

AN ORDER BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, RESCINDING A MANDATORY EVACUATION ORDER PURSUANT TO THE PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY ON MARCH 9, 2023 AND CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE §8550 *et seq.*

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted by Section 1-15-1030 of the Tulare County Ordinance Code, the Tulare County Director of Emergency Services proclaimed the existence of a local emergency due to the 2023 March Storms on March 9, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Tulare County Board of Supervisors ratified the local emergency proclamation and evacuation orders at its Regular Meeting on March 14, 2023; and

WHEREAS, when a local emergency has been proclaimed, the Director of Emergency Services is empowered to make and issues rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such emergency, provided that such rules and regulations are confirmed by the Board of Supervisors at the earliest practicable time; and

WHEREAS, Government Code 8634 requires that all orders necessary to protect life and property, and all amendments and rescissions to such orders, must be in writing.

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services, or successor, also hereby finds that such conditions of disaster and/or extreme peril created by the 2023 March Storms no longer require mandatory evacuations in the area of Highway 43, Central Valley Highway.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED

That, the evacuation order, issued on March 24, 2023 and ratified by the Board of Supervisors on March 25, 2023 is hereby Rescinded, removing the mandatory evacuation order for the areas of:

**The northern section of Highway 43 (Central Valley Highway), north of the Tule River, to the Tulare/ Kings County Line. The area is north of the Tule River, east of Road 16 (4th Avenue), south of Santa Fe Avenue, west of Highway 43.**

This Order of Recission is issued pursuant to the Emergency Services Act, commencing with Government Code section 8550.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of Tulare County shall be those prescribed by State law, by ordinances and resolutions of Tulare County, and by the Tulare County Operational Area Emergency Operations Plan, as approved by the Board of Supervisors.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that as of the date of this Order, all Mandatory Evacuation Orders for the County of Tulare have hereby been rescinded, and this Order further clarifies that all Evacuation Orders, for all areas within the unincorporated area of the County are hereby rescinded and are no longer in full force and effect. All other orders, such as the County's current No Entry or Use Orders implementing River Closures and Individual Incorporated City orders are not modified by this order.

This Order is issued pursuant to the Emergency Services Act, commencing with Government Code §8550. The Mandatory Evacuation Order must be confirmed at the earliest practicable time by the Board of Supervisors.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

It is so ordered and proclaimed this 17th day of April, 2023 at 11:00 AM.

  
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JASON T. BRITT, CAO  
Director of Emergency Services, County of Tulare