

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER N-2-23

WHEREAS on January 4, 2023, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist throughout California as a result of severe winter storms related to the Atmospheric River event beginning on December 24, 2022; and

WHEREAS starting around December 27, 2022, this Atmospheric River event resulted in significant impacts to the State including, but not limited to, widespread flooding and power outages, downed trees, hazardous debris flows, mudslides, landslides, swelling of waterways, dam overflows, and levee failures; and

WHEREAS on January 16, 2023, I signed Executive Order N-1-23 to further bolster the emergency response to the severe winter storms and support impacted communities across the State; and

WHEREAS the impacts of this Atmospheric River event, including widespread flooding and infrastructure damage, have left many residents out of work; and

WHEREAS on January 8, 2023, I requested a Presidential Emergency Declaration related to this Atmospheric River event, which was expeditiously approved by President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.; and

WHEREAS on January 12, 2023, I also requested the President issue an Expedited Major Disaster Declaration related to this Atmospheric River event, which was again expeditiously approved by President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., for certain designated counties and types of assistance; 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 this Atmospheric River event, while at the same time beginning long term recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8571, I find that strict compliance with the various statutes and regulations specified in this Order would prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of this 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, 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. The provisions of Unemployment Insurance Code section 1253(d) imposing a one-week waiting period for unemployment insurance applicants are suspended as to all applicants who are unemployed as a direct result of this Atmospheric River event who applied for unemployment insurance benefits during the time period beginning December 24, 2022, and ending on the


close of business on June 26, 2023, and who are otherwise eligible for unemployment insurance benefits.

2. The suspension of statutes identified in Paragraph 1 of Executive Order N-1-23, issued on January 16, 2023, shall also apply to local governments, as applicable, to ensure adequate staffing to appropriately respond to this Atmospheric River event.
3. Paragraphs 8 and 9 of my State of Emergency proclaimed on January 4, 2023, related to hours-of-service limitations for those drivers engaged in fuel transportation in support of emergency relief efforts, will terminate at 11:59 p.m. on February 1, 2023.
4. Paragraph 10 of my State of Emergency proclaimed on January 4, 2023, related to out-of-state contractors and other utilities driving their own vehicles to provide mutual assistance for the restoration of electrical power, is terminated.

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 31st day of January 2023.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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