

Governor Newsom Declares State of Emergency in Napa, Sonoma and Shasta Counties, Requests Presidential Major Disaster Declaration to Bolster Response to Fires Across State

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SACRAMENTO – Governor Gavin Newsom today issued an emergency proclamation for the counties of Napa, Sonoma and Shasta due to the Glass and Zogg fires, which have burned tens of thousands of acres, destroyed homes and critical infrastructure and caused the evacuation of tens of thousands of residents. The Governor today also sent a letter to the President requesting a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration to assist state and local wildfire response and recovery efforts in the counties of Fresno, Los Angeles, Madera, Mendocino, San Bernardino, San Diego and Siskiyou.

California previously secured a [Presidential Major Disaster Declaration](#) to bolster the state's emergency response to the Northern California wildfires as well as [Fire Management Assistance Grants](#) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to support the state's ongoing response to fires burning across the state. Governor Newsom has declared a [statewide emergency](#) due to the widespread fires and extreme weather conditions, activated the State Operations Center to its highest level and signed an [executive order](#) to streamline recovery efforts in communities impacted by the devastating fires.

The text of the Governor's request today for a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration can be found [here](#) and a copy can be found [here](#). The text of today's proclamation can be found [here](#) and a copy can be found [here](#).

Governor Newsom Declares Statewide Emergency Due to Fires, Extreme Weather Conditions

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SACRAMENTO – Governor Gavin Newsom today declared a statewide emergency to help ensure the availability of vital resources to combat fires burning across the state, which have been exacerbated by the effects of the historic West Coast heat wave and sustained high winds.

“We are deploying every resource available to keep communities safe as California battles fires across the state during these extreme conditions,” said Governor Newsom. “California and its federal and local partners are working in lockstep to meet the challenge and remain vigilant in the face of continued dangerous weather conditions.”

The Governor earlier this week secured Fire Management Assistance Grants (FMAGs) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to bolster the state’s response to fires burning in [Napa, Nevada](#) and [Monterey](#) counties and signed an [emergency proclamation](#) and [executive order](#) to address impacts of the ongoing heat wave.

The text of today’s proclamation can be found [here](#) and a copy can be found [here](#).

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