060 of the Dana Point Municipal Code empowers the Director of Emergency Services to request the City Council to proclaim the existence of a Local Emergency if the Council is in session, or to issue such proclamation if the Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2026, the National Hurricane Center identified a tropical storm with origination in the eastern Pacific Ocean, which was upgraded to a Hurricane named Hurricane Rachel on September 30, 2026, reaching peak intensity on October 1, 2026 and which returned to post-tropical on October 11, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service issued numerous high surf and coastal flooding advisories for the coastal areas of Southern California during Hurricane Rachel; and

WHEREAS, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons arose and continue locally due to high tides and swells from Hurricane Rachel and have impacted and continue to significantly impact the coastline within the City with coastal flooding which has damaged multiple properties located within the City, and more specifically properties located on Beach Road within the Capistrano Bay Community Services District ("Capistrano Bay"); and

WHEREAS, the Climate Prediction Center (CPC) of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) estimates that storms like Hurricane Marie, Hurricane Rachel and others may proliferate during the upcoming winter season, for which the CPC predicts "a 69% chance of a historic event that would exceed the strength of previous El Niño events dating back to 1950"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Director of Emergency Services of the City of Dana Point proclaims, declares and orders as follows:

Section 1: Due to weather-related high surf and coastal erosion associated with and during Hurricane Rachel, coastal flooding has occurred resulting in the existence of emergency conditions.

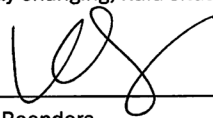
Section 2: Multiple homes within Capistrano Bay have been impacted by this coastal flooding and have been red-tagged and yellow tagged; and as of October 15, 2026, Capistrano Bay remains under a coastal flooding advisory issued by the National Weather Service with continuing high tides and an ongoing need for monitoring of structures for structural damage.

Section 3: Pursuant to Dana Point Municipal Code Chapter 2.20, the City Manager is the Director of Emergency Services, empowered to proclaim a local emergency, and hereby does proclaim a local emergency exists in Capistrano Bay based upon the facts set forth herein.

Section 4: Whenever a local emergency is proclaimed by the Director, the City Council shall take action to ratify the proclamation within seven days thereafter or the proclamation shall have no further force or effect. The City Council shall review the necessity for continuing the local emergency no less frequently than every 60 days until the emergency is terminated.

Section 5: Additional or different emergency measures may be implemented by the Director of Emergency Services pursuant to Section 2.20 of the Dana Point Municipal Code as deemed reasonable or necessary to address the quickly changing, fluid situation.

City Manager / Director of Emergency Services: _____


Kelly Reenders

Date: 10/15/2026

SUPPORTING DOCUMENT B**RESOLUTION NO. 26-09-15-04****A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANA POINT, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2026**

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2026, the National Hurricane Center identified a tropical storm in the eastern Pacific Ocean that was upgraded to Hurricane Marie on September 3, 2026 and returned to post-tropical status on September 8, 2026; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Hurricane Marie, the National Weather Service has issued numerous high surf, high surf advisory, and coastal flooding warnings and advisories for the Southern California coastline, including the coastal areas of the City of Dana Point; and

WHEREAS, these meteorological conditions have produced extreme high tides, large ocean swells, and storm-driven coastal flooding that have created conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property in the City of Dana Point; and

WHEREAS, multiple structures have sustained damage or face imminent threat of damage from coastal flooding and wave action, including multiple private properties along Beach Road within the Capistrano Bay Community Services District that have been red-tagged and yellow-tagged by responsible safety officials; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Code of the City of Dana Point empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when said city is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the City Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the City of Dana Point hereby found that on September 9, 2026:

Conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property had arisen within the City, caused by Hurricane Marie; and

The City Council of the City of Dana Point was not in session (and could not immediately be called into session).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Dana Point does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. On September 9, 2026, the Director of Emergency Services proclaimed that a local emergency existed on Beach Road within the Capistrano Bay Community Services District as a result of Hurricane Marie (Exhibit A).

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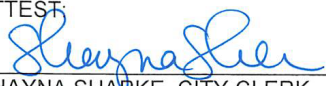
Section 2. The City Council hereby ratifies the declaration of a local emergency by the Director of Emergency Services on September 9, 2026.

Section 3. The City Clerk is directed to certify the Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of September, 2026.



JOHN GABBARD, MAYOR

ATTEST


SHAYNA SHARKE, CITY CLERK

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) ss
CITY OF DANA POINT)

I, SHAYNA SHARKE, City Clerk of the City of Dana Point, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 26-09-15-04 adopted by the City Council of the City of Dana Point, California, at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 15th day of September 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: Federico, Frost, Gabbard

NOES: None

ABSENT: Pagano, Villar



SHAYNA SHARKE, CITY CLERK

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WHEREAS, on September 1, 2026, the National Hurricane Center identified a tropical storm with origination in the eastern Pacific Ocean, which was upgraded to a Hurricane named Hurricane Marie on September 3, 2026, and which returned to post-tropical on September 8, 2026 ("Hurricane Marie").

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WHEREAS, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons arose, and continue locally due to high tides and swells from Hurricane Marie and have impacted and continue to significantly impact the coastline within the City with coastal flooding which has damaged multiple properties located within the City, and more specifically properties located on Beach Road within the Capistrano Bay Community Services District ("Capistrano Bay").

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