



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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REQUEST FOR PRESIDENTIAL DISASTER DECLARATION

September 11, 2018

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
The President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Through: Robert Fenton
Regional Administrator, Region IX
Federal Emergency Management Agency
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Dear Mr. President:

Under the provisions of Section 501 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5207 (Stafford Act), and implemented by 44 CFR § 206.35, I request that you declare an emergency for the State of Hawai'i as a result of the anticipated effects from Tropical Storm Olivia. Olivia is a strong Tropical Storm that could result in a major disaster for significant portions of the State of Hawai'i. Based upon current forecasts and modeling, I request an Emergency Declaration for every county in Hawai'i. I request Direct Federal Assistance (DFA) to meet pre-impact, critical emergency protective requirements that are beyond the capacity of state and affected local governments. Additionally, given the recent major disasters experienced by the state, I request financial assistance for Categories A and B under the Stafford Act's Public Assistance program.

I. The Situation is of Such Severity and Magnitude that the Effective Response is Beyond the Capability of the State and Affected Local Governments – 44 CFR §206.35(b)(1)

Though the cyclone will pass over the islands as a Tropical Storm, the impacts to the state would be widespread and cause catastrophic flooding, wind damage and widespread power outages. Protective measures at our sea and airports ahead of landfall will cause major disruptions to the critical transportation network and supply chain, creating immediate shortages of essential commodities. Given the vulnerability of these lifelines to storm surge, restoration of operations may take

considerable time. These impacts and other likely effects on the state will tax and surpass our state and local capabilities.

I understand that, as the Governor making this request, I must demonstrate that the “situation is of such severity and magnitude that the effective response is beyond the capability of the state and affected local governments.” I believe that a tropical cyclone making landfall in the state sufficiently meets this standard in light of the recent disasters that have affected the state and the state’s pre-disaster limitations for an efficient and effective response.

II. The Situation Requires Supplementary Federal Emergency Assistance to Save Lives and to Protect Property, Public Health and Safety, or to Lessen or Avert the Threat of a Disaster – 44 CFR §206.35(b)(2)

Since April, the state has been responding to a series of unprecedented disasters that have stretched state and local resources and finances to their breaking point and disrupted the physical and emotional well-being of our communities. Two major disaster declarations and one emergency declaration have been granted during this period and a third was requested last week following Tropical Storm Lane, which swept through the state just two weeks ago. If that request is granted, all four counties will have had major disaster declarations in the last six months, with Kauai County and Hawai’i County each having two. As a state we are struggling to meet the demands of both response and recovery simultaneously.

The economic toll of recent events on county and state budgets compromises the ability of our counties to absorb the costs of the immediate and life-saving emergency protective measures currently underway, such as operating evacuation centers, pre-positioning resources, taking actions to mitigate damage to critical lifelines and preventing flood impacts by clearing debris from waterways.

III. Confirmation That the Governor Has Taken Appropriate Action Under State Law and Directed the Execution of the State Emergency Plan – 44 CFR §206.35(c)(1)

In response to this event, I consulted with all counties and took appropriate action under state law and directed the execution of the State of Hawai’i Emergency Operations Plan on September 8, 2018 when Tropical Storm Olivia crossed the 140° west. This event also triggered the activation of the joint FEMA/State 2015 Catastrophic Hurricane Plan.

On September 9, 2018, I issued an Emergency Proclamation for the entire State of Hawai'i in accordance with Section 501 (a) of the Stafford Act. We are requesting an incident period beginning September 9, 2018.

IV. Information Describing Federal, State and Local Efforts and Resources Have Been or Will Be Used to Alleviate the Emergency

The following resources have been committed to respond to this emergency:

1. The Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency is coordinating daily with the National Weather Service, CPHC, local jurisdictions and state agencies in regard to storm weather forecasts and projected impacts in terms of rainfall, high winds, storm surge and flooding in the coastal areas and along waterways within the state.
2. The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) augmented operations and activated Emergency Support Functions as of September 9, 2018. Key emergency management personnel and representatives from pre-identified emergency support functions, consistent with Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) 127A-12, were called to staff the SEOC in preparation for the event. The SEOC moved to a full activation on September 10, 2018.
3. The SEOC has been and will continue to do the following: monitor storm track and interface with localities and state agencies projected to be impacted by the storm; disseminate the necessary public information and guidance to the public and respond to media inquiries; mobilize and pre-stage resources to respond effectively to local and regional requests for assistance; and coordinate with partner states aligned with our mutual aid compact for additional resources.
4. The Hawai'i Department of Transportation crews and county Public Works Departments have been gathering and preparing debris-clearing equipment, including heavy equipment, chainsaws, and other items used to remove tree limbs and debris from roadways and bridges. Crews also readied equipment such as signs and barricades to be put in place on roads and bridges that could become washed out.
5. The Hawai'i National Guard has mobilized assets consisting of personnel and equipment. The Hawai'i National Guard has pre-staged personnel to support anticipated requests for assistance related to evacuation of citizens, rescue missions, traffic control, security, debris clearance and other response and recovery missions as required.

6. The Department of Education, the Department of Health, American Red Cross, Humane Society and other Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOADs) are mobilizing to support the opening of evacuation centers starting on September 11, 2018.
7. The State Energy Office is coordinating with power and fuel utilities regarding increased readiness activities.

V. Identification of the Type and Extent of Additional Federal Aid Required

To ensure that the state can protect our most vulnerable populations, areas and resources, we are asking for direct federal support in several areas. The state requires immediate support from Department of Defense assets for strategic airlift between the islands, temporary power generation at evacuation centers and technical assistance related to points of distribution and debris management action planning. Furthermore, the state anticipates the need for immediate access to federal resources for search and rescue, potential medical evacuations, mass care and sheltering commodities and additional temporary power generation capabilities.

VI. Conclusion

I have designated the Adjutant General of the State of Hawai'i Arthur J. Logan, as the Governor's Authorized Representative and the Administrator of the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency, Thomas L. Travis, as the State Coordinating Officer for this emergency. He is authorized to provide any further information, assurances, requests, or justifications on my behalf.

We are aware of the tasks ahead us and are assured of our ability to meet these many challenges together.

Sincerely,



David Y. Ige
Governor, State of Hawai'i

10. Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment*

Individual Assistance Dates Performed Requested _____ Start _____ End _____

Individual Assistance Accessibility Problems (Areas that could not be accessed, and why)
Tropical Storm Olivia is still impacting the islands making assessment infeasible.

Public Assistance Dates Performed Requested _____ Start _____ End _____

Public Assistance Accessibility Problems (Areas that could not be accessed, and why)
Tropical Storm Olivia is still impacting the islands making assessment infeasible.

11. Programs and Areas Requested

Individual Assistance N/A Individuals and Households Program Crisis Counseling Program Disaster Unemployment Assistance
 All Disaster Case Management Disaster Legal Services Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Assistance

For the following jurisdictions, specify programs and areas (counties, parishes, independent cities; for Indian tribal government, list tribe(s) and/or tribal area(s)) If additional space is needed, please enclose additional documentation).

For States, identify Federally-recognized Tribes in the requested counties (if applicable).

Please see **Enclosure A: Supplemental Information for Individual Assistance** for additional information in support of this request*.

*Not Required for Emergency Declaration Request

11. Programs and Areas Requested (Continued)

Public Assistance N/A Debris Removal (Category A) Emergency Protective Measures (Category B) Permanent Work (Categories C-G)* (not available for Emergency Declaration Requests)

For the following jurisdictions, specify programs and areas (counties, parishes, independent cities; for Indian tribal government, list tribe(s) and/or tribal area(s)). If additional space is needed or your request includes different categories of work for different jurisdictions; please enclose additional documentation.

Hawaii County, Maui County, City and County of Honolulu and Kauai County

For States, identify Federally-recognized Tribes included in the requested counties (if applicable).

Please see **Enclosure B: Supplemental Information for Public Assistance** for additional information in support of this request*.

Indemnification for Debris Removal Activity

I do not anticipate the need for debris removal.

I anticipate the need for debris removal, which poses an immediate threat to lives, public health and safety. Pursuant to Sections 403 and 407 of the Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5170b & 5173, the State or Indian tribal government agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the United States of America for any claims arising from the removal of debris or wreckage for this disaster. The State or Indian tribal government agrees that debris removal from public and private property will not occur until the landowner signs an unconditional authorization for the removal of debris.

Request for Direct Federal Assistance

I do not request direct Federal assistance at this time.

I request direct Federal assistance for work and services to save lives and protect property, and:

a. I request the following type(s) of assistance:
To ensure that the State can protect our most vulnerable populations, areas and resources, we are asking for direct federal support in several areas. The state requires immediate support from Department of Defense assets for strategic airlift between the islands, temporary power generation at evacuation centers and technical assistance related to points of distribution and debris management action planning. Furthermore, the state anticipates the need for immediate access to federal resources for search and rescue, potential medical evacuations, mass care and sheltering commodities and additional temporary power generation capabilities.

b. List of reasons why State and local or Indian tribal government cannot perform, or contract for, required work and services.
The immediate need for life saving and life sustaining resources exceeds the capacity that exists within the state. Valuable assets such as transportation support and swift water rescue teams are likely to be needed on a scale not available within the state; this paired with the long travel times for resources from CONUS further supports the need for federal assistance.

c. In accordance with 44 C.F.R. § 206.208, the State or Indian tribal government agrees that it will, with respect to direct Federal assistance: (1) Provide without cost to the United States all lands, easements, and rights-of-ways necessary to accomplish the approved work; (2) Hold and save the United States free from damages due to the requested work, and shall indemnify the Federal Government against any claims arising from such work; (3) Provide reimbursement to FEMA for the non-Federal share of the cost of such work in accordance with the provisions of the FEMA-State or FEMA-Tribe Agreement ; and (4) Assist the performing Federal agency in all support and local jurisdictional matters.

Request for Snow Assistance

N/A I request snow assistance.

Snow assistance for the following jurisdictions (Specify counties, independent cities or tribes and/or tribal areas).

Please see **Enclosure D: Historic and Current Snowfall Data** for additional information in support of this request*.

*Not Required for Emergency Declaration Request

11. Programs and Areas Requested (Continued)

Hazard Mitigation* Statewide **OR**

For the following specific counties, parishes, independent cities or tribes and/or tribal areas.

12. Mitigation Plan Information*

a. Mitigation Plan Expiration Date October 3, 2018 b. Type of Plan Enhanced Standard

13. Other Federal Agency Programs

I do not anticipate requirements from Other Federal Agencies I do anticipate requirements from Other Federal Agencies

Please see **Enclosure C: Requirements for Other Federal Agency Programs** for additional information in support of this request*.

14. Findings and Certifications

I certify the following:

- a. I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the State and the affected local government or Indian tribal government and that supplementary federal assistance is necessary.
- b. In response to this incident, I have taken appropriate action under State or tribal law and have directed the execution of the State or Tribal Emergency Plan on Sep 8, 2018 in accordance with the Stafford Act.
- c. The State and local governments, or Indian tribal government will assume all applicable non-Federal share of costs required by the Stafford Act.

15. List of Enclosures and Supporting Documentation

Cover Letter Enclosure A (Individual Assistance)* Enclosure B (Public Assistance)*
 Enclosure C (Requirements for Other Federal Agency Programs) Enclosure D (Historic and Current Snowfall Data)
 Additional Supporting Documentation National Weather Service Hurricane Center Forecast



 Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's Signature

Sep 11, 2018

 Date

If anyone except the Governor or Tribal Chief Executive signs this document, please provide the documentation that establishes that this individual has the legal authority to act on behalf of the Governor or Tribal Chief Executive.

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