

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF YUBA**

**RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE)
EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY)
DUE TO NEW COLGATE POWERHOUSE)
PENSTOCK FAILURE)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-10

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 8630 and Yuba County Ordinance Code section 4.20 empowers the Yuba County Board of Supervisors, or an official designated by ordinance, to proclaim the existence of a local emergency upon the existence of conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the county of Yuba (“County”); and

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2026, the County Director of Emergency Services (“Director”) proclaimed a local emergency pursuant to the powers prescribed under County Ordinance Code section 4.20.070(b)(1) attached as Exhibit A. Said local emergency arose by failure of Yuba Water Agency’s New Colgate Powerhouse Penstock, which occurred on February 13, 2026; and

WHEREAS, under section 8630 of the government Code, the local emergency set forth in the Director’s proclamation shall not remain in effect for more than seven (7) days unless ratified by the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors does hereby find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property continue to exist within the County caused by the New Colgate Powerhouse Penstock Failure; and

WHEREAS, local resources remain insufficient to cope with the effects of said emergency and require enhanced multi-agency coordination and resources beyond those routinely available to the County of Yuba.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Yuba County Board of Supervisors that the local emergency proclaimed by the Director on February 19, 2026 is hereby ratified and continued.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this County shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and resolutions of the County of Yuba; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the local emergency shall be renewed every sixty (60) days until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yuba, State of California on the 24 day of February, 2026 by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Vasquez, Fuhrer, Messick

NOES: None

ABSENT: Supervisors House, Bradford

ABSTAIN: None



CHAIR, SETH FUHRER

ATTEST: MARY PASILLAS
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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YUBA COUNTY COUNSEL
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

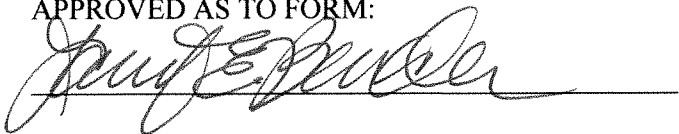


EXHIBIT A



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PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Chapter 4.20 of the County of Yuba ordinance code empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence of a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Yuba does hereby find that conditions of disaster have arisen within County of Yuba caused by the failure of Yuba Water Agency's New Colgate Powerhouse Penstock, which occurred on February 13, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the New Colgate Powerhouse Penstock failure caused a sudden release of water that caused severe erosion to the hillside where the penstock is located, creating a mudslide that damaged associated power generation and distribution equipment— which created a sudden loss of power to approximately 15,000 households; and

WHEREAS, the mudslide damaged power generation and distribution infrastructure, causing hazardous materials to enter the Yuba River; and

WHEREAS, the County of Yuba has been actively engaged in monitoring and supporting response activities related to this incident since February 13, 2026, and stands ready to continue to assist; and

WHEREAS, Yuba Water Agency has stated there is no identified risk of downstream flooding associated with the incident, however, the County of Yuba is concerned with potential public safety impacts due to the hazardous materials and mudslide debris entering the waterway that requires enhanced multi-agency coordination and resources beyond those routinely available to the County of Yuba; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yuba is not in session.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists throughout the County of Yuba; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this proclamation will be made available to any Federal or State assistance in response to this disaster and if this proclamation is ratified by the Yuba County Board of Supervisors a copy of this declaration shall be forwarded to the Governor of California. At this time County of Yuba is not formally requesting California Disaster Assistance Act Funds.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this County of Yuba shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and resolutions of the County of Yuba; and that this emergency proclamation shall expire 7 days after issuance unless confirmed and ratified by a majority of the Yuba County Board of Supervisors.

Dated: February 19, 2026

By: 

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