



2023 Tulare Flooding INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 03/29/2023 **Time:** 10:00 a.m.



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Tulare County Flood Hotline: (559) 802-9791
Media Line: (925) 588-6833
Incident Website:
<https://tularecounty.ca.gov/emergencies/>

INCIDENT FACTS

Incident Start Date: 3/8/2023	Incident Start Time: 8 A.M.
Incident Type: Flood	Cause: Weather
Incident Location: Tulare County	
CAL FIRE Unit: Tulare Unit	
Unified Command Agencies: CAL FIRE, Tulare County Sheriff's Office, Tulare County Fire Department	
First Responder Fatalities: NONE	First Responder Injuries: 1
Structures Threatened: 23,921 (approximate)	Total Destroyed: 7
Affected: 311	Total Damaged: 778
Major: 65	Minor: 181
Unconfirmed: 45	



Damage assessments are ongoing. There are still areas that are inaccessible. Incorporated areas are collecting data separately.

CURRENT SITUATION

Crews are ready to respond to evolving situations as more rain is expected throughout the area. Crews are posted throughout the area, and continue to assist with flood mitigation efforts, welfare checks and water rescues.

Scattered showers will continue this morning as snow falls in the mountains. The valley has received 0.25 inches of rainfall, with another 0.25 - 0.75 inches impacting the foothills. The mountains have received an inch of rain. Another 6 – 12 inches of snow is expected to fall above 4,000 feet. Shower and isolated thunderstorm activity will increase during the afternoon and evening hours. Weather is expected to be seasonably cool Thursday, with a few lingering showers.

Please be aware of rapidly rising water levels. Roads that were passable may become unpassable. Roads are slick, so please watch for pooling water. Please travel with extreme caution and do not attempt to travel through running water. Water may be deeper than it appears. Unseen dangers, such as sinkholes, culvert washouts, and debris may be present beneath seemingly low water levels. It is very important to abide by all evacuation orders, warnings, and closures.

	<p>Lake Success and Lake Kaweah Lake Success is at 65.4% capacity. Lake Kaweah is at 76.8% capacity. Both dam spillways are expected to remain operational. Pine Flat Reservoir is at 74.9% capacity.</p> <p>Officials are closely monitoring the incoming water runoff, reservoir capacities, and conditions of each dam structure. DAM STRUCTURES AT BOTH LAKE SUCCESS AND LAKE KAWEAH ARE STABLE, IN GOOD WORKING CONDITION, AND OPERATING AS DESIGNED.</p> <p>It is important to know that water activity and releases over a spillway ARE NOT A DAM FAILURE AND INDICATE INTENDED OPERATIONS.</p>
<p>Damage Assessment</p>	<p>Tulare County’s Property Damage Form is available online. Anyone in need of assistance reporting damage to their property can call the Tulare County Flood Hotline at (559) 802-9791 between 8 am – 8 pm.</p> <p>Tulare County officials are seeking assistance in documenting damage from the recent severe weather event. This information will help collect and consolidate impact information and will be provided to State and Federal agencies as they assess damages. Completing this survey is not an offer of financial aid.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>English</p>  </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Español</p>  </div> </div>
<p>Evacuation Orders</p>	<p>Alpaugh/Angiola All residences and businesses, in the Alpaugh area. This order consists of all roads, avenues, and access roads within the communities of Alpaugh.</p> <p>Areas west of Highway 43, including north of Angiola, to the Tulare/Kings County line south to the Tulare/ Kern County line in Allensworth. The area will be included: West Boundary: East of Tulare/ Kings County Line: Road 16 also known as 4th Ave South Boundary: Avenue 16 East Boundary: Highway 43 North Boundary: Highway 43 at Santa Fe Ave</p> <p>Porterville North bank of the Tule River from Parkwest St, east to Hwy 65, as well as the north and south banks of the Tule River from Hwy 65, east to the Plano Bridge.</p>

<p>Evacuation Warnings</p>	<p>Allensworth North Boundary: Highway 43 Central Valley Highway (South of Avenue 56) East Boundary: Highway 43 Central Valley Highway West Boundary: east of Road 80 South Boundary: north Avenue 16</p> <p>South Tulare Evacuation Warnings apply to all homes, businesses, and access roads, south of Avenue 192, west of Road 152, north of the North Branch of the Tule River, east of Highway 99. The area will consist of Avenue 184, Avenue 186, Avenue 190, Road 112, Road 128, Road 136, Oakdale Avenue (Road 140), and Road 142.</p> <p>Exeter For the Yokohl Creek Area, evacuation warnings apply to all homes, businesses, and access roads south of Highway 198, west of Yokohl Drive, east of High Sierra Drive, including Road 217, Eaton Road, Badger Hill Avenue, and Avenue 295. Boundaries: North Boundary: Highway 198 East Boundary: Yokohl Drive (M-296) West Boundary: High Sierra Drive South Boundary: Avenue 295</p> <p>Cutler Businesses and homes along Road 124, south of Avenue 408, down to Railroad Drive to Santa Fe Drive, which turns into Eddy, from Avenue 407 to Lee Road to Avenue 408. The road is closed at Road 124, south of Avenue 408.</p> <p>Porterville The south side of the 100 block of Rio Vista Avenue. The order does not include Highway 190 or the residents and businesses along Highway 190 from Road 284 to the Schafer Dam. West of Porterville on Olive Avenue (Avenue 152) to Avenue 144 and the Friant/Kern Canal to the Tule River and Westwood St. Both sides of the Tule River from Richard L. Schafer Dam at Lake Success in Porterville to the east side of Road 284. From Schafer Dam, west on Avenue 146 to Road 284, south on Road 284 to the south side of the Tule River, from the south side of the Tule River to the Schafer Dam, and north along Schafer Dam to Avenue 146. The residences and businesses within 1/8th of a mile of both sides of the Tule River. Boundaries: North Boundary: Avenue 152 (Olive Avenue) East Boundary: West Boundary: West of the Tule River (west of South Westwood Street) West Boundary: Friant-Kern Canal South Boundary: Avenue 144 (Highway 190)</p>
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	<p>Springville Area Along the south bank of the Tule River, the homes and businesses from the Lower Rio Vista, east of Bridge Drive to east of Pleasant Oak Drive on Highway 190. This will include all roads, access roads, and areas in between. Not included is Pleasant Oak Drive.</p> <p>Teviston Residents and businesses south of Avenue 84, south on Road 128, Road 130 to Deer Creek, east along the north bank of Deer Creek to Road 140, north on Road 140, to Avenue 84, west on Road 84 to Road 128, and all roads and avenues in between.</p> <p>Three Rivers Area All residences, businesses, and access roads on North Fork Drive to the roads end; all residences, businesses, and access roads on South Fork Drive to the National Park; and all residences, businesses and access roads along the Kaweah River, Sierra Drive (Highway 198) to the National Park Boundary.</p> <p>North Fork Drive north of the Bailey Bridge and all residences on South Fork Drive south of the Connelly Bridge.</p>
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<p>Evacuation Centers</p>	<p>Exeter Veterans Memorial Building 234 N. Kaweah Ave. in Exeter Open 24hrs</p> <p>Porterville College Gym 100 E. College Ave. in Porterville Open 24hrs</p> <p>Tulare County Fairgrounds 215 Martin Luther King Jr Ave, Tulare Enter in Gate 7, Building 5 Open 24 hrs</p>
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<p>Road Closures</p>	<p>For the most up-to date Road/Bridge Information and Closures visit: https://tularecounty.ca.gov/rma/public-works/roads/road-bridge-information-and-closures/</p>
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ASSIGNED RESOURCES

Engines: 14	Swift Water Teams: 2	Helicopters: 3	Hand Crews: 26	UAS: 2
Bulldozers: 4	Front End Loaders: 3	Excavators: 7	Flat Bed Trucks: 5	Fork Lift: 1
Dump Truck: 1	Skid Steer: 1	Total Personnel: 742		

Cooperating Agencies: County of Tulare, California Department of Water Resources, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tulare County Office of Emergency Services, California Office of Emergency Services, American Red Cross, California National Guard, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, California Conservation Corps, California Department of Transportation, Porterville Fire Department, Visalia Fire Department, California Highway Patrol, Porterville Police Department, Visalia Police Department, National Weather Service, Tulare County RMA, Pacific Gas and Electric, Southern California Edison, SoCalGas, Alpaugh Irrigation Water, Alta Irrigation, American Ambulance, Angiola Irrigation, Consolidated People Ditch, Delano Earlimart Irrigation, Deer Creek Storm, Imperial Ambulance, King River Water Agency, Kaweah Irrigation, Lower Tule Irrigation, National Park Service, BNSF Railway Company, High Speed Rail Authority, City of Dinuba, City of Exeter, City of Farmersville, City of Lindsay, City of Porterville, City of Tulare, City of Visalia, and City of Woodlake.

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