

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS on December 23 and 24, 2024, the County of Santa Cruz experienced a major coastal winter storm ("December 2024 Coastal Storm") with extreme waves, storm surges, and high tides, resulting in coastal flooding, wave impacts, and damages along the coastline; and

WHEREAS the December 2024 Coastal Storm caused flooding and debris damage to East Cliff Drive, the Esplanade in Rio Del Mar, and Beach Drive, and negatively impacted local residences and business in the County of Santa Cruz; and

WHEREAS as a result of the December 2024 Coastal Storm, the City of Santa Cruz experienced damage to its municipal wharf causing portions to collapse into the ocean, and debris to be distributed along city, county and state beaches, as well as in marine sanctuary waters; and

WHEREAS as a result of the December 2024 Coastal Storm, the Santa Cruz Port District also experienced major damage to its pilings and docks; 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 the December 2024 Coastal Storm in the County of Santa Cruz; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that the conditions caused by the December 2024 Coastal Storm, by reason of its 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 extreme peril posed by the December 2024 Coastal Storm; 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 December 2024 Coastal Storm.

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 the County of Santa Cruz due to the December 2024 Coastal Storm.

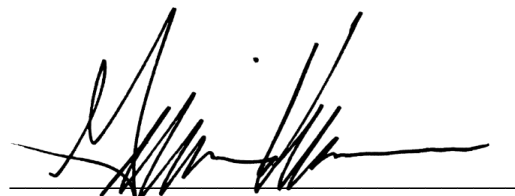
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. All agencies of the state government shall 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 individuals 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. The restrictions set forth in Penal Code section 396, which are automatically triggered upon proclamation of a state of emergency, are suspended, and no such restrictions are imposed, with respect to the December 2024 Coastal Storm in the County of Santa Cruz.

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.

This Proclamation is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 14th day of February 2025.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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