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TO: The Honorable Chairman and
Members of the Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Hurricane Irma - Forecast

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Since the Friday update, the forecast track has shifted to the west. This track places Florida at greater potential risk. Accordingly, the Governor has declared a State of Emergency for all 67 Counties. The current track shows landfall in the Florida Keys at 2:00 am this Sunday. At that same time, Pinellas may begin to experience tropical force winds.

In consultation with the Chairman, we will conduct a Special Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on Thursday, September 7th at 10:00 am. The meeting will be held at the County's Public Safety Campus. The purpose of this meeting will be to provide an update of Irma's track, evaluate potential impacts, timing and consider the possibility of evacuation.

It is important to note that projected landfall is many days away. The storm track will almost certainly change prior to our meeting on Thursday. The error in the forecast track at this time is larger than the width of the Florida peninsula, therefore, it is possible that Irma could miss Florida entirely.

Staff continues to work toward storm preparation. In order to best serve the Public, we will make sandbags available today at noon and activate the Citizens Information Center.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or John Bennett.