

**RATIFIED EMERGENCY ORDER OF THE GENERAL MANAGER  
OF THE TEMECULA PUBLIC CEMETERY DISTRICT**

**August 19, 2021**

**WHEREAS**, international, national, state, and local health and governmental authorities are responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus named “SARS-CoV-2,” and the disease it causes has been named “Coronavirus Disease 2019,” abbreviated COVID-19, (“COVID-19”); and

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a State of Emergency to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the state prepare for broader spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 7, 2020, Riverside County Public Health Officer Dr. Cameron Kaiser declared a Local Health Emergency, citing Riverside County’s first locally acquired case of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors ratified the Local Health Emergency and activated the Medical Health Department Operations Center to better coordinate public messaging and planning among community partners as Riverside County officials prepare for the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020, the Riverside County Public Health Officer ordered the cancellation of the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival (“Coachella”) and the Stagecoach Country Music Festival (“Stagecoach”) recognizing that both Coachella and Stagecoach are music concerts and gatherings of an international scope, attracting hundreds of thousands of attendees from many countries, including several disproportionately afflicted by the worldwide COVID-19 epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the California Department of Public Health issued guidance that in order to protect public health and slow the rate of transmission of COVID-19, large gatherings of 250 people or more at concerts, conferences, and professional, college, and school sporting events should be postponed or canceled for at least the remainder of the month of March 2020 and that smaller gatherings held in venues such as crowded auditoriums, rooms or other venues that do not allow social distancing of six feet per person should be postponed or canceled; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, the Governor of the State of California issued Executive Order N-25-20 providing that all residents are to heed any orders and guidance of state and local public health officials, including but not limited to the imposition of social distancing measures, to control the spread of COVID-19 and that authorized local legislative bodies are permitted to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and to make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to attend and to address the local legislative body, during the period in which local public officials impose or recommend measures

to promote social distancing, including but not limited to limitations on public events; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, the Riverside County Public Health Officer ordered the cancellation of all events within the jurisdiction of the Public Health Officer of the County of Riverside with an expected attendance of at least 250 individuals taking place between March 12, 2020 and April 30, 2020, regardless of venue; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America proclaimed and declared a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak and announced that the federal government would make emergency funding available to assist state and local governments in preventing the spread of and addressing the effects of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order N-28-20 waiving certain requirements related to residential and commercial evictions and foreclosures to allow local jurisdictions more flexibility to prohibit residential and commercial evictions and foreclosures through May 31, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, the Riverside County Public Health Officer ordered the prohibition of all gatherings within the jurisdiction of the Public Health Officer of the County of Riverside with an expected presence of at least 10 individuals taking place between March 16, 2020 and April 30, 2020 inclusive, regardless of venue; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order N-29-20 ordering that as to individuals currently eligible for benefits under Medi-Cal, CalFresh, CalWORKs, the Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants, the California Food Assistance Program, or In Home Supportive Services benefits, and to the extent necessary to allow such individuals to maintain eligibility for such benefits, any state law, including but not limited to California Code of Regulations, Title 22, section 50189(0) and Welfare and Institutions Code sections 18940 and 11265, that would require redetermination of such benefits is suspended for a period of 90 days from the date of Order N-29-20; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order N-33-20 ordering that to protect public health, that all individuals living in the State of California stay home or at their place of residence (“Shelter in Place”) except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructure sectors, as outlined at <https://www.cisa.gov/critical-infrastructure-sectors>; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 19, 2020, the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No 2020-1 proclaiming that a Local State of Emergency now exists throughout the District and ordering that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of the District shall be those prescribed by state law, ordinances, and resolutions of the District; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No 2020-1 further directed and authorized the General Manager and designee and other appropriate staff members and District officials to take all necessary and

appropriate actions to effectuate the purpose of this Resolution subject to any modifications as may be approved by the Board of Trustees from time to time during the State of Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, effective May 1, 2020, the Riverside County Health Officer and the County Executive Officer as Director of Emergency Services, adopted an amended order that provides as follows: (1) All persons, including Essential Workers shall wear face coverings, such as scarves (dense fabric, without holes), bandanas, neck gaiter, or other fabric face coverings, that all persons, including Essential Workers are discouraged from using Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), such as N95 masks, for non-medical reasons; (2) Face coverings must be worn in public settings, such as: (a) waiting in line to go inside a store; (b) shopping at a store; (c) picking up food at a restaurant; (d) on public transportation (or waiting for it); (e) in a taxi or rideshare vehicle; (f) seeking healthcare; (g) going into facilities allowed to stay open; and (h) working an essential job that interacts with the public; and (3) children 2 years and older should be encouraged to wear a mask when around others closer than 6 feet, and when they do, they must be supervised by an adult; and

**WHEREAS**, the amended order further provides that face coverings are NOT required to be worn by people who are at home, in the car alone or with members of their own household, residents with a health condition whose medical doctor has advised against wearing a face covering and can provide documentation, children under the age of 2 years old due to the risk of suffocation or persons who are outdoors, walking, hiking, bicycling or running, provided that they comply with social distancing during these activities, including maintaining at least 6 feet of distance from other people; and

**WHEREAS**, the amended order also provides that businesses must: (a) require their employees, contractors, owners, and volunteers to wear a face covering at the workplace and when performing work off-site; (b) inform customers about the need to wear a face covering, including posting signs and advising those in line or in the store; (c) take reasonable steps to keep people who are not wearing a face covering from entering their business, and (d) refuse service to anyone not wearing a face covering; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 9, 2020, the Riverside County Public Health Officer ordered the rescission of the following amended health orders: (1) the April 2, 2020 amended order related to short term lodging facilities; (2) the April 29, 2020 amended order placing restrictions on golf courses; and (3) the April 29, 2020 amended order requiring the use of face coverings and practice of social distancing; and

**WHEREAS**, by rescinding its health orders, the County of Riverside now aligns itself with the State's Orders as they now exist or may be issued or amended in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to protect public health and slow the rate of transmission of COVID-19, the General Manager has determined it is necessary to amend the District's emergency orders to further decrease the risk of exposure to COVID-19.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Cindi Beaudet, General Manager of the Temecula Public Cemetery District, do hereby issue the following order to become effective immediately, subject to ratification as soon as practicable by the Board of Trustees:

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:**

**THAT** the cemetery will be open to the public for general visitation, at their own risk of contracting COVID-19, Monday-Sunday 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., commencing on the date of this Order; and

**THAT** the General Manager in consultation with the General Legal Counsel shall prepare and distribute and post a notice in a conspicuous place at the cemetery and on the District's website that persons who attend graveside services or any other gathering at the cemetery grounds shall attend at their own risk; and

**THAT** the cemetery shall not be used for picnicking or other recreational purposes; and

**THAT** all visitors shall maintain six feet social distancing (unless living in the same household) and shall not congregate in groups of more than 25 persons at any one time and all visitors must wear protective face coverings at all times while on cemetery grounds; and while within 6 feet of cemetery staff; and

**THAT** the District office shall remain closed to foot traffic, but visitors may approach the office door during hours of operation if immediate assistance is needed. Any person requesting assistance from staff must wear a face mask and maintain social distancing, to decrease the risk of exposure to COVID-19; and

**THAT** All purchases of burial rights will be sold 3 days prior to a burial and only if the decedent has been received by a funeral home; and

Purchasing burial rights for pre-planning is not permitted at this time.

**THAT** services related to the interment of cremains shall be permitted subject to the same provisions related to graveside services; and

**THAT** graveside service activities shall be restricted as follows:

(a) No more than 25 persons, which includes family members, guests, and officiants, may be present during any given gathering on the cemetery grounds, prior to burial of the casket, subject to maintaining social distancing pursuant to the markings as may be set up by the District at the interment site. Until further notice graveside services are currently permissible, members will be permitted to stay and witness the lowering of the casket immediately after the service if they stand a minimum of 25 feet back and continue to social distance; and

(b) Family members sign a warning notice prior to the burial. Families are consenting to no more than 25 guests at the committal site; and

(c) Should there be more than 25 in attendance at the funeral, the staff will step away until the service is complete and the guest have cleared from the area; and

(d) All caskets will be preset 30 minutes prior to the funeral time. Staff and mortuary will be allowed to set the casket with or without the assistance of pallbearers; and

**THAT** at no time shall any person present at an interment service be closer than six feet from any District staff to decrease the risk of exposure to COVID-19; and

**THAT** to the extent feasible, staff members shall remain at least six feet apart from one another during an interment service and they shall wear protective gloves and face masks provided by the District to decrease the risk of exposure to COVID-19; and

**THAT** all purchases of immediate interment sites and services shall be made over the phone by appointment only and the only form of payment that will be accepted shall be a credit card, debit card or other electronic payment as may be approved by the General Manager, for the purpose of decreasing the risk of exposure to COVID-19; all purchases will be made no earlier than 3 days prior to burial and

**THAT** persons 65 or over shall be advised to refrain from being physically present on District property for any reason whatsoever since it has been determined that those 65 years and older are amongst those most vulnerable to COVID-19 and such persons have been advised to self-quarantine, self-isolate, or otherwise remain in their homes to reduce the transmission of COVID-19; and

**THAT** persons with serious chronic medical conditions such as heart disease, lung disease and diabetes shall be advised to refrain from being physically present on District property for any reason whatsoever since it has been determined that such persons are amongst those most vulnerable to COVID-19 and have been advised to self-quarantine, self-isolate, or otherwise remain in their homes to reduce the transmission of COVID-19; and

**THAT** persons with compromised immune systems shall be advised to refrain from being physically present on District property for any reason whatsoever since it has been determined that such persons are amongst those most vulnerable to COVID-19 and have been advised to self-quarantine, self-isolate, or otherwise remain in their homes to reduce the transmission of COVID-19; and

**THAT** persons exhibiting mild to moderate symptoms of COVID-19, such as sneezing, running nose, cough or fever, etc. shall be prohibited from being physically present on District property for any reason whatsoever since it has been advised that such persons should self-quarantine, self-isolate, or otherwise remain in their homes to reduce the transmission of COVID-19; and

**THAT** the conference room located in the District's Office shall not be used by any member of the public and shall be available for use by the district's groundskeepers for breaks subject to maintaining social distancing; and

**THAT** the large breakroom located in the District's Office is available for one person at a time to prepare or store meals only; and

**THAT** if supplies are needed from the conference room, staff shall contact the General Manager for arrangements; and

**THAT** commencing June 01, 2020 the hours for the groundskeepers are Monday -Friday 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM; and

**THAT** lunchbreaks will be staggered starting at 11:30 am ending at 1:30. When possible if the workload allows, two employees may take their lunch during the same 30 minutes; and

**THAT** if two employees take their lunch hour at the same time, they shall be required to use separate rooms for their lunch breaks: and

**THAT** the General Manager has determined that the purpose of adopting and implementing protective measures to mitigate and/or abate the transmission of COVID-19, is to prevent harm to those who may violate any protective measure since any such violations may result in exposure to the COVID-19 which may lead to illness and death to the violator and those in the presence of the violator since there is no effective cure or vaccine available; and

**THAT** the public shall be warned by a notice placed in a conspicuous manner that when visiting the cemetery they do so at their own risk of contracting COVID-19 and that the District shall assume no liability if visitors or their guests contract COVID-19 while visiting the cemetery; and

**THAT** a violation of this Order shall also be subject to any and all other remedies, civil, equitable or criminal, afforded to the District under any City, County, State and Federal laws or regulations; and

**THAT** this Order shall become effective immediately and may terminate on December 31,2021,unless terminated earlier or extended by the General Manager or the Board of Trustees; and


**THAT** any section, subdivision, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase in this Order, or the application of this Order to any person or circumstances, is for any reason held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this Order, or the application of such provision contained therein to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby; and

**THAT** the General Manager hereby declares that she would have adopted this Order and each section, subdivision, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact

that one or more sections, subdivisions, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, be held invalid; and

**THAT** notwithstanding the foregoing, and in order to prevent inconsistencies, the General Manager or Board of Trustees may suspend the effectiveness of this Order in the event that the President of the United States, the United States Congress, the Governor of the State of California, the California State Legislature or the Public Health Officer of the County of Riverside adopts legislation, a law, a regulation or order that supersedes this Order.

ADOPTED this 19th day of August 2021.



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Cindi Beaudet, General Manager


APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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Steven B. Quintanilla,  
General Legal Counsel

**RATIFIED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON THIS 19th DAY OF August 2021.**



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**Dale Qualm, Chair  
Board of Trustees  
Temecula Public Cemetery District**