

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 21, 2017

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

President Trump:

We thank you for your continued support in providing California with federal assistance for storm events earlier this year. We would like to follow up with a request that you rapidly declare a Presidential Declaration of Major Disaster for the State of California as a result of atmospheric river storm systems that affected the State from February 1 through February 23, 2017. Under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, a declaration would immediately direct federal resources to areas across the state impacted by this storm system.

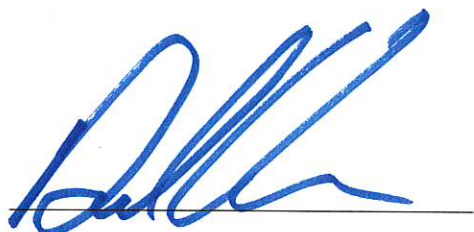
The atmospheric river systems that swept through California in February 2017 brought significant rainfall. These storm systems exceed 80 daily precipitation records from February 1 through 11, 2017 and an additional 117 precipitation records from February 15 through February 22, 2017.

This persistent heavy rainfall inundated the state's waterways and resulted in catastrophic flooding throughout many regions of the state. Mud, dirt, and rock debris caused the closure of more than 50 interstate and state routes, as well as damage to private property. Heavy winds, combined with severe rainfall, resulted in widespread power outages leaving over 110,000 households and businesses without power.

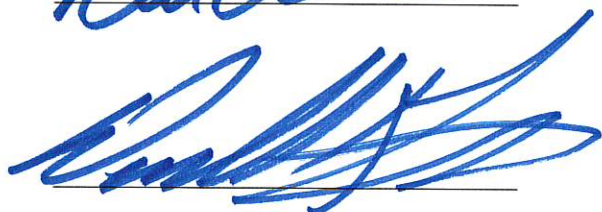
On March 7, the Governor of California proclaimed a State of Emergency for 48 counties. On March 19, Governor Brown requested a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration for 43 severely impacted counties. The granting of this disaster declaration would immediately allow federal aid to be made available to support cleanup efforts, and other infrastructure improvements and repairs, needed as a result of the destruction caused by these latest storms.

We respectfully ask that you act rapidly in order to ensure that appropriate federal agencies are able to provide immediate assistance. Thank you for your consideration and we appreciate the timely response to this request.

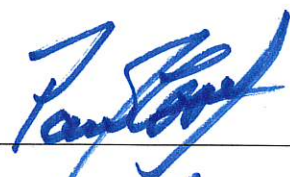
Regards,



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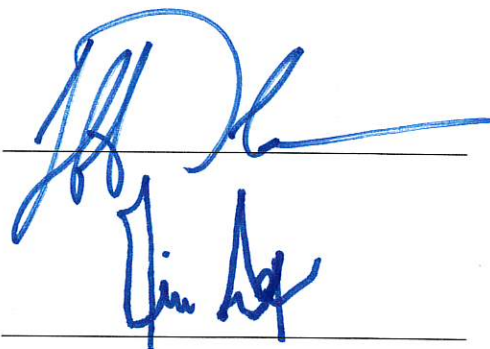
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