

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS** on July 30, 2021, the River Complex Fire began burning in Siskiyou County and has since spread to Trinity County and continues to burn; and

**WHEREAS** on August 18, 2021, the French Fire began burning in Kern County; and

**WHEREAS** on August 26, 2021, the Washington Fire began burning in Tuolumne County; and

**WHEREAS** on September 9, 2021, the Windy Fire began burning in Tulare County and continues to burn; and

**WHEREAS** on September 10, 2021, the Colony Fire and the Paradise Fire, collectively referred to as the KNP Complex Fire, began burning in Tulare County and continue to burn; and

**WHEREAS** on September 12, 2021, the Hopkins Fire began burning in Mendocino County; and

**WHEREAS** these wildfires, including the wildfires that are currently contained, have destroyed or damaged homes and critical infrastructure, and several continue to threaten additional homes and infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS** exceptionally dry fuels and months of high temperatures further increased the spread of these wildfires; 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 wildfires; and

**WHEREAS** under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that the conditions caused by these wildfires, by reason of their magnitude, 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 wildfires; and

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

**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 Siskiyou County and Trinity County due to the River Complex Fire; in Kern County due to the French Fire; in Tuolumne County due to the Washington Fire; in Mendocino County due to the Hopkins Fire; and in Tulare County due to the Windy Fire and KNP Complex Fire.

**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 this fire. 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 the fires identified in this Proclamation.
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 fires who applied for unemployment insurance benefits during the time period beginning July 30, 2021, and ending on the close of business on March 10, 2022, and who are otherwise eligible for unemployment insurance benefits.
5. Vehicle Code sections 9265(a), 9867, 14901, 14902, and 15255.2, requiring the imposition of fees, are suspended with regard to any request for replacement of a driver's identification card, vehicle registration certificate, or certificate of title, by any individual who lost such records as a result of these fires. Such records shall be replaced without charge.
6. The provisions of Vehicle Code sections 4602 and 5902, requiring the timely registration or transfer of title are suspended with regard to any registration or transfer of title by any resident of a county identified in this Proclamation who is unable to comply with those requirements as a result of the respective fire identified in this Proclamation. The time covered by this

suspension shall not be included in calculating any late penalty pursuant to Vehicle Code section 9554.

7. Health and Safety Code sections 103525.5 and 103625, and Penal Code section 14251, requiring the imposition of fees, are hereby suspended with regard to any request for copies of certificates of birth, death, marriage, and dissolution of marriage records, by any individual who lost such records as a result of these fires. Such copies shall be provided without charge.
8. The provisions of Executive Orders N-13-21; N-14-21, Paragraphs 1, 2, 3, and 4; N-18-21, Paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8; and N-20-21, Paragraph 1 are hereby incorporated by reference into this Proclamation. These provisions shall be applicable in the counties identified in this Proclamation and only to the extent necessary to address impacts from the fires identified in this Proclamation.

**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 22nd day of October 2021.



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GAVIN NEWSOM  
Governor of California

**ATTEST:**

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SHIRLEY WEBER, PH.D.  
Secretary of State