

1 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
2 OF THE COUNTY OF FRESNO
3 STATE OF CALIFORNIA
4 RESOLUTION NO. 17-320

5 RESOLUTION CLOSING KINGS RIVER TO RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY

6 WHEREAS, the County of Fresno Ordinance §13.32.080 authorizes the Board
7 of Supervisors to prohibit or restrict boating, swimming or other recreational activity on
8 waterways subject to the County of Fresno's jurisdiction as public safety and welfare
9 may require; and

10 WHEREAS, California general law, including but not limited to California Penal
11 Code §409.5 and general police powers authorize the Sheriff to determine certain
12 areas dangerous to the public safety and welfare and restrict access to said areas;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the water flows on the Kings River beginning at the Pine Flat Dam
15 and continuing downstream to the Fresno County border with Tulare County have
16 increased substantially due to excessive rainfall and runoff creating hazardous
17 conditions in said portion of the Kings River including but not limited to dangerously
18 swift currents, downed trees and other obstacles blocking portions of the river flow and
19 creating hazards to water craft and humans, dangerous erosion of river banks and
20 other hazards; and

21 WHEREAS, under the authority granted the Sheriff under general California
22 law, the Sheriff has declared that portion of the Kings River within the jurisdiction of
23 the County of Fresno beginning at the Pine Flat Dam and continuing downstream to
24 the Fresno County border with Tulare County closed to all manner of recreational
25 access for public safety reasons; and

26 WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has determined it is necessary to protect
27 the public safety and welfare that the Kings River within the jurisdiction of the County
28 of Fresno beginning at the Pine Flat Dam and continuing downstream to the Fresno
County border with Tulare County closed to all manner of recreational access;

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