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-FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE-

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KINGS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HOLD SPECIAL MEETING

Kings County continues to experience flooding in parts of the county. As a result, the Kings County Board of Supervisors held a special meeting Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. The Board of Supervisors convened pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.5, which authorizes the Board to hold a special meeting without complying with the normal the 24 – hour notice and posting requirements when a majority of its members find an emergency exists that severely impairs the public health and involves matters upon which prompt action is necessary due to the disruption or threatened disruption of public services and facilities. At the commencement of the meeting the Board made findings that there is an emergency in Kings County due to floods that severely impairs the public health and safety and that the emergency involves matters upon which prompt action is necessary due to the disruption or threatened disruption of public services.

After hearing public comment and discussing the matter in closed session, the Board took the following actions:

1. Public Works was directed to reestablish designated relieve flood channels that may have been blocked
2. Corcoran Irrigation District is allowed to repair its breaches
3. Damming of the Highline Canal is prohibited at this time
4. If any person, or entity considers damming the Highline Canal in the future, or modifying any flood plain path, they will be required to notify Kings County dispatch one hour prior to commencing work.

A written order officially documenting the Board's decision will be forthcoming. This is an ongoing situation which the County will be monitoring, The Board may call another special meeting at any time and its orders are subject to change.

Additionally, the County has published a web-based flood damage survey for County constituents to complete if they have experienced property damage from the flood. The survey will be used to collect information on the impacts of the flood and is not an offer for financial aid. However, the information collected will be used to inform the County's response as well as report damages to State and federal agencies in support of providing aid. The survey can be accessed by following this link:

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=Hf4H6t0NGUeOE0wGtnBkj4UY_MTvQKRfQ0Jf_vxuzgVxURVpDRlhGTDVNMkdZUFNPRzNIUTILVEUzRC4u

**ORDER OF THE COUNTY OF KINGS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULATING FLOOD FLOWS
IN RESPONSE TO A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO FLOODING**

DATE OF ORDER: MARCH 16, 2023

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2023, pursuant to Government Code Section 8630 and Section 6-7 of the County of Kings Code of Ordinances the Kings County Emergency Services Director issued Proclamation 23-01 proclaiming a local emergency in Kings County due 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 Chairman of 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, flood flows within Kings County present an imminent and proximate threat to the life and property of its residents making it critical that the County ensure their health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, after consultation with local County officials and members of the community, deems the following immediate actions necessary to mitigate the impending threat.

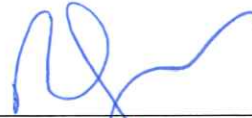
NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordered as follows:

1. Public Works is directed to reestablish cuts designed to relieve flood flows; between Excelsior Avenue and Flint Avenue on the 2000-3000 block;
2. Corcoran Irrigation District is allowed to repair its breaches;
3. Damming of the Highline Canal is prohibited at this time;
4. If any person or entity considers damming the Highline Canal in the future, or modifying any flood plain path, they will be required to notify Kings County dispatch one hour prior to commencing work. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no damming of the Highline Canal shall be commenced unless and until the Board of Supervisors revokes the order identified as number three (3) herein prohibiting such damming.

5. The Kings County Sheriff shall have authority to enforce this Order a violation of which shall be punishable as a misdemeanor pursuant to Penal Code section 19; Government Code Section 25132; and the Kings County Code of Ordinances 6-11.

6. A copy of this order shall be posted online on the Kings County Board of Supervisors web page. Copies shall additionally be posted outside in the Kings County Government Center kiosk 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: March 16, 2023



Richard Valle, Chairman
County of Kings Board of Supervisors

Approved as to form:



Diane Freeman, County Counsel
County of Kings



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JUEVES, 16 DE MARZO DE 2023

-PARA PUBLICACIÓN INMEDIATA-

HANFORD, CA

LA JUNTA DE SUPERVISORES DEL CONDADO DE KINGS REALIZA UNA REUNIÓN ESPECIAL

El condado de Kings continúa experimentando inundaciones en partes del condado. Como resultado, la Junta de Supervisores del Condado de Kings celebró una reunión especial el jueves 16 de marzo de 2023 a las 9:00 a. m. La Junta de Supervisores se reunió de conformidad con la Sección 54956.5 del Código de Gobierno, que autoriza a la Junta a celebrar una reunión especial sin cumplir con las normal los requisitos de aviso y publicación de 24 horas cuando la mayoría de sus miembros encuentran que existe una emergencia que perjudica gravemente la salud pública e involucra asuntos sobre los cuales es necesaria una acción inmediata debido a la interrupción o amenaza de interrupción de los servicios e instalaciones públicos. Al comienzo de la reunión, la Junta determinó que existe una emergencia en el condado de Kings debido a inundaciones que perjudica gravemente la salud y la seguridad públicas y que la emergencia involucra asuntos sobre los cuales es necesaria una acción inmediata debido a la interrupción o amenaza de interrupción de la actividad pública servicios.

Después de escuchar los comentarios del público y discutir el asunto en una sesión cerrada, la Junta tomó las siguientes medidas:

1. Se ordenó a Obras Públicas que restableciera los canales designados de alivio de inundaciones que pueden haber sido bloqueados
2. Se permite al Distrito de Irrigación de Corcoran reparar sus infracciones
3. La represa o el Canal Highline están prohibidos en este momento
4. Si alguna persona o entidad considera construir una represa en el Canal Highline en el futuro, o modificar cualquier vía de inundación, deberá notificar al despacho del Condado de Kings una hora antes de comenzar el trabajo.

Se enviará una orden por escrito que documente oficialmente la decisión de la Junta. Esta es una situación continua que el Condado estará monitoreando. La Junta puede convocar otra reunión especial en cualquier momento y sus órdenes están sujetas a cambios.

Además, el condado ha publicado una encuesta de daños por inundación basada en la web para que los constituyentes del condado la completen si han sufrido daños a la propiedad por la inundación. La encuesta se utilizará para recopilar información sobre los impactos de la inundación y no es una oferta de ayuda financiera. Sin embargo, la información recopilada se utilizará para informar la respuesta del condado, así como para informar los daños a las agencias estatales y federales en apoyo de la prestación de ayuda. Se puede acceder a la encuesta siguiendo este enlace: https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=Hf4H6t0NGUeOE0wGtnBkj4UY_MTvQKRfQ0Jfv_xuzgVxURVpDRihGTDVNMkdZUFNPRzNIUTILVEUzRC4u