

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS on December 30, 2021, I proclaimed a state of emergency to exist in 20 counties as a result of a series of winter storm systems that struck California beginning on or about December 10, 2021, December 16, 2021, and December 21, 2021; and

WHEREAS these storms brought substantial precipitation, including record-breaking snowfall, damaging winds, and flooding; and

WHEREAS these storms caused damage to critical infrastructure in the counties identified in my December 30, 2021 Proclamation, as well as in Trinity County; and

WHEREAS these storms resulted in power outages to thousands of households and businesses, many of which remain without electricity; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist due to these storms; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that the conditions caused by these storms, by reason of their magnitude and combined impact, are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of any single local government and require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to appropriately respond; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8625(c), I find that local authority is inadequate to cope with the magnitude of the damage caused by these storms; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8571, I find that strict compliance with various statutes and regulations specified in this Proclamation would prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of these storms.

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, including the California Emergency Services Act, and in particular, Government Code section 8625, **HEREBY PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY** to exist in Trinity County due to these storms.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. All of the operative provisions contained in my December 30, 2021 State of Emergency Proclamation are hereby incorporated and applicable, as appropriate, to Trinity County as a result of these storms identified in this Proclamation.

2. In order to allow out-of-state contractors and other utilities driving their own vehicles to provide mutual aid assistance for the restoration of electrical power within the counties impacted by these storms, applicable provisions of the Vehicle Code, including but not limited to Vehicle Code section 34620 requiring a motor carrier permit [licensing] and imposition of certain fees, are suspended for motor carriers providing such assistance. Also, the requirements for motor carriers and drivers in Vehicle Code sections 1808.1 [pull-notice program that checks for driver's license violations], 27900 [display name on vehicle], 27901 [size and color of display name on vehicle], 34505.5 [requirement to have been inspected within 90 days], and 34501.12 [requirement to set up home base in California] are suspended while providing mutual aid assistance for the emergency restoration of services.

The waivers set forth in this Paragraph 2 shall apply to mutual aid provided in all counties identified in my December 30, 2021 Proclamation, in addition to this instant Proclamation, as necessary for the restoration of power as related to these storms referenced in the proclamations.

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 8th day of January 2022.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State