

PROCLAMATION BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

COUNTY OF TULARE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of)	
)	A PROCLAMATION BY THE DIRECTOR
Local Emergency due to)	OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
Winter Storms and Flooding)	PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A
)	LOCAL EMERGENCY PURSUANT TO
)	CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE
)	§8550 et seq.

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, On February 24, 2023, Winter Storms began impacting Tulare County resulting in flooding across the County; and

WHEREAS, On February 25, 2023, unincorporated communities of Seville and Yettem experienced flooding, damaging private and public property and threatening human life; and

WHEREAS, Ingress and Egress to Tulare County mountainous communities has become tremendously difficult or impossible due to the impacts of the storms; and

WHEREAS, lack of access to mountain communities and other affected areas presents a condition of extreme peril to human life due to difficulty or impossibility of medical transportation and other essential services; and

WHEREAS, additional impacts including road closures and landslides are now being experienced in the Tulare County mountainous regions; and

WHEREAS, an additional storm system is currently impacting the County and further storm systems have been forecast; and

WHEREAS, the impacts of these storms are cumulative, dating back to December of 2022, and inclusive of the local emergency declared on January 9, 2023, due to the Atmospheric River Storms; and

WHEREAS, local resources are taxed and may become overwhelmed due to the cumulative impacts of these storm systems, and

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, 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 1st Day of March, 2023, at 4:30 a.m./p.m.



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