

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF THE UPDATING
FRESNO COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA
MASTER EMERGENCY SERVICES PLAN

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors recognizes the potential for major catastrophes due to earthquakes, floods, fires, and other natural or technological disasters, including terrorism, and recognizes the significant threat these hazards pose to people and property within the community; and

WHEREAS, the preservation of life and property is a fundamental responsibility of local, state, and federal governments to ensure the most effective and economical allocation of resources for the maximum benefit and protection of its population during emergencies; and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 1995, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) countywide in accordance with Government Code section 8607, establishing a single operational area pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 19, section 2409; an

WHEREAS, the formal recognition of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) principles and policies was adopted by the County on December 10, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno County Operational Area Master Emergency Services Plan (Plan) facilitates the coordination of planning efforts among various emergency staff and service elements using the SEMS and NIMS; and

WHEREAS, the Plan is a comprehensive framework designed to manage various aspects of emergency response and recovery. It includes four separate plans: the Recovery Plan, the Care and Shelter Plan, the Emergency Public Information and Outreach Plan, and the Master Emergency Services Plan, each addressing specific critical functions in emergency preparedness and response.

WHEREAS, the Plan outlines the structure of an emergency organization consisting of the County, cities, special districts, schools, volunteers, and business organizations, defining

functions with standardized terminology, assigning responsibilities, and specifying policies and general procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Plan employs an all-hazards planning approach, incorporating, and complying with the principles and requirements set forth in federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines, including Section 2.44.080 of the Fresno County Ordinance Code; and

WHEREAS, on May 19, 1998, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Plan to Comply with SEMS; and

WHEREAS, on October 31, 2017, the Board of Supervisors updated the Plan to establish an organization for handling significant emergencies or disasters, defining policies and procedures to protect health, safety, and property from natural and technological emergencies, and outlining the concepts and procedures for initial emergency response and recovery.

WHEREAS, the County has now updated the Plan, incorporating new state-mandated Access and Functional Needs (AFN) planning considerations, realigning emergency roles based on past experiences, and creating new supporting plans for emergency communications, care and shelter, and disaster recovery.

WHEREAS, this updated Plan supersedes both the original 1998 version and the 2017 update.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno, State of California hereby adopt and approve the updated Fresno County Operational Area Master Emergency Services Plan to become effective immediately.

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1 THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of
2 Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 22nd day of October, 2024, to-wit:

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6 AYES: Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero

7 NOES: None

8 ABSENT: None

9 ABSTAINED: None

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12 Nathan Magsig, Chairman of the
13 Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno

14 **ATTEST:**
15 Bernice E. Seidel
16 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
17 County of Fresno, State of California

18 By: 
19 Deputy