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May 15, 2023

Honorable Lori Parlin  
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors  
330 Fair Lane  
Placerville, California 95667


Subject: U.S. Department of Agriculture Designation

Dear Chairperson Parlin:

On April 14, 2023, the U.S. Department of Agriculture granted a Secretarial disaster designation for the primary counties of **Alpine, Fresno, Kings, Merced, San Benito, San Bernardino,** and **Tuolumne** and the contiguous counties of **Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Madera, Mariposa, Mono, Monterey, Orange, Riverside, San Luis Obispo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Stanislaus,** and **Tulare** due to agricultural losses caused by the Severe Winter Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides beginning February 21, 2023, and continuing.

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) is providing the enclosed information regarding this designation. Please inform potential applicants throughout your county of this designation and information.

Sincerely,

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NICOLE WATANABE  
Individual Assistance Program Manager

Enclosure

cc: El Dorado County Office of Emergency Services  
El Dorado County Agricultural Commissioner  
Karen Ross, Secretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)



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**U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)**  
**USDA #M4699 Amendment #1 – Severe Winter Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides**

**Declaration Information**

The following table illustrates the declaration information.

<b>Eligible Primary County/Counties or Land(s):</b>	<b>Alpine, Fresno, Kings, Merced, San Benito, San Bernardino, and Tuolumne</b>
<b>Eligible Contiguous County/Counties:</b>	<b>Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Madera, Mariposa, Mono, Monterey, Orange, Riverside, San Luis Obispo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Stanislaus, and Tulare</b>
<b>Event:</b>	April 14, 2023, an amendment to the Presidential Major Disaster Declaration was approved for FEMA-4699-DR as a result of the Severe Winter Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides that occurred beginning February 21, 2023, and continuing.
<b>Assistance made available by designation:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency farm loans for both physical and crop production losses as a direct result of the disaster</li> <li>• Up to a maximum of \$500,000</li> </ul>
<b>Application deadline:</b>	<b>December 14, 2023</b>
<b>Who may apply:</b>	Farmers and ranchers who conduct family-sized farming operations
<b>How to apply:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office listed in the local telephone directory under U.S. Government, Agriculture</li> <li>• Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at 202-720-2600 (voice and TDD)</li> </ul>

**USDA website for additional information:**

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/farm-loan-programs/emergency-farm-loans/index>