

Executive Department

State of California

PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS beginning on February 1, 2017 an atmospheric river storm system swept across California, bringing high winds and substantial precipitation severely impacting counties throughout the State; and

WHEREAS due to extreme conditions throughout the state, this storm system caused dangerous flash flooding, erosion, and substantial mud and debris flows; and

WHEREAS this storm system caused significant damage to roads and highways throughout the State; and

WHEREAS the counties throughout the state have been experiencing repeated storms and as a result have not had time to mitigate the cascading impacts of the storms; and

WHEREAS state and local officials are still assessing the full scope of the damage caused by this storm system, with preliminary estimates totaling tens of millions of dollars; 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 Government Code, I find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist due to the storm damage.

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 Government Code, **HEREBY PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY** to exist for Alameda, Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt, Kern, Kings, Lake, Lassen, Los Angeles, Marin, Mariposa, Mendocino, Merced, Modoc, Monterey, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Benito, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tuolumne, Ventura, Yolo, and Yuba 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, for the counties listed above, as appropriate, in order to obtain federal assistance for highway repairs or reconstruction.
2. The Office of Emergency Services shall provide assistance 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. where appropriate and based upon eligible damage assessments.

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 7th day of March 2017.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State