

**PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY BY THE
YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (OAKDALE FIRE)**

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 8630 empowers the Board of Supervisors to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when Yolo County is affected or likely to be affected by certain conditions that are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of this County; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 8558(c) states that a “local emergency” means the duly proclaimed existence of conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of the County; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2025, a series of explosions and fires occurring at an apparent commercial fireworks storage facility caused significant damage to certain real property near the town of Esparto in the unincorporated area of the County; and

WHEREAS, the incident described in the preceding recital, now known and referred to as the “Oakdale Fire,” damaged or destroyed buildings, crops, and other private and public property and infrastructure within about 0.5 miles of the incident site, with seven people currently reported missing in connection with the incident; and

WHEREAS, various local, state and federal agencies responded to the incident and devoted significant resources to assessing and mitigating the initial fire and explosions, securing the area and providing traffic control, conducting recovery efforts after site conditions improved, investigating the cause of the incident, and commencing initial cleanup efforts; and

WHEREAS, work described in the preceding recital will continue for an unknown but likely extended period of time and will require continued collaboration by various local, state and federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, these conditions are, and will continue to be, beyond the resources and control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County and other local agencies, including but not limited to the Esparto Fire Protection District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yolo that for reasons set forth herein, a local emergency now exists within the County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that federal and state agencies are requested to provide disaster response, law enforcement, investigative, financial and other assistance to the County and other local agencies engaged in the response effort, as well as affected residents, farmers, and business owners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of this emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Board of Supervisors, the Yolo County Director and Deputy Director of Emergency Services, and the Yolo County Office of Emergency Services shall be those prescribed by state law, ordinances, and resolutions existing and passed in conjunction with this emergency, and that this emergency shall be deemed

to continue to exist until the Board of Supervisors proclaims its termination. Further, it is directed that this emergency proclamation be forwarded to the Director of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the Governor of the State of California; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Director of Emergency Services and other authorized staff to utilize all extraordinary police and planning powers in response to this local emergency including but not limited to the ability to modify, amend, or issue orders, rules, regulations, and other mandates as determined necessary for the duration of the emergency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that any orders, rules, regulations, or other mandates issued to address the emergency proclaimed shall be binding and enforceable as provided in state law and related provisions of the Yolo County Code, and that any violation thereof may be enforced as a misdemeanor or, unless otherwise specified, pursuant to Chapter 5 (Code Enforcement) of Title 1 of the Yolo County Code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that public employees, officers, and governing bodies within the County are hereby granted full immunity to the extent allowed by law for actions undertaken in compliance with this proclamation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that this Board of Supervisors will review the need for continuing the local emergency at least once every 60 days until this Board terminates the local emergency.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors this 8th day of July 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTION:

Mary Vixie Sandy, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors

Attest:
Julie Dachtler, Senior Deputy Clerk
Yolo County Board of Supervisors

Approved as to Form:

By _____
Deputy (Seal)

By  _____
Philip J. Pogledich, County Counsel