

**TOWN OF  
APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA**

**AGENDA MATTER**

**Subject Item:**

**LETTER TO CONGRESSMAN LEWIS REQUESTING ASSISTANCE WITH STORM RECOVERY**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

Staff has prepared a draft letter to Congressman Lewis for your consideration. We believe that the severity and concentration of the storm damage warrants a federal disaster declaration. Assistance from FEMA is needed to ensure that families, businesses and public facilities impacted by the Winter Storm event are able to recover in a suitable manner. There is no guarantee that the Town of Apple Valley will meet the threshold for FEMA's Individual Assistance and Public Assistance Programs, but this is a proactive approach to disaster recovery on the part of the Town Council.

Attachment: Draft Letter to Congressman Jerry Lewis

**Recommended Action:**

That the Town Council Send a Letter to Congressman Lewis Requesting Assistance with Storm Recovery.

Proposed by: Linda Mayfield

Item Number \_\_\_\_\_

T. M. Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

Budgeted Item  Yes  No  N/A



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January 12, 2011

The Honorable Jerry Lewis  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2112 Rayburn Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Congressman Lewis:

The Town Council and I feel a responsibility to our constituents to reach out to you and provide you with information about the extent of the damage that occurred as a result of the December 21 – 23, 2010 Winter Storm event. The storm has caused flooding and severe debris and mud flows. This event has destroyed and damaged public facilities and private property throughout Apple Valley. In response to the situation, a local emergency was proclaimed on December 22, 2010. We are respectfully requesting your assistance for a federal disaster declaration.

While the storm has passed, the damage remains. We believe that the severity and concentration of the storm damage warrants a timely federal disaster declaration, as communities in San Bernardino County experienced substantial loss of their property, homes, and businesses. Damage assessments are ongoing, but at this time, in the Town of Apple Valley alone, there is an estimated loss of \$3,000,000 to private properties and an estimated loss of \$780,000 to public facilities (i.e., roads and wastewater infrastructure). Assistance from FEMA is needed to ensure that families, businesses and public facilities impacted by the Winter Storm event are able to recover in a suitable manner.

Thank you for your continued leadership and support. We appreciate your serious consideration of this matter and look forward to working with you in any way to ensure that those affected receive the appropriate assistance needed to recover.

Sincerely,

F. Scott Nassif  
*Mayor, Town of Apple Valley*

cc: Grady Bourn, Legislative Assistant  
R.J. Lyerly, Carpi, Clay & Smith