

1 PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

2 BY THE EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR

3 COUNTY OF FRESNO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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5 IN THE MATTER OF THE)

6 2017 FEBRUARY WINTER STORMS)

PROCLAMATION

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8 WHEREAS, Fresno County Ordinance Code, Chapter 2.44, empowers the Emergency  
9 Services Director to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when  
10 said County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the Board of Supervisors is  
11 not in session; and

12 WHEREAS, the Emergency Services Director of the County of Fresno does hereby find that  
13 a crippling disaster, which severely impairs public health and public safety, is created by conditions  
14 of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property which have arisen within said County, due to  
15 the likely breach of a levee in the area of Tranquillity threatening residences, businesses, and  
16 public facilities, commencing on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017 and continuing; and

17 WHEREAS, recent storms have been filling reservoirs resulting in high water releases into  
18 rivers and streams, causing stress to the levee system that protects community residents and  
19 property throughout Fresno County; and

20 WHEREAS, local resources are inadequate to cope with the effects of said emergency and  
21 the combined forces of other political subdivisions of the State are required to assist the County to  
22 combat the effects of said emergency; and

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

25 NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists  
26 throughout said County; and

27 IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local  
28 emergency the powers, functions, and duties for the emergency organization of this County shall

1 be those prescribed by state law, ordinances and resolutions of this County, and by the Fresno  
2 County Operational Area Master Emergency Services Plan, as approved by the Board of  
3 Supervisors on May 19, 1998; and

4 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the State  
5 Director of the Office of Emergency Services.

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7 Dated: 2/21/17

  
8 Jean M. Rousseau  
9 County Administrative Officer  
10 Emergency Services Director

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