

**FOURTH ORDER OF THE COUNTY OF KINGS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AMENDING THE BOARD'S THIRD ORDER PROHIBITING RECREATIONAL
ACTIVITY ON THE RIVER AND CLOSURE OF LEVEES AND PARKS THAT
ABUT THE RIVER IN RESPONSE TO A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO
FLOODING**

DATE OF ORDER: JUNE 27, 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 during a local emergency on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property;

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2023, the Board of Supervisors issued a Third Order regulating public access in and around waterbodies and waterways, and urging all persons to avoid the airspace above and around waterbodies and waterways; and

WHEREAS, emergency conditions in and around the waterbodies and waterways within the County have evolved making it appropriate to modify certain provisions of the Board of Supervisors' Third Order to allow greater public access;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordered as follows:

1. The orders and regulations issued on March 16, 2023, March 17, 2023, and April 4, 2023, by the Board of Supervisors remain in full force and effect, except as modified by this order and the regulations contained herein.
2. Section 2 of the Third Order of the County of Kings Board of Supervisors issued April 4, 2023 is amended as follows:

During the existence of the local emergency, all persons are prohibited from being in or on the waters above the Lemoore Weir of the Main Kings River, which includes, Dutch John Cut, Cole Slough, and in the South Fork Kings River below the Empire Weir #2. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, boating with motorized or non-motorized boats, use of personal watercraft, sailing, water-skiing, paddleboarding, canoeing, kayaking, rafting, floating, wading, and swimming. Excepting that private landowners in the referenced areas may access the Kings River from their private property and be in the waterway in and around

their property for any and all uses except navigating downstream in any non motorized capacity to include floating. The area identified as the Tulare Lake is closed to public access. Landowners are exempt for business related purposes to access the lake at their own risk. Recreation is not allowed on the Tulare Lake for any persons.

- 3. Section 3, Section 4, and Section 5 of the Third Order of the County of Kings Board of Supervisors issued on April 4, 2023, are hereby revoked.

- 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: June 27, 2023



Richard Valle, Chairman
County of Kings Board of Supervisors

Approved as to form:



Diane Freeman, County Counsel