



County of Sacramento

February 13, 2025

NOTICE

FLOOD RISK AND DIVERSIONS FOR GROUNDWATER RECHARGE

On February 4, 2025, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors ratified a Proclamation of Local Emergency related to Winter Storms of February 2025. This Proclamation authorizes the Director and Deputy Director of Emergency Services to utilize powers, functions, and duties prescribed by relevant law and policy.

Furthermore, California Governor's Executive Order N-16-25 temporarily authorizes local agencies to trigger provisions in California Water Code section 1242.1 without an adopted floodflows diversion plan. In consultation with Sacramento County Department of Water Resources (DWR), this February 13, 2015 announcement from Sacramento County Office of Emergency Services serves as the formal Notice of Floodflow Diversions for Groundwater Recharge required by California Water Code section 1242.1.

To lessen impacts of the imminent risk of flood and inundation of low-lying land, roads, and structures in the Cosumnes River Watershed (downstream of Dillard Road), the Rancho Murieta Community Service District will begin diverting an estimated 250 acre-feet of floodflows from the Cosumnes River through existing diversion infrastructure to the east of the Rancho Murieta community. These **floodflows will then continue flowing through the Cosumnes Irrigation Association's** ditch system to the agricultural fields west of the community of Rancho Murieta, where it will be applied for the purpose of groundwater recharge. Those interested in diverting flood flows should contact the County to ensure appropriate notices are in place. Please contact County staff at CosumnesRiver@SacCounty.gov or 916-874-8546.

This floodflow diversion is expected to start shortly after 5:00 pm on February 13, 2025, and end on February 15, 2025. The **area's** ditch systems and agricultural fields may have standing and slow-moving water present from the evening of February 13th until February 17th. Any changes to this schedule, including communication of cessation of the imminent threat conditions, will be shared as amendments to this notice.

The flow threshold and timing of when these floodflows will be diverted were determined by using the water levels in the Cosumnes River at Michigan Bar as projected by the California Nevada River Forecast Center. It is projected that at 4:00 pm on February 13th, the water levels will rise above the 7 feet Action/Monitor Stage. Diversions will then be suspended once flows in the Cosumnes River drop

below the Action/Monitor Stage at Michigan Bar, which is anticipated to be on February 15th.

Reclamation District 800 has also issued a Local Emergency Proclamation and identified specific areas of erosion concerns brought on by storms that devastated the area in 2023. Additionally, current Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta conditions/restrictions do not apply to the Cosumnes River Watershed, and this action complies with all provisions of Water Code Section 1242.1.

Location of Noticing:

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