

**PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO FEBRUARY/MARCH 2023 WINTER STORMS
FOR THE COUNTY OF CALAVERAS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 8630 and Calaveras County Code Section 2.72 authorize the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency as defined by California Government Code Section 8558 when the County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Calaveras is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session; and

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

1. That at the time of this proclamation the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors is not in session; and
2. That conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within Calaveras County; and
3. Beginning on or about February 23, 2023, winter storms related to an atmospheric river system struck Calaveras County, bringing damaging winds, substantial precipitation including significant snowfall at higher elevations, and flooding, and this system continues to impact the County; and
4. The threat of mud and debris flows, particularly across county roads and bridge, causes a threat to residents; and
5. The county road system has sustained major damages due to the amount of water passed over road surfaces as well as culvert failures across the County.
6. The significant snowfall at higher elevations and downed trees and power lines due to high winds have caused significant damage to critical infrastructure; and
7. That the conditions caused by winter storms in Calaveras 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
8. That the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of a Local Emergency to enable the County of Calaveras and other local government entities to adequately plan, prepare, and preposition resources in order to effectively respond to the threat posed by these winter storms;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency exists throughout Calaveras County pursuant to Government Code Section 8630 and other applicable laws, commencing on or about 1:00pm of the 10th day of March 2023; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED 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 Calaveras County Operational Area Emergency Operations Plan, as approved by the Board of Supervisors; and

IT IS 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 the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors, until its termination is proclaimed by the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all County officers and employees take all steps requested by the Director of Emergency Services to qualify the County for reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and

IT IS REQUESTED that the County of Calaveras receive all available response and recovery assistance from the State of California and its agencies as deemed appropriate by the Governor of California, including funding under the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) and Federal Stafford Act; other recovery assistance programs such as but not limited to General Assistance, Cal Fresh, CalWORKs, Senior Disable Adults, Woman, Infant, and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program, Crisis Counseling, Disaster Unemployment Assistance, and Legal Services; Insurance and Rebuilding Assistance. Available assistance from Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA), includes the Individuals and Household Program (IHP), Small Business Administration (SBA), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED that John K. Osbourn, Director of Emergency Services, is hereby designated as the authorized representative of the County of Calaveras for the purpose of receipt, processing, and coordination of all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain available state and federal assistance.

Dated: March 10, 2023

By:  _____
John K. Osbourn, Director, Office of Emergency Services