

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
**CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY**  
**Central Valley Flood Protection Board**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-8**

**WHEREAS**, a series of Atmospheric River storms impacted California in February 2017 bringing high levels of precipitation, high snow levels, flooding and high water levels to much of the state; according to the State Climatologist, California experienced roughly double the average number of Atmospheric Rivers in February; and

**WHEREAS**, the State-Federal Flood Operations Center activated an emergency response on February 7, 2017 and remained activated due to sustained high water and snowmelt projections until June 30, 2017, which is a total of 144 days or more than 4 months and 3 weeks; and

**WHEREAS**, a measure of the hydrologic and historic impact from this series of storms was the rare opening of the Sacramento Weir for the second time in one water year following the January 2017 weir opening; the last time the weir was opened twice in one water year was 1985-86 and this was only the eighth time since records began in 1934-35; and

**WHEREAS**, the State-Federal Flood Operations Center monitored a total of 75 incidents from the February storm sequence, of which the majority were handled by the local agencies; overall there were five levee breaks and numerous incidents of boils, erosion and seepage; Governor Edmund J. Brown's request for federal assistance included 43 counties and the Tule River Tribe, which were included in FEMA Disaster Declaration 4308, and clearly demonstrate the widespread nature of the damage over Northern and Central California; and

**WHEREAS**, staff from California Department of Water Resources, Central Valley Flood Protection Board, National Weather Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other agencies worked many long hours for week after week, including staff at the State-Federal Flood Operations Center, Flood Fight Specialists and Inspectors out in the field, as well as the five 20-member Incident Command Teams assigned to specific regions of California.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we extend to all staff activated under the February 2017 storms our sincere gratitude and appreciation for their diligent service in the cause of public safety, and that a suitable copy of this resolution be provided to the State-Federal Flood Operations Center.

DATED: July 28, 2017

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
William H. Edgar, President



**The Central Valley Flood Protection Board**  
**The State of California**

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Jane Dolan, Secretary