

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER N-3-24

WHEREAS on April 21, 2021, May 10, 2021, July 8, 2021, and October 19, 2021, I proclaimed States of Emergency to exist across all counties in the State due to drought conditions; and

WHEREAS the drought emergency has required a dynamic and flexible response from the State, and several provisions in my prior Proclamations and Orders have already been terminated or superseded; and

WHEREAS drought conditions have improved substantially, and lingering effects of the drought have largely abated in several areas of the California coast, Southern California, and the eastern Sierra Nevada; and

WHEREAS today I have therefore terminated the drought State of Emergency in the Counties of Imperial, Inyo, Los Angeles, Marin, Mendocino, Mono, Monterey, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Sonoma, and Ventura; and

WHEREAS the multi-year nature of this drought, which began three years after the record-setting drought of 2012-2016, continues to have ongoing, significant impacts on the Sacramento and San Joaquin River basins, the Tulare Lake basin, the Scott, Shasta, and Klamath River watersheds, and the Clear Lake watershed, which include many communities with vulnerable water supplies, farms that rely on irrigation to grow food and fiber, and fish and wildlife that rely on stream flows and cool water; and

WHEREAS improved conditions have helped rehabilitate surface water supplies, but have not eliminated the effects of the drought that remain in the Sacramento and San Joaquin River basins, the Tulare Lake basin, the Scott, Shasta, and Klamath River watersheds, and the Clear Lake watershed, and many groundwater basins remain depleted from overreliance and successive multi-year droughts; and

WHEREAS continued action by the State is needed to address ongoing consequences of the drought emergency in the Sacramento and San Joaquin River basins and the Klamath River and Clear Lake watersheds, including groundwater supply shortages, domestic well failures, and drought-related harm to native fishes; and

WHEREAS improved conditions even in the counties where the drought State of Emergency remains in effect warrant a more targeted State response, and certain provisions in my prior Proclamations and Orders provide authority that is no longer needed to mitigate the effects of the drought conditions, or direct actions by state agencies, departments, and boards that have already been completed; and

WHEREAS notwithstanding the rescission of certain emergency authorities for emergency drinking water action, state agencies have existing legal authority and funding to continue expedited work to advance the human right to water, and state agencies will continue all ongoing drought resilience

planning work, including through coordination with local agencies and tribes;
and

WHEREAS the coming winter's hydrology is uncertain and the most efficient way to preserve the State's improved surface water supplies is for Californians to continue their ongoing efforts to make conservation a way of life;
and

WHEREAS on March 1, March 8, March 12, March 14, March 28, April 20, May 15, and June 16, 2023, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in 53 counties, cumulatively, as a result of a series of winter storms that initially struck California beginning in late February 2023; and

WHEREAS on March 31, 2023, and May 17, 2023, respectively, I issued Executive Orders N-6-23 and N-7-23 to further bolster the emergency response to the 2023 Late Winter Storms, particularly in the Tulare Lake Basin; and

WHEREAS improved conditions in the Tulare Lake Basin and other regions affected by the 2023 Late Winter Storms warrant a more targeted emergency response to the effects of those 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 sections 8567, 8571, and 8627, do hereby issue the following Order to become effective immediately:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The orders and provisions contained in my State of Emergency Proclamations dated April 21, 2021; May 10, 2021; July 8, 2021; October 19, 2021; March 1, 2023; March 8, 2023; March 12, 2023; March 14, 2023; March 28, 2023; April 20, 2023; and May 15, 2023, and Executive Orders N-10-21 (July 8, 2021), N-7-22 (March 28, 2022), N-3-23 (February 13, 2023), N-4-23 (March 10, 2023), N-6-23 (March 31, 2023), and N-7-23 (May 17, 2023), remain in full force and effect, except as modified by those Proclamations and Orders, Executive Order N-5-23, my Proclamation Terminating the Drought States of Emergency in 19 counties dated today, and this Order. State agencies shall continue to implement all directions from those Proclamations and Orders and accelerate implementation where feasible.
2. The following provisions of my State of Emergency Proclamation dated May 10, 2021, are terminated:
 - a. Paragraph 8; and
 - b. Paragraphs 11–13.
3. The following provisions of my State of Emergency Proclamation dated October 19, 2021, are terminated:
 - a. Paragraphs 6–7;
 - b. Paragraph 9; and
 - c. Paragraph 12.

4. The following provision of Executive Order N-10-21 is terminated:
 - a. Paragraph 2.
5. The following provisions of Executive Order N-7-22 are terminated:
 - a. Paragraph 4;
 - b. Paragraphs 7–8; and
 - c. Paragraph 10.
6. The following provisions of Executive Order N-3-23 are terminated:
 - a. Paragraph 2; and
 - b. Paragraphs 4–5, except to the extent that Paragraph 4 withdraws Paragraph 9 of Executive Order N-7-22.
7. The following provisions of Executive Order N-4-23 are terminated:
 - a. Paragraphs 2–7.
8. The following provisions of Executive Order N-6-23 are terminated:
 - a. Paragraphs 7–10.
9. The following provisions of Executive Order N-7-23 are terminated:
 - a. Paragraphs 2–11, except to the extent that they withdraw provisions of prior Executive Orders.

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 5th day of September 2024.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:



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

