

CITY OF EL CENTRO

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

El Centro issues a Declaration of Emergency

El Centro, CA. October 20, 2022 – The Fire Department and other City staff responded to damage from the Imperial County Storm Event on October 15, 2022, which resulted in water intrusion and damage to critical infrastructure, including, but not limited to the City’s sewer, water and drainage systems, roads and rights of way, power and light poles, public safety facilities, and other City properties and equipment. Damage was also caused at El Centro Regional Medical Center, a separate agency of the City.

At the October 18th City Council Meeting, the City Council ratified a proclamation of local emergency issued by the Director of Emergency Services due to this storm event.

The storm event created conditions that are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, and equipment of the City. If you require assistance with building or construction permits, please contact the Building and Safety Division at (760) 337-4508, 1275 W. Main Street, El Centro. If you have any questions regarding a fallen tree, and are not sure what to do, you may contact the Public Works Department at (760) 337-4505 for more information.

Call a tree care professional before considering to remove a tree that is more than 20 feet tall. Always consider the size and location of the tree first.

If you see a utility line down, do not attempt to approach one, contact your utility company immediately. Avoid touching anything near the downed line and make sure nobody goes near the line. Contact with energized lines can result in electrocution. Also, be aware that downed lines can be hidden in brush and foliage.

For more information, please contact the City Manager’s Office at (760) 337-4540.

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