

PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
DUE TO PRESENCE OF BEET LEAF HOPPER,
A VECTOR FOR THE CURLY TOP VIRUS IN
THE COUNTY OF KINGS

WHEREAS, Government Code section 8630 and Chapter 6, Section 6-7 of the Kings County Code of Ordinances empower the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the County of Kings is affected or is likely to be affected by a public calamity and the Board of Supervisors is not in session.

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the County of kings makes the following findings:

- That the Board of Supervisors is not in session and that conditions of extreme peril to the safety and persons and property have arisen within Kings County and local emergency response agencies are faced with being extended beyond their functional capabilities.
- Due to a localized migration of the beet leaf hopper, a vector for the curly top virus, there is an extreme threat to tomato crops in Kings County.
- The migration event has created conditions of immediate peril to tomato crops within the County of Kings. The Kings County tomato crop is approximately 28,818 acres at a value of \$177,492,000.
- The full scope of damage cannot be determined with any certainty at this time but can be mitigated in part if immediate action is taken.
- A pest control adviser has advised staff that beet leaf hoppers must be controlled to prevent crop failure.

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services does hereby find that there is an imminent and proximate threat to the persons and property in Kings County due to vector borne crop virus.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Director of Emergency Services hereby proclaims and declares that a local emergency now exists in the County of Kings. It is further proclaimed and ordered that during the existence of the local emergency, the powers, functions and duties of the organizations of this County shall be those prescribed by state law and by the ordinances of this County and by the County of Kings Emergency Plan, approved by the Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 15-063 on November 3, 2015, as from time to time amended thereafter.

Dated: _____

4-19-24

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Neves". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.