

2.40.070 - Director of emergency services-Powers and duties.

A. The director of emergency services is empowered to:

1. Request the board of supervisors to proclaim the existence of a local emergency if the board is in session, or to issue such proclamation if the board is not in session. Whenever a local emergency is proclaimed by the director, the board of supervisors shall take action to ratify the proclamation within seven days thereafter, or the proclamation shall have no further force or effect;
2. Request the Governor of the state to proclaim a state of emergency when, in the opinion of the director, the locally available resources are inadequate to cope with the emergency;
3. Control and direct the effort of the emergency organization of the county for the accomplishment of the purposes of this chapter;
4. Direct cooperation between and coordination of services and staff of the emergency organization of the county; and resolve questions of authority and responsibility that may arise between them;
5. Represent the county in all dealings with public or private agencies on matters pertaining to emergencies;
6. In the event of the proclamation of a local emergency as provided in this section, the proclamation of a state of emergency by the Governor of the state, or by the Director of the California Office of Emergency Services, or the existence of a state of war emergency, the director of emergency services of the county is empowered:
 - a. To make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such emergency; provided, however, that such rules and regulations must be confirmed at the earliest practicable time by the board of supervisors,
 - b. To obtain vital supplies, equipment and such other properties found lacking and needed for the protection of life and property and to bind the county for the fair value thereof, and, if required immediately, to commandeer the same for public use,
 - c. To require emergency services of any county officer or employee, and, in the event of the proclamation of a state of emergency or the existence of a state of war emergency, to command the aid of as many citizens as he deems necessary in the execution of his duties. Such persons shall be entitled to all privileges, benefits and immunities as are provided by state law for registered disaster service workers,

- d. To requisition necessary personnel or material of any department or agency of the county, and
 - e. To execute all of the special powers conferred upon him by this chapter or by resolution or emergency plan pursuant hereto or pursuant to predecessor ordinances theretofore adopted by the board of supervisors, all powers conferred upon him by any statute, by any agreement approved by the board of supervisors, and by any other lawful authority.
- B. The director of emergency services shall designate the order of succession to that office, to take effect in the event the director is unavailable to perform his duties during an emergency. Such order of succession shall be approved by the board of supervisors.
- C. The assistant director of emergency services shall have such powers and duties consistent with the purpose of this chapter as shall be assigned by the director.

(Ord. 295-1 §7, 1972)