

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE
COUNTY OF FRESNO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHMENT OF) RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
THE 2023 STORMS IN FRESNO COUNTY) EMERGENCY SERVICES
DIRECTOR'S AUTHORITY
REGARDING STORM MITIGATION

WHEREAS, Fresno County Ordinance Code, Chapter 2.44, empowers the Emergency Services Director to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when said County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and WHEREAS, the Emergency Services Director of the County of Fresno does hereby find that a crippling disaster, which severely impairs public health and public safety, is created by conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property which have arisen within said County, due to the likely breach of a levee in the County threatening residences, businesses, and public facilities, commencing on the 2nd day of March 2023 and continuing; and

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

WHEREAS, flood flows within Fresno County present an imminent and proximate threat to the life and property of its residents making it critical that the County ensure their health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 8634, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is empowered to make and issue orders and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, after consultation with local County officials and members of the community, deems the following immediate actions necessary to mitigate the impending threat.

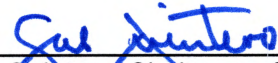
NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordered as follows:

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1. The Emergency Services Director of the County of Fresno hereby has the authority to make and delegate flood water flow alterations relative to the Board of Supervisors' orders and may consult with County and State agencies, as necessary. Should the Emergency Services Director not be available, they may designate an individual within the Fresno County Disaster Council to make such decisions.
2. That for the protection of public health and safety, the Emergency Services Director, or designee, shall enter into contracts to arrange for the procurement of materials, goods, and services needed to assist in preparing for, containing, responding to, mitigating the effects of, and recovering from the potential floods from the 2023 Storms. Applicable provisions of Fresno County Ordinance Code 4.0, and the Fresno County Purchasing Manual, including but not limited to advertising, and competitive bidding requirements, are suspended to the extent necessary to address the effects of potential flooding.
3. A copy of this Order shall be posted online on the Fresno County Board of Supervisors web page. Copies shall additionally be posted outside at the Fresno County Hall of Records and in one public place within any area of the County within which this order and regulation applies. Personnel of the County of Fresno shall endeavor to make copies of this order and regulation available to the news media.

THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 28th day of March, 2023, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: None
 ABSTAINED: None



 Sal Quintero, Chairman of the
 Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno

ATTEST:
 Bernice E. Seidel
 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
 County of Fresno, State of California

By: 

 Deputy