



CITY OF PALM DESERT

Emergency Services Update:

Palm Desert Debrief: Hurricane Hilary



WHAT WENT WELL:

- Staff coordination
- Pro-active response
- Communication and public outreach
- Level of staffing
- Prior preparations
- Civic Plaza location for sandbag distribution
- Internal City programs streamlined virtual planning/meetings



OBSTACLES:

- Enough 4x4 vehicles, water pumps and other supplies
- County protocol at Fire Station sandbag distribution
- Crew fatigue
- Contractor access due to road closures



WHAT TO IMPROVE:

- Extensive vendor list to include out of area
- Emergency access to City funds/line of credit
- Back up communication plan
- Heavier equipment, additional fleet (4x4)
- More shelter options
- 2-way radios for Streets Crew
- Regular maintenance/inspection of hot spot areas
- Contact list for local agencies and staff phone list



NEXT STEPS:

- Prioritize remediation efforts
- Comprehensive drainage study
- Expedite Section 29 Drainage Basin Project
- Methods of possible reimbursement
- Reinforcing City resources and supplies
- Evaluating properties along the mid valley channel for additional storage
- Developing a comprehensive maintenance strategy for the mid valley channel