

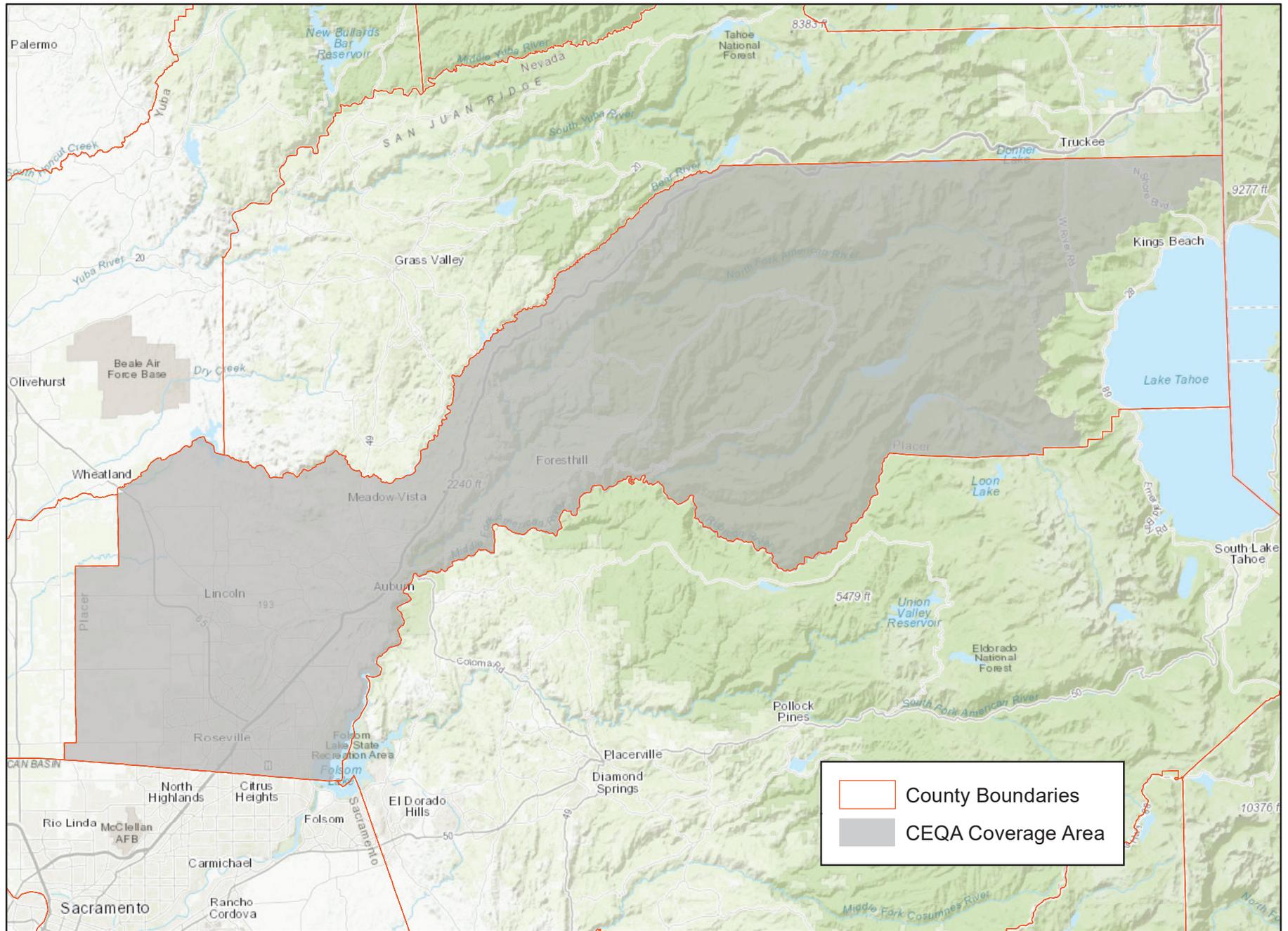
Placer County Emergency Roadside Fuels Reduction – Storm Impacts

Supporting Documentation

The Placer County Resource Conservation District finds this project to be exempt from a comprehensive CEQA analysis pursuant to 14CCR 15269(c) which allows for “specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency.” The approaching wildfire season for 2022 will present emergency conditions that require both access for engines/emergency personnel and exit routes for evacuation purposes within Placer County. The storms of late 2021 caused significant damage to vegetation along roadways that also serve as primary ingress and egress routes for Placer County residents. This project proposes fuels reduction along these roads to clear road buffers of storm damage and allow for reduced likelihood of severe wildfire that could cause evacuation routes to become impassable.

Work will generally occur within 200 feet of the drivable road surface under supervision of a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) and will consist of removal of downed limbs/trees/tops resulting from winter storms. Live or dead standing trees that present a significant hazard to roadways or other infrastructure due to the presence of pests/disease and/or mechanical damage may be candidates for removal as determined by the RPF or supervised designee. If a standing tree or snag is proposed for removal, the RPF or designee will ensure that no active bird nests are present prior to removal. Proposed work will not cause significant impact to aquatic habitat and will not result in the take of threatened or endangered species under the California Endangered Species Act. Proposed work will not cause significant erosion or sedimentation of surface waters. Due to location and nature of proposed work, this project will not pose a significant threat to cultural resources.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS beginning on or about December 10, 2021, December 16, 2021, and December 21, 2021, a series of winter storm systems struck California, bringing substantial precipitation, including record-breaking snowfall, damaging winds, and flooding, and storms continue to impact significant portions of the state; and

WHEREAS these storms affected communications and other critical infrastructure, resulted in power outages to thousands of households and businesses, and caused trees and tree limbs to fall, damaging structures and obstructing major highways and local roads; and

WHEREAS these storms damaged and forced the closure of dozens of major highways and local roads, including primary corridors into the Tahoe Basin; and

WHEREAS these storms have resulted in the threat of mud and debris flows, particularly on burn scars from recent wildfires, necessitating the repositioning of emergency response resources; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist due to these storms; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that the conditions caused by these storms, by reason of their magnitude and combined impact, are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of any single local government and require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to appropriately respond; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8625(c), I find that local authority is inadequate to cope with the magnitude of the damage caused by these storms; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8571, I find that strict compliance with various statutes and regulations specified in this Proclamation would prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of these storms.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes, including the California Emergency Services Act, and in particular, Government Code section 8625, **HEREBY PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY** to exist in Alameda, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Humboldt, Lake, Los Angeles, Marin, Monterey, Napa, Nevada, Orange, Placer, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Sierra, and Yuba counties due to these storms.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. All agencies of the state government utilize and employ state personnel, equipment, and facilities for the performance of any and all activities consistent with the direction of the Office of Emergency Services and the State Emergency Plan. Also, all residents are to obey the direction of emergency officials with regard to this emergency in order to protect their safety.
2. The Office of Emergency Services shall provide assistance, if appropriate, under the authority of the California Disaster Assistance Act, Government Code section 8680 et seq., and California Code of Regulations, Title 19, section 2900 et seq.
3. As necessary to assist local governments and for the protection of public health and the environment, state agencies shall enter into contracts to arrange for the procurement of materials, goods, and services necessary to quickly assist with the response to and recovery from the impacts of these storms. Applicable provisions of the Government Code and the Public Contract Code, including but not limited to travel, advertising, and competitive bidding requirements, are suspended to the extent necessary to address the effects of these storms.
4. The provisions of Unemployment Insurance Code section 1253 imposing a one-week waiting period for unemployment insurance applicants are suspended as to all applicants who are unemployed as a direct result of these storms and who applied for unemployment insurance benefits during the time period beginning December 10, 2021 and ending on the close of business on June 21, 2022, and who are otherwise eligible for unemployment insurance benefits.
5. The California Department of Transportation shall formally request immediate assistance through the Federal Highway Administration's Emergency Relief Program, United States Code, Title 23, section 125, in order to obtain federal assistance for highway repairs or reconstruction.

I FURTHER DIRECT that as soon as hereafter possible, this Proclamation be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Proclamation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th day of December 2021.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State

**PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY
BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF PLACER
DUE TO THE DECEMBER 26, 2021, AND ONGOING WINTER STORMS**

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8630 authorizes the proclamation of a local emergency by an official designated by ordinance adopted by the local governing body; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8558 states that a local emergency means the duly proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property caused by conditions including storms; and

WHEREAS, whenever a local emergency is declared by a local official designated by ordinance, said local emergency shall not remain in effect for more than seven (7) days unless it has been ratified by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 2 of the Placer County Code authorizes the Director of Emergency Services of Placer County to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency whenever the County is affected or likely to be affected by a local emergency and the Placer County Board of Supervisors is not in session; and

WHEREAS, starting on December 26, 2021, and ongoing, severe winter storms have occurred, continue to occur and are likely to continue within and around Placer County resulting in record setting amounts of snow to Placer County; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the wind and extreme snowfall hundreds of trees have fallen, resulting in damaged structures, critical infrastructure, downed power lines, and obstructed roads; and

WHEREAS, the winter storm caused thousands of Placer County residents to lose power with the potential to be out of service for several days; and

WHEREAS, there have been numerous calls for assistance, resulting in the need for additional life safety and public safety resources, and

WHEREAS, on December 27, 2021, the Placer County Office of Emergency Services activated its emergency operations center to support the needs of emergency and public services agencies across the operational area; and

WHEREAS, on December 27, 2021, the City of Colfax proclaimed a local emergency due to severe winter storms and is receiving mutual aid from Placer County and Placer County Fire; and

WHEREAS, on December 27, 2021, the Foresthill Fire Protection District sent a letter requesting that Placer County proclaim a local emergency following a vote by their Board of Directors, due to ongoing severe weather conditions posing a life safety threat to the residents of the Foresthill Divide; and

WHEREAS, there are likely to be damages not immediately evident due to heavy snow that may delay damage assessments that could ultimately result in the need to request assistance under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned conditions of extreme peril created by the winter storm constitute a local emergency and warrant and necessitate the Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session to proclaim a local emergency caused by the winter storm.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the Director of Emergency Services for the County of Placer that as of December 26, 2021, a local emergency now exists in Placer County as a result of the winter storm, which constitutes a substantial threat to the health and safety of thousands of residents across the County; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Office of Emergency Services of Placer County shall be those prescribed by State law, and by ordinances, resolutions, and memorandums of understanding of Placer County; and that this emergency proclamation shall expire seven (7) days after issuance unless this emergency proclamation is confirmed and ratified by the Placer County Board of Supervisors; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services requesting that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with State law; that the Governor of California, pursuant to the Emergency Services Act, issue a proclamation declaring an emergency in Placer County; that the Governor waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; and that the State expedite access to State and Federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs.

Dated: December 29, 2021

BY: 
FOR Todd Leopold by direction
Todd Leopold
Director of Emergency Services
County of Placer