



Office of Emergency Services County of Tuolumne

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Proclamation of Local State of Emergency

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 2.40 of the County of Tuolumne Ordinance Code, which empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when Tuolumne County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the County Board of Supervisors is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Tuolumne hereby finds:

1. Beginning on or about December 27, 2022, winter storms related to an atmospheric river system struck Tuolumne County, bringing damaging winds, substantial precipitation including significant snowfall at higher elevations, flooding and soil erosion, which has damaged public and private property, including critical infrastructure and facilities and imperiled persons in Tuolumne County and this system continues to impact the County; and
2. Weather conditions contributing to increased risk of flooding are forecasted to persist through the forecast period, and
3. That existing and anticipated conditions are beyond the resources of the County of Tuolumne; and
4. That the conditions caused by winter storms in Tuolumne County, by reason of their magnitude, create extreme peril to the safety of persons and property, will impact significant County and community operations, including critical public infrastructure and services, and will require the provision of additional public safety and emergency services beyond the immediate capabilities of local resources, services, personnel, equipment, and facilities; and
5. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Tuolumne is not in session and cannot be called into session immediately.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency exists throughout Tuolumne County pursuant to Government Code Section 8630 and other applicable laws; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the emergency organization of the County shall be those prescribed by state law, and by ordinance and resolutions of this County approved by the Board of Supervisors, and by the Tuolumne County Emergency Operations Plan, as approved by the Board of Supervisors; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that said local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist for the next seven (7) days, and thereafter by ratification of Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors.

Dated: January 4, 2023

By: 

Director of Emergency Services

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