

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-24-3-1**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE YERMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR THE YERMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT'S JURISDICTIONS**

**TO INCLUDE THE YERMO-CALICO FIRE DEPARTMENT, THE YERMO WELCOME CENTER, THE NORMAN SMITH PARK AND THE YERMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT OFFICES AND PROPERTIES**

**WHEREAS**, in December 2019, an outbreak of respiratory illness due to COVID-19 (Corona Virus) was first identified in a province of China, it has now spread to more than 75 Countries, including the United States: And

**WHEREAS**, The Yermo Community Services District [Herein "District"] has jurisdiction on five items within the town of Yermo. These are the Fire Department, the Yermo Welcome Center, the Norman Smith Park, District Offices, and the Street Lights; And:

**WHEREAS**, The District's office building and grounds as well as the District's Norman Smith Park, and the Yermo Welcome Center, host a multitude of classes, activities, and rentals including but not limited to; Alcoholic/Narcotics Anonymous, Special Events, the Yermo Swap Meet, Movies, an assortment of classes, the USDA Food Drive, Memorial Services, Birthdays, etc.; And:

**WHEREAS**, Government Code Section 8558 describes what a Local Emergency entails. It states that for a Local Emergency to be declared, there is an existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril for items such as a Pandemic. This allows the District to take actions necessary to protect public health, safety and welfare within the town. The State of California as well as the County of San Bernardino have already declared a State of Emergency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED** by the District's Board of Directors that that while there have been no known cases Of COVID-19 in Yermo, CA or the immediate surrounding areas and only one (1) known case of COVID-19 in Barstow, CA, it is imperative in order to provide for the safety, health and well-being of all Yermo Residents, Visitors, and CSD and Fire Department personnel to enact the following:

**1. Town Facilities**

- a. The District Offices and Building, including rooms such as the storage room, the gymnasium, etc., will be closed to the public from March 25, 2020 till further notice.
- b. The Park Grounds including the playground, the Picnic Tables, any Pavilion, the Skate Park, the Yermo Welcome Center, Etc. will be closed effective March 25, 2020 till further notice.
- c. The Multi-Purpose room will be utilized only to provide distribution services for the USDA Commodities program(Per Executive Order N-33-20, March 22, 2020 "Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers" page 4) utilizing appropriate social distancing practices, protective PPE for volunteers who are distributing the food, and any employees of the Yermo Community Services District who may assist USDA Commodities operations.
- d. The gymnasium will be reserved for emergency use for mass sheltering and possible quarantine containment if so ordered by the San Bernardino Department of Health.

**2. The Yermo Community Services District Office**

- a. The Community Services District Office operations will continue to operate under reduced operational guidelines. The Community Services District Office will be open during regular business hours of Monday through Thursday from 10:00 AM till 4:00 PM.

- b. The Yermo Community Services District Office will be able to assist with items such as Fire Protection Letters, Incident Reports, Providing Public Information, etc. by email, fax or phone ONLY.
  - c. No personal visitors, tours or members of the general public will be allowed to visit the Yermo-Calico Fire Department Station or District Office unless that person is an employee of the Yermo Community Services District, Fire Department Personnel or Member of the Board of Directors conducting official business, bringing or donating supplies and/or necessary equipment or pre-approved donations.
  - d. This provision does not include Law Enforcement Personnel or Local, State or Federal agency representatives and the United States Military.
3. The public can contact the District's Office by calling 760-254-2331 , by contacting us through our website at [www.yermocsd.info/contact](http://www.yermocsd.info/contact) or by emailing the District at [yermocsd@outlook.com](mailto:yermocsd@outlook.com). The District's Regular Board Meetings will be held online instead of in the District Board room. The Meetings will still be held on the second Thursday of every month at 6:30 PM. The Meetings will be held online until the Covid-19 Pandemic has subsided and is contained. Information regarding how to join the Online Board Meetings is on our website under "COVID-19 Updates, Information and Yermo CSD Resolutions" at <https://yermocsd.info/covid19>

**4. The Yermo-Calico Fire Department**

- a. The Yermo-Calico Fire Department will continue to respond to Emergency Calls and operate as normal.
  - i. Unless the Medical Director for The Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency (ICEMA) directs otherwise.

**5. This Declaration of Local Emergency for the Yermo Community Services District**

- a. Must be ratified by the District's Board of Directors by a Majority Vote and be reassessed for continuation 60 days from the date of ratification as described in Government Code Section 8630(c).
- b. If the state of emergency is rescinded under the authority of the County of San Bernardino County or The State of California, this resolution expires, and all normal operation of the Yermo Community Services District will resume.
- c. May allow the District to deviate from the Fire Department's MOU, the District's Policies and Procedures, as well as the State's Labor Laws.
- d. Allow the District to receive future reimbursement by the County of San Bernardino, the State of California, and Federal Governments or Agencies.
- e. Enforcement of this resolution will be executed by the Yermo-Calico Fire Chief (or designated representative), The County of San Bernardino Department of Health and the The State of California

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020 by the Yermo Community Services District's Board of Directors, County of San Bernardino in the State of California by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_ BOARD MEMBERS VOTING AYE:

NAYES: \_\_\_\_\_ BOARD MEMBERS VOTING NAY:

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_ BOARD MEMBERS ABESNT:

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_ BOARD MEMBERS ABSTAINING:

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Janica Quinones, Board President

I, Nate Rojas, Secretary to the Board do hereby attest to and certify the foregoing Resolution No. **2020-24-3-1** was adopted by the Yermo Community Services District's Board of Directors at the Special Board Meeting held on March 24, 2020.

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Nate Rojas, Secretary to the Board

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Date