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On January 10, 2023, the Merced County Board of Supervisors declared a state of emergency in Merced County due to a series of winter storms which caused localized flooding in Merced County. There has been a necessity to keep this state of emergency in effect due to the large accumulation of snow in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

As the weather begins to warm the snowmelt is expected to cause the lakes, rivers, and streams to swell in the Sierra Nevada Mountain and into Merced County making these lakes, river, and streams extremely dangerous for normal spring/summer activities. These activities include but are not limited to fishing, swimming, floating, boating, or other activity which would cause an individual to either purposefully or accidentally enter the water of these waterways.

Pursuant to California Penal Code Section 409.5 and Merced County Code section 10.28.040(K)(2), and as the Merced County Sheriff/Coroner, I Vernon H. Warnke do hereby order the following waterways within the jurisdiction of Merced County closed:

-The Merced River and any of its tributaries or distributaries from the Mariposa County line to the San Joaquin River

This includes the areas through Snelling, Livingston, Delhi, Stevinson, and Gustine.

-The San Joaquin River and any of its tributaries or distributaries from the Stanislaus County line to the Fresno County line

This includes the area through Gustine, Stevinson, Los Banos and Dos Palos.

Any person found to be in an area of danger near or in one of these areas is subject to arrest pursuant to California Penal Code Section 409.5(c).

VERNON H. WARNKE
SHERIFF/CORONER

DATE