

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**EXECUTIVE ORDER N-9-23**

**WHEREAS** on March 1, March 8, March 12, March 14, March 28, April 20, May 15, and June 16, 2023, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in 53 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 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** on March 31, 2023, and May 17, 2023, I issued Executive Orders N-6-23 and N-7-23, respectively, to further bolster the emergency response to this Late Winter Storms event, particularly in the Tulare Lake and San Joaquin River Basins, which continue to be plagued by historic flooding; and

**WHEREAS** the State of California and local governments, in collaboration with the Federal government, continue sustained efforts to respond to and mitigate the effects of the proclaimed emergencies identified above, necessitating adequate staffing; and

**WHEREAS** under the provisions of Government Code section 8571, I find that strict compliance with various statutes and regulations specified in this order would prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the proclaimed emergencies identified above.

**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:**

The suspension of statutes identified in Paragraph 7 of Executive Order N-7-23, issued on May 17, 2023, shall also apply to local governments, as applicable, to ensure adequate staffing to appropriately respond to the flooding in the San Joaquin River Basin.

**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 16th day of June 2023.



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GAVIN NEWSOM  
Governor of California

**ATTEST:**

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