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

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