

PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY
BY THE LAKE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER FOR THE CLEARLAKE SEWAGE SPILL

WHEREAS, the California Health and Safety Code, Division 101, Part 3, Chapter 2 commencing with Section 101075 (California Health and Safety Code section 101075 (2025)) confers upon Local Health Officers of the political subdivisions of this state emergency powers necessary to protect public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, Section 101080 of the California Health and Safety Code (California Health and Safety Code section 101080 (2025)) provides that the Local Health Officer may declare a local emergency in the jurisdiction or any area thereof affected by a threat to the public health; and

WHEREAS, Section 101080 of the California Health and Safety Code empowers the Local Health Officer to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local health emergency, subject to ratification by the Board of Supervisors within seven days and reaffirmation every fourteen days thereafter until such health emergency is terminated; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Health Officer does hereby find:

1. That conditions resulting from the sewage spill, which began in the City of Clearlake on January 11, 2026, have created waste that represents a potentially hazardous condition and a threat to public health and safety; and
2. That the City of Clearlake declared a local emergency for the Clearlake sewage spill on January 12, 2026; and
3. That assistance to private property owners in the City of Clearlake is needed for timely implementation of necessary preventive measures to protect public health and the environment; and
4. That in those developed areas in the City of Clearlake and surrounding areas which have been impacted by the sewage spill, immediate action may be required to remove waste that is potentially toxic or infectious from those properties because of the imminent and substantial threat such waste poses to public health and safety.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local health emergency exists in Lake County due to the hazardous condition created by the sewage spill which is a potential threat to public health and safety.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Local Health Officer shall be those prescribed by state law, including the provisions of Section 101085 of the California Health and Safety Code (California Health and Safety Code section 101085 (2025)), and by any ordinances and resolutions of the County approved by the Board of Supervisors.

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IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that immediate action may be taken to remove and or treat waste that is potentially toxic or infectious from developed property sites that have been impacted by the Clearlake sewage spill because of the imminent and substantial threat such waste poses to public health and safety.

Ratified this _____ day of _____ by the Lake County Board of Supervisors.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING:

COUNTY OF LAKE

LAKE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Robert S. Bernstein, MD, MPH,

ATTEST: Susan Parker, Clerk of
the Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
Deputy



Lloyd Guintivano, County Counsel