

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS on January 23, 2024, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in San Diego and Ventura counties due to the late December 2023 through early January 2024 winter storms; and

WHEREAS these severe winter storms also struck Humboldt, Imperial, Monterey, San Mateo, and Santa Cruz counties bringing intense rainfall; and

WHEREAS these winter storms caused widespread river and coastal flooding, flash flooding, high surf conditions, mudslides, and debris flows threatening life and safety, structures, and other critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS the impacts from these winter storms also caused significant damage to roadways and widespread damage to public and private property; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist due to these winter storms; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that the conditions caused by these winter storms, 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 appropriately respond; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8625(c), I find that local authority is inadequate to cope with the magnitude of the damage caused by these winter storms; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8571, I find that strict compliance with various statutes and regulations specified in this Proclamation would prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of these winter storms.

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 Humboldt, Imperial, Monterey, San Mateo, and Santa Cruz counties due to the impacts of these winter storms.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. All operative provisions contained in my January 23, 2024 State of Emergency proclamation are hereby incorporated and applicable to Humboldt, Imperial, Monterey, San Mateo, and Santa Cruz counties as a

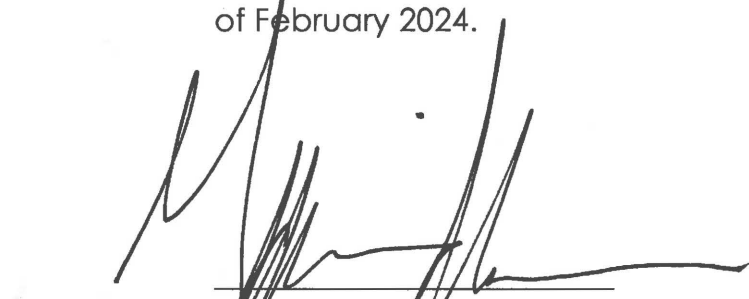
result of the storms identified in this and the previous Proclamation.

2. The California Department of Transportation shall formally request immediate assistance, as appropriate, 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, reconstruction, or restoring access to roadways impacted by these winter storms.
3. The restrictions set forth in Penal Code section 396, which are automatically triggered upon proclamation of a State of Emergency, are suspended, and no such restrictions are imposed, for Monterey County for these winter storms.

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.

This Proclamation 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 2nd day of February 2024.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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