

PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY
BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
2017 FEBRUARY WINTER STORMS)

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a local emergency presently exists in the County of Fresno in accordance with the ratification and proclamation thereof by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno on the 28th day of February, 2017, as a result of a crippling disaster, which severely impaired public health and public safety, created by the conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property which have arisen within the County caused by the likely breach of a levee in the area of Tranquillity and stress to the levee system that protects community residents and property throughout Fresno County, commencing on the 16th day of February, 2017

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2017, the Emergency Services Director of the County of Fresno, proclaimed a local emergency; and,

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2017, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno ratified the proclamation by the Emergency Services Director and adopted a resolution proclaiming the local emergency status; and

WHEREAS, recent storms continue to fill reservoirs resulting in high water releases into rivers and streams; and

WHEREAS, high water releases into rivers and streams continue to pose a likely levee breach in the area of Tranquillity, threatening residences, businesses and public facilities; and

WHEREAS, high water releases into rivers and streams continue to cause stress to the levee system that protects community residents and property throughout Fresno County; and

1 WHEREAS, the circumstances of these weakened levee systems, by reason of the threat
2 they pose should they be breached, are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services,
3 personnel, equipment, facilities and finances of any single local government and require the
4 combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to combat; and

5 WHEREAS, said emergency has continued and escalated in cumulated impact on this
6 County, and

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

10 NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the Board of Supervisors of the
11 County of Fresno, State of California, that said local emergency continues to exist in the County of
12 Fresno; and

13 IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local
14 emergency the powers, functions, and duties for the emergency organization of this County shall
15 be those prescribed by State law, ordinances and resolutions of this County, and by the County of
16 Fresno Operational Area Master Emergency Services Plan; and

17 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Proclamation be forwarded to the State
18 Director of the Office of Emergency Services.

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1 THE FOREGOING was passed and adopted by the following vote of the
2 Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 28th day of March, 2017, to-wit:

3 AYES: Supervisors Borgeas, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero

4 NOES: None

5 ABSENT: None

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8 CHAIRMAN, Board of Supervisors

9 ATTEST:

10 BERNICE E. SEIDEL
11 Clerk, Board of Supervisors

12 By Susan Bishop
13 Deputy

14 Agenda Item No. 24
15 Resolution No. 17-171
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