

PROCLAMATION BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

COUNTY OF TULARE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, Section 1-15-1030 of the Tulare County Ordinance Code empowers the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Tulare to issue a proclamation declaring the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency if the Board of Supervisors is not in session, which will have no further force or effect unless ratified by the Board within 7 days, and shall be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors at least every sixty days and terminated at the earliest practical time, except where different timelines are otherwise lawfully prescribed or allowed; and

WHEREAS, Section 1-15-1005(a) of the Tulare County Ordinance Code defines “emergency” to include “the actual or threatened existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within this County caused by conditions which include, but are not limited to, air pollution, fire, flood, storm, epidemic, riot, earthquake, or other conditions provided in Government Code Section 8558(c)(1);

WHEREAS, Section 1-15-1005(d) of the Tulare County Ordinance Code also states that “disaster” means but is not limited to the definition provided in California Code of Regulations Title 19 Section 2900(g) and any other occurrence in the County caused by human or natural events threatening or causing danger to public health and safety of the residents of the County or to property therein; and

WHEREAS, Tulare County proclaimed local emergencies regarding severe storms and flooding on January 9, 2023, and March 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, numerous storms have brought a significant amount of precipitation to Tulare County in a short period of time, and this significant precipitation is causing flooding and flood related disaster in multiple areas of Tulare County; and

WHEREAS, a record snowpack currently exists and snow is present at low elevations in affected regions of Tulare County; and

WHEREAS, two warm atmospheric river systems are forecast to begin impacting the County on March 10, 2023 through at least March 15, 2023, causing snow to melt and resulting in rapid rises of local waterways, causing or likely to cause flooding, and saturated soils are unable to absorb moisture, further exacerbating flooding concerns; and

WHEREAS, these conditions constitute an extreme peril to the health, safety and welfare of persons in Tulare County, and such conditions are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of this County, therefore, necessitating this Proclamation of the existence of a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, local resources are taxed and may become overwhelmed due to the cumulative impacts of multiple storm systems and the most recent atmospheric river storms.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the Tulare County Director of Emergency Services that conditions of disaster and extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the County of Tulare caused by the current atmospheric river storm, and, therefore, a local emergency now exists in Tulare County.

IT IS FURTHER REQUESTED by the Tulare County Director of Emergency Services that the State of California waive any regulations that may hinder response and

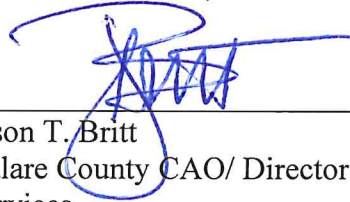
recovery efforts and to make available recovery assistance under the California Disaster Assistance Act.

This Emergency Proclamation is issued pursuant to the Emergency Services Act, commencing with Government Code §8550.

This Proclamation shall be reviewed and ratified by the Tulare County Board of Supervisors within 7 days, or it shall have no further force or effect.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

It is so ordered and declared this 9th day of March 2023, at 10:30 a.m.



Jason T. Britt
Tulare County CAO/ Director of Emergency
Services