



**Health & Human Services
Agency
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

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AGENDA DATE: June 27, 2017

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

CONTACT PERSON: Andrew Lockman PHONE: 559-624-8000

SUBJECT: Ratify and confirm emergency orders and evacuations related to Kings River flooding

REQUEST(S):
That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Ratify and confirm all emergency orders, including evacuation orders and any orders rescinding evacuation orders, issued by the Director of Emergency Services in response to flood incidents on the Kings River during the period of June 18, 2017 to June 27, 2017, pursuant to the Local Emergency due to Flooding proclaimed on April 4, 2017; and
2. Ratify and confirm the necessity and authority for County personnel to have evacuated persons and/or property from the Riverland RV Park on June 18, 2017, to protect persons and property from imminent threats posed by flooding on the Kings River.

SUMMARY:
On Sunday, June 18, 2017, flooding was reported at Riverland RV Park, 38743 Highway 99, immediately south of the Kings River. Tulare County Fire, Sheriff, Environmental Health, and Resource Management Agencies responded to the scene, with additional assistance from CAL FIRE crews, and logistical support from the Office of Emergency Services and Purchasing Department. Sandbagging was performed to protect the threatened structures.

At the time of the response, water had flooded one building, with additional threats to structures and recreational vehicles. As a result, approximately 300 individuals

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were advised to leave the location and remain unable to return. An American Red Cross evacuation center was opened at The Island Convention Center, but later closed at midnight as none of the displaced individuals from this incident had arrived at the evacuation center. It should be noted that a large portion of the evacuated population were either temporary guests and/or were able to evacuate with their recreational vehicles, both of which mitigate the need for sheltering.

This flooding is a result of an increased water level on the Kings River. County staff are in communication with the appropriate water officials to determine the potential duration of this flooding incident and anticipate any future impacts given the continued high inflows into local reservoirs from the heavy winter snowpack.

The Emergency Services Director may need to issue additional evacuation orders, or rescind evacuation orders, depending on the inflows of water into the Kings River. If additional orders are issued before the June 27, 2017 Board meeting, the orders will be made publicly available at the time they are issued, and will also be presented to the Board and the public at the June 27 meeting.

Orders issued by the Emergency Services Director must be ratified at the earliest practicable opportunity by the Board of Supervisors. It was impracticable to bring these orders to the Board prior to this date due to the timing of issuing the orders and the time necessary to prepare and submit the Agenda Item.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no cost to issuing, ratifying, or rescinding a mandatory evacuation order. Departments have been advised to track costs should any cost recovery become available.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Safety and Security and Quality of Life initiatives, with a goal of providing coordinated emergency preparedness, response, and recovery and mitigation capabilities for both natural and man-made disasters. This order protects the health and safety of the public by removing persons from conditions of immediate danger, and ratification of this order complies with legal requirements.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Robert Stewart
Interim Fiscal Operations Director

cc: Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (2)

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Attachment(s) Mandatory Evacuation Order of June 19, 2017

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF RATIFY ORDERS)
RELATED TO KINGS RIVER FLOODING) Resolution No. _____
) Agreement No. _____
)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____
_____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: MICHAEL C. SPATA
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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2. Ratified and confirmed the necessity and authority for County personnel to have evacuated persons and/or property from the Riverland RV Park on June 18, 2017, to protect persons and property from imminent threats posed by flooding on the Kings River.

A PROCLAMATION BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ORDERING MANDATORY
EVACUATION PURSUANT TO THE PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY ON
APRIL 4, 2017 AND CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE §8550 *et seq.*

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2017, the Board of Supervisors proclaimed the existence of a local emergency due to flooding, including the continued threat of flooding presented by the snow melt run-off from the 2017 winter storms; and

WHEREAS, Section 1-15-1030 of the Tulare County Ordinance Code (the “Code”) empowers the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Tulare (or successor, if the Director is incapacitated, unavailable, and/or otherwise unable to perform his or her duties) to issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such emergency, provided that such rules and regulations are confirmed by the Board of Supervisors at the earliest practicable time; and

WHEREAS, the Kings River near Highway 99 began flooding on or about June 17, 2017, due in part to the increased snow melt run-off flowing into local reservoirs, and the related necessary flood control releases; and

WHEREAS, this flood event has been and continues to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County and private property owners, and has required and continues to require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2017, the Tulare County Fire Department and Tulare County Sheriff’s Department began advising individuals of the dangers posed by the flooding of the Kings River near Highway 99, and encouraging affected residents and occupants to leave; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services does hereby find that flooding on the Kings River near Highway 99 continues to present conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the County of Tulare, including Riverland RV Park at 38743 Highway 99, and that evacuations are necessary to protect both life and property;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a mandatory evacuation order is now in effect for the following areas: Riverland RV Park, 8743 Highway 99; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Tulare County Sheriff and any other law enforcement personnel providing mutual aid, be authorized to evacuate all persons from the above areas, with reasonable force to be used as needed to enforce this Order.

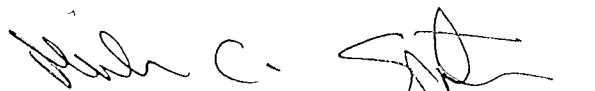
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Tulare County Sheriff shall allow residents of the above areas to reenter the areas to inspect their homes and retrieve their belongings, when he deems it safe to reenter.

This Order is issued pursuant to the Emergency Services Act, commencing with Government Code §8550.

This Mandatory Evacuation Order must be confirmed at the earliest practicable time by the Board of Supervisors.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

It is so ordered and proclaimed this 19 day of June, 2017 at 5:28 p.m.



Michael C. Spata
Director of Emergency Services
County of Tulare