



**CITY OF LEMOORE  
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
MARCH 27, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m.**

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For public comment on a public hearing, all public comments must be received by the close of the public hearing period. All comments received by the close of the public hearing period will be read aloud by a staff member during the applicable agenda item, provided that such comments may be read within the normal three (3) minutes allotted to each speaker. Any portion of your

comment extending past three (3) minutes may not be read aloud due to time restrictions. If a comment on a public hearing item is received after the close of the public hearing, such comment will be made part of the meeting minutes, provided that such comment is received prior to the end of the meeting.

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The City thanks you for your cooperation in advance. Our community's health and safety is our highest priority.



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## Staff Report

Item No: 1-1

**To:** Lemoore City Council

**From:** Nathan Olson, City Manager

**Date:** March 24, 2023

**Meeting Date:** March 27, 2023

**Subject:** Ratification of Proclamation 2023-01 – A Proclamation by the City of Lemoore Director of Emergency Services Proclaiming the Existence of a Local Emergency Pursuant to California Government Code §8550 et. seq.

**Strategic Initiative:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Safe & Vibrant Community                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Growing & Dynamic Economy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fiscally Sound Government                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Operational Excellence    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community & Neighborhood Livability | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable            |

**Proposed Motion:**

Approve Proclamation 2023-01, a Proclamation by the City of Lemoore Director of Emergency Services Proclaiming the Existence of a Local Emergency Pursuant to California Government Code §8550 et. seq.

**Subject/Discussion:**

The California Emergency Services Act, Government Code section 8550 authorizes the Council to proclaim local emergencies based on the “existence of conditions of disaster of extreme peril to safety of persons and property” caused by flood. On March 24, 2023 the City’s Director of Emergency Services proclaimed a local emergency due to flood conditions. The proclamation must be ratified within seven days by the Council.

The threat of conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the City of Lemoore caused by excessive precipitation and flooding, and local resources are insufficient to address the situation effectively.

**Financial Consideration (s):**

The declaration of a local emergency will help in making resources available and may provide some financial and administrative relief to help address the problems associated with flood risk.

**Alternatives or Pros/Cons:**

Not applicable.

**Commission/Board Recommendation:**

Not Applicable.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends Council ratify Proclamation 2023-01, a Proclamation by the City of Lemoore Director of Emergency Services Proclaiming the Existence of a Local Emergency Pursuant to California Government Code §8550 et. seq.

**Attachments:**

- Resolution:
  - Ordinance:
  - Map
  - Contract
  - Other
- List: Proclamation 2023-01

**Review:**

- Asst. City Manager
- City Attorney
- City Clerk
- City Manager
- Finance

**Date:**

- 03/24/2023
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**PROCLAMATION NO. 2023-01**

**A PROCLAMATION BY THE CITY OF LEMOORE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE §8550 et. seq.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 2-4-4 of the Lemoore Municipal Code authorizes the Director of Emergency Services for the City of Lemoore (“Director”) to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City of Lemoore is affected or likely to be affected by the actual or threatened existence of extreme conditions of disaster and peril to the safety of persons within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director is authorized to make this Proclamation when the City Council is not in session, in which case the Proclamation shall be sent to the City Council for consideration within seven days; and

**WHEREAS**, Government Code 8680.3 defines “disaster” as “a fire, flood, storm, tidal wave, earthquake, terrorism, epidemic, or other similar public calamity that the Governor determines presents a threat to public safety”;

**WHEREAS**, the Governor declared a State of Emergency throughout California related to the series of atmospheric river systems impacting California on January 4, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, President Joe Biden through the Department of Homeland Security issued a Notice of Emergency Declaration on January 9, 2023 covering areas in the State of California and on January 11, 2023 issued Amendment No. 2 to the Notice to include Kings County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor again declared a State of Emergency on March 1, 2023, due to conditions of extreme peril to the safety of person and property due to the impacts of storms across California beginning late February 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, recent atmospheric river storms have brought significant amounts of runoff and flooding to Kings County, surrounding agricultural lands, and throughout California in a short period of time, causing an imminent threat of mass flooding and flood related disasters throughout Kings County, including City of Lemoore; and

**WHEREAS**, with the impending large amounts of snow accumulated in the Sierra Nevada Mountains and destined for the watersheds of the Kings River, the Kaweah River, the Tule River and Cross Creek, the City anticipates more flood releases from Pine Flat Dam, Terminus Dam and Success Dam and uncontrolled flood flows in Tule River, Dry Creek, Cross Creek and other local streams, on both the east and west sides of the Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, these conditions constitute an extreme peril to the health, safety and welfare of persons in Lemoore, and such conditions are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of this City, therefore, necessitating this Proclamation of the existence of a local emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, City’s local resources are inadequate to respond to the imminent threat, and the resources of multiple political subdivisions of the State of California are required to respond to these conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lemoore City Council is not in session, and cannot immediately be called into session.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE CITY OF LEMOORE DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM:**

The conditions of disaster and extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the City of Lemoore and County of Kings caused by the large amounts of snow accumulated in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, precipitation from atmospheric river storms and imminent threat of flooding the City is experiencing as a result, and therefore, a local emergency now exists in the City of Lemoore.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED:** By the City of Lemoore Director of Emergency Services that the State of California waive any regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts and to make available recovery assistance under the California Disaster Assistance Act.

1. This Emergency Proclamation is issued pursuant to the Emergency Services Act, commencing with Government Code §8550.
2. This Proclamation shall be reviewed and ratified by the Lemoore City Council within 7 days, or it shall have no further force of effect. This Proclamation shall take effect immediately.

Dated: March 24, 2023



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Nathan Olson, City Manager and Director of  
Emergency Service for the City of Lemoore