



# LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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**Brian L. Martin**  
*Sheriff/Coroner*

Mark Ghilarducci  
California Governor's Office of Emergency Services  
3650 Schriever Avenue  
Mather, California 95655

Dear Director Ghilarducci:

Attached: Emergency Proclamation & Board Ratification for Lake County Atmospheric River Event, February 2019

As a result of significant rain, flooding and damages, as the Lake County Director of Emergency Services, I Proclaimed a Local State of Emergency for Lake County on Wednesday, February 27th, 2019. The Emergency Proclamation was ratified by the Lake County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, March 5th, 2019. We are asking for the Governor to authorize the release of California Disaster Assistance Act resources, and to forward a supported request to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for Stafford Act Assistance.

*The precipitation associated with the February Atmospheric River caused significant flooding, road damage, and over-burdening of waste & storm water systems. There have also been mud slides and falling trees within the areas affected by the fires of 2015-2018 and other events, including but not limited to the areas affected by the Rocky Fire, Jerusalem Fire, Valley Fire, Clayton Fire, Pawnee Fire, Sulphur Fire, and Mendocino Complex Fires.*

*The effects of continuing rain and wind on already impacted areas is cumulative, and we anticipate further damage and response expenses to be generated as we prepare for and respond to additional events in this ongoing series of atmospheric rivers. Clear Lake is currently at Flood Stage, and as a result of a natural feature (Grigsby Riffle), will continue to rise even after the rain stops, and only slowly recover to a more normal level. Additional rainfall increases the time required for the lake to recover.*

*We are in the process of collecting data for the Initial Damage Assessment. While some of our water and waste-water systems have returned to pre-storm conditions, another will not be able to even complete assessment of their needs until access to the area is restored. Also, there is still significant road damage, standing water, and slides that have not been repaired or cleaned up.*

*We anticipate there will be further damage in the many fire areas, and that there will be additional mud and debris flows in fire-affected areas, as well as other areas where soil saturation is occurring.*

Thank You for your assistance and consideration.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Brian L. Martin, written in a cursive style.

Brian L. Martin  
Sheriff/Coroner/OES Director

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE**

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY  
DUE TO AN ATMOSPHERIC RIVER EVENT**

**WHEREAS**, Section 6-5 of the Lake County Code empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when Lake County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the County Board of Supervisors is not in session, subject to ratification by the Board of Supervisors within seven days: and

**WHEREAS**, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the County of Lake, caused by the atmospheric river event, resulting in flooding and other serious damage to the County; which began on the 25 day of February, 2019, at which time the Board of Supervisors was not in session; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff, as Director of Emergency Services of the County of Lake did proclaim the existence of a local emergency within the County on the 27th day of February, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors does hereby find that the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril did warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED** and ordered that said local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the Lake County Board of Supervisors. The necessity for the continuation of this proclamation shall be reviewed by Board of Supervisors every 30 days until deemed no longer necessary.

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of Lake County shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and resolutions of the County.

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that the proclamation ratified by this act be submitted to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, requesting activation of the California Disaster Assistance Act for Lake County; and further requesting that this emergency proclamation be forwarded to the Federal Emergency Management Administration for consideration under the Stafford Act.

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A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING  
EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO AN  
ATMOSPHERIC RIVER EVENT

This resolution was passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lake,  
State of California, at a regular meeting thereof on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019 by the following  
vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT or NOT VOTING:

\_\_\_\_\_  
CHAIR, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Carol J. Huchingson  
Clerk of the Board

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Anita L. Grant,  
County Counsel



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**WHEREAS**, Section 6-5 of the Lake County Code empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when Lake County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the County Board of Supervisors is not in session, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff, as Director of Emergency Services of Lake County does hereby find; that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the County of Lake, caused by the atmospheric river event, resulting in flooding and other serious damage to the County; which began on the 25th day of February, 2019 and; that these conditions are or are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of Lake County, and; that the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Lake is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED** that a local emergency now exists throughout Lake County and all jurisdictions within Lake County, and;

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of Lake County shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and resolutions of the County; and that this emergency proclamation shall expire 7 days after issuance unless confirmed and ratified by the Lake County Board of Supervisors.

**AND, IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that said local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the Lake County Board of Supervisors.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Brian L. Martin  
Sheriff/Coroner/OES Director

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

*FEBRUARY 27, 2019*