

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS** beginning on September 18, 2025, a powerful storm system ("2025 Mid-September Storm") impacted San Bernadino and Imperial Counties; and

**WHEREAS** the 2025 Mid-September Storm, fueled by tropical storm Mario, produced exceptionally high winds, heavy rainfall, flash flooding, and mudslides; and

**WHEREAS** the 2025 Mid-September Storm caused damage to roads and other infrastructure, including flooding and mudslides impacting State Routes 38, 62, and 178 in San Bernardino County that resulted in severe erosion, washouts, undermined embankments and other issues; and

**WHEREAS** the 2025 Mid-September Storm caused significant infrastructure damage in Imperial County and especially within the City of Brawley, including damage to canal systems and electrical to transmission lines and poles that resulted in a widespread loss of power throughout Imperial County; 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 the 2025 Mid-September Storm in San Bernadino and Imperial Counties; and

**WHEREAS** under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that the conditions caused by the 2025 Mid-September Storm, 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 magnitude of the extreme peril posed by the 2025 Mid-September Storm; 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 2025 Mid-September Storm.

**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 San Bernadino and Imperial Counties due to the 2025 Mid-September Storm.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. All agencies of the state government shall utilize and employ state personnel, equipment, and facilities for the performance of any and all activities consistent with the direction of the Office of Emergency Services and the State Emergency Plan. Also, all individuals are to obey the direction of emergency officials with regard to this emergency in order to protect their safety.
2. The Office of Emergency Services shall provide assistance to public entities in Imperial County, 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 local road and highway repairs or reconstruction that are needed due to the 2025 Mid-September Storm.
4. 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, with respect to the 2025 Mid-September Storm in San Bernadino and Imperial Counties.

**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 23rd day  
of December 2025.



GAVIN NEWSOM  
Governor of California

**ATTEST:**

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