

**PROLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY  
RESULTING FROM SEVERE WINTER STORMS OF  
DECEMBER 2022**

WHEREAS, Sacramento County Code, Title 2, Chapter 2.46 empowers the County Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when Sacramento County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity, flood or natural disasters when the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors is not in session; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sacramento County Code section 2.46.110, in the absence of the Director of Emergency Services, the Deputy Director is empowered with all the same authority empowered to the Director of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, the Deputy Director of Emergency Services of the County of Sacramento does hereby find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the County of Sacramento, caused by extreme winter storms resulting in widespread flooding, extraordinary stress upon levees, persistent levee overtopping, local flooding of communities and local infrastructure, and exhaustion of local resources and budget, and other critical conditions; and

WHEREAS, the volume and rate of active water flows through Sacramento County rivers, specifically the Cosumnes River, has resulted in the flooding of critical roads and communities, thereby prompting local authorities to alert the public to imminent flooding and to issue, via the County emergency alerting system, emergency evacuation orders advising residents to leave their homes and seek safety; and

WHEREAS, ongoing operational response activities and continuing area damage assessments, particularly in remote areas of the County where additional impacts are certain, have diverted local resources from day to day operations, and the impacts of these storms are beyond the control of personnel, services, equipment and budget of the County; and

WHEREAS, further damages are anticipated as ongoing precipitation from multiple continuing and projected storm events are anticipated to result in sustained runoff from rivers, streams and channels which continue to impact low lying areas; and

WHEREAS, there may be extensive damages to homes, businesses, agricultural crops, products, large animals and livestock; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED, pursuant to California Government Code section 8630 of the California Emergency Services Act, and Sacramento County Code, Title 2, Chapter 2.46, a local emergency exists within and throughout Sacramento County as of December 31, 2022, and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, during the existence of this local emergency, the powers, functions and duties of the Director and/or Deputy Director of Emergency Services shall be those prescribed by state law and Sacramento County ordinances, resolutions and the approved Emergency Plan, and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, the Director and/or Deputy Director of Emergency Services is authorized to use and employ any of the property, services, personnel and resources of the County to help mitigate this emergency, and may request Federal, State, and other public agencies provide mutual aid, including personnel, equipment and other available resources, to assist Sacramento County during this emergency; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, the local emergency shall remain in effect for the next seven (7) days unless it has been ratified and extended by the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, who shall review the need for continuing the local emergency at least once every 60 days, and shall terminate the local emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.



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Sacramento County Office of Emergency Services

12/31/22  
Date of Proclamation