

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS on March 1, March 8, March 12, March 14, and March 28, 2023, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in 47 counties, cumulatively, as a result of a series of ongoing winter storms that initially struck California beginning in late February and continue to significantly impact the counties identified in my Proclamations; and

WHEREAS starting around February 21, 2023, this Late Winter Storms event resulted and continues to result in significant impacts to the State including, but not limited to, record snowfall accumulation, widespread flooding and power outages, downed trees, hazardous debris flows, mudslides, landslides, swelling of waterways, dam overflows, and levee failures; and

WHEREAS hundreds of homes, structures, and roadways, including multiple major highways, have been destroyed or damaged; and

WHEREAS on March 9, 2023, I requested a Presidential Emergency Declaration related to this Late Winter Storms event, which was expeditiously approved by President Joseph R. Biden; and

WHEREAS on March 28, 2023, I also requested a Major Disaster Declaration related to this Late Winter Storms event, which was expeditiously approved by President Biden; and

WHEREAS the State of California and local governments, in collaboration with the Federal government, continue sustained efforts to respond to and recover from the effects of this Late Winter Storms event; and

WHEREAS Contra Costa, Riverside, San Diego, and Yolo counties have experienced significant storm-related impacts, including heavy rainfall, high winds, flooding, downed trees, and damage to roads and critical infrastructure; 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, 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, 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 covered by this Proclamation would prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of this Late Winter Storms event.

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 Contra Costa, Riverside, San Diego, and Yolo counties.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

All operative provisions contained in my March 1, March 8, March 12, March 14, and March 28, 2023, State of Emergency Proclamations and any related Executive Order(s) are hereby incorporated and applicable, as appropriate, to Contra Costa, Riverside, San Diego, and Yolo counties as a result of the storms identified in this and those previous 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.

This Proclamation 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 April 2023.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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