

A PROCLAMATION OF THE COUNTY OF SISKIYOU PROCLAIMING A STATE OF EMERGENCY (MUD CREEK DEBRIS FLOWS)

WHEREAS, Mud Creek mud and debris flows started on July 16, 2022, and have been a significant concern for McCloud, Siskiyou County, California, and its community of 2,800 residents, and;

WHEREAS, flows are inundating the McCloud Community Services District (MCSD) freshwater infrastructure, are threatening two of three main lines that service the MCSD water pipeline system, and may obstruct the water fed to a 1.2-million-gallon storage tank forcing drastic water rationing for the town of McCloud, and;

WHEREAS, mud and debris have breached the Elk Springs water supply line for McCloud multiple times in recent weeks; a significant break will flood the pipes with mud and silt, causing catastrophic damage to the service tank and cutting off critical water for domestic use and fire suppression, and;

WHEREAS, with extreme heat, multi-year drought, and changing climate, mud and debris flows are increasing daily, excessively filling the watershed with debris, silt, and boulders, and;

WHEREAS, in previous years a manageable flow would peak at 10 feet, however, this current event has resulted in a 100-year record height above 45 feet of non-eruptive flows, adding to the unpredictability of Mud Creek to continue to increase unprecedented flow rates, and;

WHEREAS, this unpredictability in flow potentially threatens McCloud Reservoir, and McCloud River's fragile ecosystem which is a considerable threat to the town of McCloud, Mount Shasta Estates, and California Highway 89, and;

WHEREAS, Pilgrim Creek Road is affected by 300 yards-wide debris and mud flows, which have inundated the channel under the Pilgrim Creek Road (13 Road) bridge and are now flowing across the road, and;

WHEREAS, debris and mud flow along Pilgrim Creek Road blocks the primary paved egress for the Mount Shasta Forest Estates, and requires that Esperanza Road (Road 40N34Y), which is a dirt/ gravel road, serve as a detour and egress, and;

WHEREAS, the continued Mud Creek debris flows have stressed the physical and monetary resources of the MCSD and the County of Siskiyou.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists in Siskiyou County as a result of the Mud Creek debris and mud flows, and;

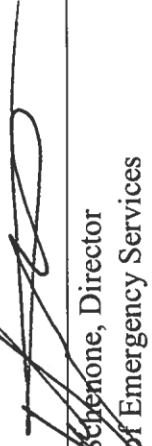
BE IT RESOLVED that the Director of the Office of Emergency Services hereby Proclaims and Orders that during the existence of this local emergency, the powers, functions,

and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the emergency organizations of this county shall be those prescribed by state law, ordinances and resolutions of this county approved by the Board of Supervisors, and by the Siskiyou Operational Emergency Area Operations Plan, as approved by the Board of Supervisors, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all County procurement policies, regarding any purchase and/or services and/or supplies that are needed or required during the incident, are waived with the approval of the Director of Emergency Services, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this proclamation shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) with a request that the Secretary of Cal OES confirm a Secretaries concurrence, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this declaration shall be forwarded to the Governor of California with a request that he proclaim the County of Siskiyou to be in a state of emergency and make available any Federal or State assistance including California Disaster Assistance Act funds to be released to assist in recovery from this disaster.



Bryan Schenone, Director
Office of Emergency Services