

**TOWN OF
APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA**

AGENDA MATTER

Subject Item:

JANUARY 17, 2010 – FEBRUARY 6, 2010 SEVERE STORM EVENT UPDATE

Summary Statement:

As a result of recent actions concerning Federal and State assistance for local agencies that suffered damage brought by the storm events of 1/17/10 through 2/6/10, the Town Manager requested staff to provide a report to the Mayor and Council providing an update.

The storm events of 1/17/10 through 2/6/10 caused damage to the Town's public facilities in the form of local flooding of Town roads, Town-wide sand and debris flows onto roads, damage to drainage retention basins and structures, and major damage to a portion of Tamiani Rd between Sitting Bull and Nisqually Rds. During the storm events Town staff provided emergency response by monitoring and securing flooded areas, and assisting the Fire District in providing residents with sandbags. Immediately following the events staff began the assessment and prioritizing of damage, and the coordinating and dispatching of repair forces. Town contractors immediately began repair work to drainage retention basins within the Skyline Ranch Tract, and began clearing and cleaning major and arterial roads as well as roads in the Town's business districts. The Tamiani Rd section was closed to public access and various utilities were dispatched to secure their damaged facilities. Clean-up efforts continued through January and February as the area continued to suffer more winter storms.

Unlike usual storms in the area, these winter storms were more damaging as they passed through the area and flooded the entire Town and not just isolated portions. Literally every paved road in Town had to be cleaned of mud and sand, and some drainage structures that had yet to receive run-off since their construction were inundated and overwhelmed.

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Recommended Action:

That the Mayor and Town Council receive and file this staff report.

Proposed by: Public Services Department Item Number _____ .

T. M. Approval: _____ Budgeted Item Yes No N/A

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By early March the last of the Town roads had been cleaned, and on Tamiani Rd the various utility companies were completing the relocating or repair of their facilities so that the Town could then commence with the reconstruction of roadway improvements.

Immediately following the storm events the State declared San Bernardino County as one of six (6) counties designated a disaster area which guaranteed monetary State disaster relief assistance of at least 75% for qualifying damages. On March 8 the President declared the six counties a Federal Disaster Area, relieving the State of the initial 75% assistance level. Federal relief funds will now assume 75% of eligible costs, the State will assume 18.75%, and the balance 6.25% will be borne by the local agencies.

On March 16 representatives for local agencies were summoned to the city of Rialto to be briefed by FEMA representatives and given an outline of the procedures to qualify damage-related costs for Federal and State relief. On April 6 the Town, the Fire District and the School District met with their assigned FEMA caseworkers to review claims for damage assistance. It was determined that the Town had three (3) qualifying claims to submit-

1. \$328,000 (estimated) for Town-wide Debris Removal (Category A)
2. \$10,000 (estimated) for Emergency Response Measures (Category B)
3. \$128,000 (estimated) for Tamiani Rd Reconstruction (Category C)

Staff will continue to coordinate with the FEMA representatives in assembling data and records for submittal for reimbursement, and anticipate the Town receiving a estimated reimbursement of \$436,875, with the Town bearing the estimated balance of \$29,125.

Based upon the foregoing, staff recommends adoption of the form motion.