

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER N-20-21

**WHEREAS** the 2021 wildfire season has already proven to be among the most destructive wildfire seasons on record in California; and

**WHEREAS** on July 16, 2021, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in Siskiyou County due to the Lava Fire, and in Lassen and Plumas counties due to the Beckwourth Complex Fire; and

**WHEREAS** on July 23, 2021, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in Plumas County due to the Dixie Fire and Fly Fire; in Butte and Lassen counties due to the Dixie Fire; and in Alpine County due to the Tamarack Fire; and

**WHEREAS** on August 5, 2021, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in Siskiyou County due to the Antelope Fire, and in Nevada and Placer counties due to the River Fire; and

**WHEREAS** on August 10, 2021, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in Trinity County due to the McFarland and Monument Fires; in Tehama County due to the McFarland and Dixie Fires; and in Shasta County due to the McFarland Fire; and

**WHEREAS** on August 17, 2021, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in El Dorado County due to the Caldor Fire; and

**WHEREAS** on August 30, 2021, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in Alpine, Amador and Placer Counties due to the Caldor Fire; and

**WHEREAS** on September 7, 2021, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in Lake County due to the Cache Fire; and

**WHEREAS** on September 27, 2021, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in Shasta County due to the Fawn Fire; and

**WHEREAS** these wildfires have collectively destroyed thousands of homes and other structures, and have damaged and destroyed critical infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS** recovery from previous years' wildfire seasons is ongoing, recovery from this year's wildfire season is underway, and it is imperative that protections remain in place to ensure communities impacted by these wildfires are able to fully recover.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes, and in particular, Government Code sections 8567, 8571, and 8627 do hereby issue the following Order to become effective immediately:

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. The provisions of Penal Code section 396, subdivision (b), (c), and (d), prohibiting price gouging in times of emergency, will remain in effect until December 31, 2021, in Lassen, Plumas, and Siskiyou counties as impacted by fires covered by my July 16, 2021, State of Emergency proclamation; in Alpine, Butte, Lassen, and Plumas counties as impacted by fires covered by my July 23, 2021, State of Emergency proclamation; in Nevada, Placer, and Siskiyou counties as impacted by fires covered by my August 5, 2021, State of Emergency proclamation; in Shasta, Tehama, and Trinity counties as impacted by fires covered by my August 10, 2021, State of Emergency proclamation; in El Dorado County as impacted by the fire covered by my August 17, 2021, State of Emergency proclamation; in Alpine, Amador and Placer counties as impacted by the fire covered by my August 30, 2021 State of Emergency proclamation; in Lake County as impacted by the fire covered by my September 7, 2021, State of Emergency proclamation; and in Shasta County as impacted by the fire covered by September 27, 2021, State of Emergency proclamation. The time limitations under those subdivisions are hereby waived. Nothing in this Order shall be construed to limit the applicable statutory time limitations in subdivision (c).
2. The provisions of Penal Code section 396, subdivisions (e) and (f), prohibiting price gouging in times of emergency, will remain in effect until December 31, 2021, in Lassen, Plumas, and Siskiyou counties as impacted by fires covered by my July 16, 2021, State of Emergency proclamation; in Lassen and Plumas counties as impacted by fires covered by my July 23, 2021, State of Emergency proclamation; in Siskiyou County as impacted by the fire covered by my August 5, 2021, State of Emergency proclamation; in Shasta County as impacted by fires covered by my August 10, 2021, State of Emergency proclamation; in El Dorado County as impacted by the fire covered by my August 17, 2021, State of Emergency proclamation; and Shasta County as impacted by the fire covered by my September 27, 2021, State of Emergency proclamation. The time limitation under this subdivision is hereby waived.

**I FURTHER DIRECT** that as soon as hereafter possible, this Order be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Order.

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have  
hereunto set my hand and caused  
the Great Seal of the State of  
California to be affixed this 20th day  
of October 2021.



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GAVIN NEWSOM  
Governor of California

**ATTEST:**

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SHIRLEY WEBER, PH.D.  
Secretary of State