

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

EXECUTIVE ORDER N-8-22

WHEREAS California has endured devastating and record-breaking wildfire seasons between 2018 and 2021, warranting the proclamation of numerous states of emergency; and

WHEREAS during these wildfire seasons tens of thousands of homes were destroyed, in addition to other structures, and in some instances, entire towns were destroyed; and

WHEREAS the Legislature has declared its intent to protect individuals from price gouging during states of emergency, and has enacted statutes consistent with that purpose; and

WHEREAS the state of emergency proclamations triggered certain protections against price gouging set forth in Penal Code section 396; and

WHEREAS I issued Executive Orders, including most recently Executive Order N-25-21 on December 30, 2021, extending price gouging protections for certain jurisdictions impacted by, and continuing to recover from, certain wildfires; and

WHEREAS the circumstances necessitating protections against price gouging continue to exist in some areas impacted by these wildfires, and these circumstances are expected to continue as communities continue to recover from these wildfires; and

WHEREAS the recovery in certain other areas impacted by wildfires – including Fresno, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Monterey, Napa, Placer, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, and Ventura counties – is now at a stage where it is appropriate to allow state-level protections against price gouging to lapse according to timelines established by statute or prior Executive Order, and local officials may enact similar price gouging protections in accordance with Penal Code section 396 if deemed necessary.

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:

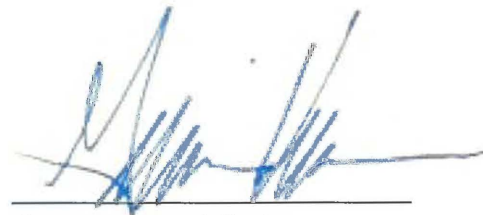
1. Provisions of Penal Code section 396, subdivision (b), as it relates to building materials and housing, as well as subdivisions (c), (d), (e), and (f) will remain in effect until June 30, 2022, in Butte, El Dorado, and Plumas counties as impacted by wildfires covered by States of Emergency proclaimed between 2018 and 2021, except that subdivision (d) will not remain in effect in Butte

county. The time limitations under these subdivisions are hereby waived.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED 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 29th day of March 2022.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State