

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



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