



OFFICE OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

COUNTY OF KINGS
GOVERNMENT CENTER

EDWARD D. HILL
COUNTY
ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICER

Media Contact: Kyria Martinez,
Assistant County Administrative Officer,
Public Information Officer
Kyria.Martinez@co.kings.ca.us

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2023

-FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE-

HANFORD, CA

SECOND ORDER OF THE KINGS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULATING FLOOD FLOWS 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 third special meeting Saturday, March 18, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. The Kings County 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. The order and regulations issued on March 16, 2023, by the Board of Supervisors remain in full force and effect, except as modified by this order and the regulations contained herein.
2. The Public Works Director has delegated authority to make flood water flow alterations relative to the Board of Supervisors' orders and may consult with Supervisor Verboon, the Community Development Agency Director, and any other agencies or individuals, as necessary. Should the Public Works Director not be available within 15 minutes, the Community Development Agency Director is provided with the same delegated authority as a back up alternate. Should Supervisor Verboon not be available with 15 minutes, Supervisor Neves is provided with the same responsibility.
3. Planned flooding of the Tulare Lake Reclamation District No. 749 shall occur by cutting the levee at the highest point.
4. 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.

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, The Board may call another special meeting at any time and its orders are subject to change.

**SECOND 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 18, 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, since the Board of Supervisor issued its March 16, 2023, order, emergency conditions have evolved making further action necessary;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordered as follows:

1. The order and regulations issued on March 16, 2023, by the Board of Supervisors remain in full force and effect, except as modified by this order and the regulations contained herein.
2. The Public Works Director has delegated authority to make flood water flow alterations relative to the Board of Supervisors' orders and may consult with Supervisor Verboon, the Community Development Agency Director, and any other agencies or individuals, as necessary. Should the Public Works Director not be available within 15 minutes, the Community Development Agency Director is provided with the same delegated authority as a back up alternate. Should Supervisor Verboon not be available with 15 minutes, Supervisor Neves is provided with the same responsibility.

3. Planned flooding of the Tulare Lake Reclamation District No. 749 shall occur by cutting the levee at the highest point.
4. 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: March 18, 2023



Richard Valle, Chairman
County of Kings Board of Supervisors

Approved as to form:



Diane Freeman, County Counsel
County of Kings



OFICINA DEL ADMINISTRADOR DEL CONDADO

CONDADO DE KINGS

EDWARD D. HILL
ADMINISTRATIVO
DEL CONDADO
OFICIAL

Contacto para los medios: Kyria Martinez,
Oficial Administrativo Asistente del Condado,
Oficial de Información Pública
Kyria.Martinez@co.kings.ca.us

SABADO, 18 DE MARZO DE 2023

-PARA PUBLICACIÓN INMEDIATA-

HANFORD, CA

SEGUNDA ORDEN DE LA JUNTA DE SUPERVISORES DEL CONDADO DE KINGS QUE REGULA LOS FLUJOS DE INUNDACIÓN EN RESPUESTA A UNA EMERGENCIA LOCAL DEBIDO A INUNDACIONES

El condado de Kings continúa experimentando inundaciones en partes del condado. Como resultado, la Junta de Supervisores del Condado de Kings celebró una tercera reunión especial el sábado 18 de marzo de 2023 a las 9:00 a. m. La Junta de Supervisores del Condado de Kings se reunió conforme a la Sección 54956.5 del Código de Gobierno, que autoriza a la Junta a celebrar una reunión especial sin cumplir con los requisitos normales de notificación 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 públicas. 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 de servicios públicos.

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

1. La orden y los reglamentos emitidos el 16 de marzo de 2023 por la Junta de Supervisores permanecen en pleno vigor y efecto, excepto según lo modificado por este decreto y los reglamentos contenidos en el presente.
2. El Director de Obras Públicas tiene autoridad delegada para hacer alteraciones del flujo de agua de inundación en relación con las órdenes de la Junta de Supervisores y puede consultar con el Supervisor Verboon, el Director de la Agencia de Desarrollo Comunitario y cualquier otra agencia o individuo, según sea necesario. En caso de que el Director de Obras Públicas no esté disponible dentro de los 15 minutos, el Director de la Agencia de Desarrollo Comunitario tiene la misma autoridad delegada como suplente de respaldo. En caso de que el supervisor Verboon no esté disponible con 15 minutos, el supervisor Neves tiene la misma responsabilidad.
3. La inundación planificada del Distrito de Recuperación del Lago Tulare No. 749 ocurrirá cortando el dique en el punto más alto.
4. Se publicará una copia de esta orden en línea en la página de internet de la Junta de Supervisores del Condado de Kings. Además, se colocarán copias afuera en el Centro de Gobierno del Condado de Kings y en un lugar público dentro de cualquier área del Condado dentro de la cual se aplique esta orden y regulación. El personal del Condado de Kings se

esforzará por poner a disposición de los medios de comunicación copias de esta orden y reglamento.

Se adjunta a este comunicado de prensa una orden escrita que documenta 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.