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UPDATE: Additional Emergency Action Taken by San Joaquin County

(SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY, STOCKTON, CA) – The Director of Emergency Services, Dario Marengo, was forced to take measures beginning today (4-14-06 at 11:00 am), to ensure the safety of the communities located near the confluence of the San Joaquin River and the Stanislaus River. This emergency order and action became necessary to protect lives and property.

The Emergency Services Director, after evaluating available information from those involved in the active flood fight, has determined it necessary to transcend jurisdictional and/or private boundaries, to allow work crews on the levees. Failure to address preventative emergency repairs on the already stressed levees would place people and property at risk, which would be in conflict with the responsibilities of the County.

Flood prevention efforts continue and concentrate in various areas along the southern portion of San Joaquin County. All of the actions being taken by the various local, state, and federal agencies in the flood fight are designed to reduce the risk of levee deterioration or failure. Individuals living near the San Joaquin River and the Stanislaus River are encouraged to stay informed with their local news for updates on this situation.

For the most current news and information, including maps and photos, see the “Spring Storms 2006” website at: <http://sjgov.org/oes/current.htm> or call the emergency recorded information line at (209) 469-8200. For additional information, call the Emergency Operations Center line at (209) 468-3962.

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