

Executive Department

State of California

PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS beginning on December 9, 2016, a series of rainstorms swept across California, bringing high winds, substantial precipitation, and flooding, which have severely impacted Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Shasta, Santa Cruz, and Trinity counties; and

WHEREAS due to the extreme drought conditions throughout the state, these storms caused dangerous flash flooding, erosion, and substantial mud and debris flows; and

WHEREAS these storms caused damage to roads and highways in Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Shasta, Santa Cruz, and Trinity counties; and

WHEREAS the circumstances of the storm damage, 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 combat; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of section 8558(b) of the California Government Code, I find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist due to the storm damage in Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Shasta, Santa Cruz, and Trinity counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., 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, section 8625 of the California Government Code, **HEREBY PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY** to exist within Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Shasta, Santa Cruz, and Trinity counties.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The California Department of Transportation shall formally request immediate assistance through the Federal Highway Administration's Emergency Relief Program, Title 23, United States Code section 125, in order to obtain federal assistance for highway repairs or reconstruction in the affected counties.
2. The Office of Emergency Services shall provide local government assistance to Del Norte County and the City of Fort Bragg, within Mendocino County, as appropriate, under the authority of the California Disaster Assistance Act, California Government Code section 8680 et seq. and California Code of Regulations, Title 19, section 2900 et seq.
3. All agencies of the state government utilize and employ state personnel, equipment, and facilities for the performance of any and all activities related to this state of emergency consistent with the direction of my Office of Emergency Services and the State Emergency Plan.

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 23rd day of January 2017.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State