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THIRD ORDER OF THE KINGS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN RESPONSE TO A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO FLOODING

Kings County continues to experience flooding in parts of the county. As a result, the Kings County Board of Supervisors held a matter regarding the threat to public services or facilities.

After discussing the matter in closed session, the Board took the following actions:

1. The order and regulations issued on March 16, 2023, and March 17, 2023, by the Board of Supervisors remain in full force and effect, except as modified by this order and the regulations contained herein.
2. During the existence of this local emergency, all persons are prohibited from being on or in the waters of the Kings River, Tule River, and the Cross Creek Canal and any other waterbodies or waterways within the County of Kings jurisdiction. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, boating with motorized or non-motorized boats, use of personal watercraft, sailing, water-skiing, paddleboarding, canoeing, kayaking, rafting, floating, wading, and swimming.
3. All persons are further prohibited from being on levees and in parks that may abut the Kings River Tule River, and the Cross Creek Canal and any other waterbodies or waterways within the County of Kings jurisdiction for the duration of the local emergency.
4. During the existence of this local emergency, all persons are strongly urged to avoid the airspace above and around the Kings River Tule River, and the Cross Creek Canal any other water bodies or waterways within the County of Kings jurisdiction, including, without limitation, flying of drones.
5. This Order shall not prohibit property owners from accessing their properties for non-recreational purposes.
6. In addition to the authority granted in the Second Order, and considering the nature of this flood emergency and the need to act quickly, the Public Works Director is delegated the authority to take any and all actions necessary to respond to the flooding emergency, including, without limitation, the authority to make flood water flow alterations, and may consult with local and State agencies, technical experts and any other individual(s) as necessary. In the event the Public Works Director is unavailable, the alternates identified in Section 2 of the Second Order shall be delegated the same authority in accordance with the procedures set forth therein.

A written order officially documenting the Board's decision is attached to this press release. This is an ongoing situation which the County will be monitoring.

**THIRD ORDER OF THE COUNTY OF KINGS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROHIBITING RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY ON THE RIVER AND CLOSURE
OF LEVEES AND PARKS THAT ABUT THE RIVER
IN RESPONSE TO A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO FLOODING**

DATE OF ORDER: APRIL 4, 2023

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2023, the Kings County Emergency Services Director issued Proclamation 23-01 pursuant to Government Code Section 8630 and Section 6-7 of the County of Kings Code of Ordinances proclaiming a local emergency in Kings County due to conditions of disaster and extreme peril to the safety of persons and property caused by the large amounts of snow accumulated in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, precipitation from atmospheric river storms and imminent flooding the County will experience as a result;

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2023, Proclamation 23-01 was ratified by the Kings County Board of Supervisors and remains in full force and effect;

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

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2023, the Board of Supervisors issued an order regulating flood flows;

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2023, the Board of Supervisors issued a Second Order regulating flood flows;

WHEREAS, since the Board of Supervisors issued its March 17, 2023, order, emergency conditions have evolved making further action necessary;

WHEREAS, there has been a significant increase in air traffic, such as drones, around the Kings River, Tule River, Cross Creek Canal and other bodies of water and waterways within Kings County which interfere with the work of public safety officials and create unnecessary dangers;

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, after consultation with local County officials and receiving information from 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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7. A copy of this order shall be posted online on the Kings County Board of Supervisors web page. Copies shall additionally be posted outside at the Kings County Government Center and in one public place within any area of the County within which this order and regulation applies. Personnel of the County of Kings shall endeavor to make copies of this order and regulation available to the news media.

Date: April 4, 2023



Richard Valle, Chairman
County of Kings Board of Supervisors

Approved as to form:



Diane Freeman, County Counsel