

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS** beginning on or about January 26, 2021, winter storms related to an atmospheric river event struck California, bringing damaging winds, substantial precipitation, flooding, and erosion; and

**WHEREAS** on January 29, 2020, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in Monterey and San Luis Obispo counties due to significant damage, including, but not limited to, the washing out of a portion of Highway 1; and

**WHEREAS** this atmospheric river event persisted, causing additional damage to roads and other critical infrastructure throughout multiple counties across California; and

**WHEREAS** under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that the atmospheric river event caused conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property; and

**WHEREAS** the impacts of the atmospheric river event are not disrupting the marketplace for consumer goods and services; and

**WHEREAS** under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that the conditions caused by the atmospheric river event, by reason of its 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(c), I find that local authority is inadequate to cope with the effects of the atmospheric river 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 Del Norte, Los Angeles, Madera, Mariposa, Mendocino, Napa, Orange, San Benito, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Siskiyou, Sonoma, Tehama, and Trinity counties due to the atmospheric river event.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. All agencies of the state government are to utilize and employ State personnel, equipment, and facilities for the performance of any and all activities consistent with the direction of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the State Emergency Plan.
2. The Governor's Office of Emergency Services shall provide assistance to San Benito and Santa Cruz counties, if appropriate, under the authority of the California Disaster Assistance Act, Government Code section 8680 et seq., and California Code of Regulations, Title 19,

section 2900 et seq.

3. The California Department of Transportation shall formally request immediate assistance through the Federal Highway Administration's Emergency Relief Program, United States Code, Title 23, section 125, in order to obtain federal assistance for highway repairs or reconstruction.

**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 17th day of November 2021.



GAVIN NEWSOM  
Governor of California

**ATTEST:**

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SHIRLEY WEBER, PH.D.  
Secretary of State