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Board of Supervisors Special Meeting Agenda

Date: Friday, March 17, 2023
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Board of Supervisors Chambers, Kings County Government Center
1400 W. Lacey Boulevard, Hanford, California 93230

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- I. 9:00 AM **CALL TO ORDER**
ROLL CALL – Clerk of the Board
Pledge of Allegiance



II. UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

Any person may directly address the Board at this time on any item on the agenda, or on any other items of interest to the public, that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Two (2) minutes are allowed for each item.

III. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

A. Administration – Edward Hill

1. Consider receiving an update from response agencies, water management agencies and County staff and take actions as deemed necessary.

IV. CLOSED SESSION

- ♦ **Threat to Public Services or Facilities – Consultation with:
David Robinson, Sheriff
Diane Freeman, County Counsel
[Govt. Code Section 54957(a)]**

V. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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| March 21 | 9:00 AM | Regular Meeting |
| March 21 | 2:00 PM | Board of Equalization Regular Meeting |
| March 28 | 9:00 AM | Regular Meeting |
| April 4 | 9:00 AM | Regular Meeting |

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COUNTY OF KINGS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Catherine Venturella, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

AGENDA ITEM March 17, 2023

SUBMITTED BY: Administration – Edward D. Hill

SUBJECT: 2023 WINTER STORM FLOODING BRIEFING

SUMMARY:

Overview:

On Thursday, March 16, 2023 the Board of Supervisors took emergency action to mitigate immediate threats secondary to widespread flooding as a result of recent atmospheric storms. Today the Board will hear updates from response agencies, water management agencies and County staff and take actions as deemed necessary.

Recommendation:

Receive an update from response agencies, water management agencies and County staff and take actions as deemed necessary.

Fiscal Impact:

While the fiscal impact secondary to the recent storms is inevitable, there are currently no fiscal impacts with this action.

BACKGROUND:

On January 4, 2023, Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency throughout California due to a series of atmospheric river storms impacting the state. President Biden, through the Department of Homeland Security, issued a Notice of Emergency Declaration on January 9, 2023, which covered areas of California, and amended that declaration on January 11, 2023 to include Kings County. Governor Newsom again declared a State of Emergency on March 1, 2023 due to conditions of extreme peril related to the storms that hit the state at the beginning of February 2023. Kings County declared a local emergency on March 10, 2023 and was included in the State's declaration on March 12, 2023.

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BOARD ACTION :

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED: _____ OTHER: _____

I hereby certify that the above order was passed and adopted
on _____, 2023.

CATHERINE VENTURELLA, Clerk to the Board

By _____, Deputy.

Agenda Item

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Record amounts of snow have accumulated in the Sierra Nevada Mountains in the watersheds of the Kings River, the Kaweah River, the Tule River, and Deer Creek. The County anticipates flood releases from Pine Flat Dam, Terminus Dam, and Success Dam, and uncontrolled flood flows in Mill Creek, Dry Creek, Deer Creek, and other local streams, on both the east and west sides of the Valley. Additional atmospheric river storms are forecasted to bring a significant amount of additional precipitation to Kings County in a short period of time, and this significant precipitation is causing an imminent threat of mass flooding and flood related disaster throughout Kings County.

Those living or working near river, creek and storm beds are at particular risk of harm to their well-being, including life threatening harm, due to their heightened exposure to flooding, downed trees, and/or downed power lines. Additionally, given the record level accumulation of snow in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, the threat of sustained flooding into the summer months is high.

These conditions constitute an extreme peril to the health, safety, and welfare of persons in Kings County. Such conditions are likely beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County, therefore, necessitating this proclamation of the existence of a local emergency.

On March 16, 2023, the Board of Supervisors held a special meeting to gain public comment, input from water management agencies and response agencies. As a result of those discussions, 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 or 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.

Today the Board of Supervisors will receive an update from response agencies, water management agencies and County staff and take actions as deemed necessary.