

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS on January 11, 2026, a force main maintained by the Lake County Sanitation District ruptured on Robin Lane ("Robin Lane Sewage Spill") in the City of Clearlake within Lake County; and

WHEREAS the Robin Lane Sewage Spill resulted in an estimated 2.9 million gallons of sewage pouring into residential areas; and

WHEREAS in response to the spill, the local jurisdictions sanitized impacted wells and aquifers, coordinated groundwater sampling, deployed pump trucks to contain the spill, installed over 48 water storage tanks, and deployed 105 sanitation and filtration systems for affected wells; and

WHEREAS the local jurisdictions also engaged with the impacted community by redirecting local traffic, issuing public health and safety orders and recommendations, and providing potable water and refill stations, showers, temporary housing, and other sanitation services; and

WHEREAS the California Department of Water Resources continues to investigate the cause of the Robin Lane Sewage Spill; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that the conditions caused by the Robin Lane Sewage Spill, 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 extreme peril posed by the Robin Lane Sewage Spill; 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 the Robin Lane Sewage Spill in Lake County.

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 Lake County due to the Robin Lane Sewage Spill.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. All agencies of the state government 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 residents 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, 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. Pending the outcome of the Department of Water Resources' investigation, California Disaster Assistance Act funding shall be available, if appropriate, for only reimbursement of expenses related to emergency protective measures.
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, with respect to the Robin Lane Sewage Spill.

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.

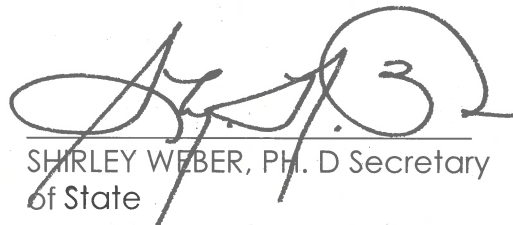
This Proclamation is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st day of September 2026.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:



SHIRLEY WEBER, PH. D Secretary
of State

