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## San Joaquin County's Arbor Mobile Home Park Evacuation Order Lifted County and State agencies have inspected all residences and homes are safe to occupy

**LODI, CA** – At 2:40 p.m. on January 23, 2023, the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office announced that the Arbor Mobile Home Park Evacuation Order (EO) was lifted and residents can return home safely. The EO was issued on January 16, 2023 when flooding issues occurred due to heavy and persistent storms across the region. All 173 units in the park were evacuated.

"On behalf of the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors, we want to sincerely thank every single person who vacated their homes and followed evacuation orders. Thanks to the quick response by Arbor Mobile Home residents, our local agencies were able to focus their attention on securing the area and making it safe for people to return home. Thanks to your efforts there have been no serious injuries or catastrophic property damage reported," said Supervisor Robert Rickman, Chairman of the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors.

In an announcement on their Facebook page, the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office reported: "At this time, safety inspections of the general infrastructure and utilities are complete. Power to the park has been restored, and no related safety issues have been found.

Wastewater and drinking water has been tested and no immediate issues were detected, however, full lab results will not be in for 24-48 hours. As a result, a 72-hour boil notice will be issued by the water supplier in the interest of safety.

County and State Community Development agencies have inspected all residences at the park and have determined that all homes are safe to occupy. All residents will be allowed to return to the park, effective immediately.

While no immediate safety issues were found during the inspections, all residents are encouraged to check their homes for damage to wiring, ducting, pipes, etc."

San Joaquin County Supervisor Steve Ding, whose district includes Arbor Mobile Home Park noted, "I am so grateful to this community for their quick response. I also want to extend our sincere gratitude to our first responders and department staff who went above and beyond in communicating with residents and with one another to make sure these homeowners were safe and could return home safely. We want to make sure residents continue to stay vigilant and report any additional flood damage issues."

San Joaquin County officials worked diligently to be added to the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) major disaster declaration for the State of California. Individuals and households in the County are now eligible to apply for financial and direct services at <a href="DisasterAssistance.gov">DisasterAssistance.gov</a>, through the <a href="FEMA mobile app">FEMA mobile app</a>, or by calling 1-800-621-3362. Individuals will be asked to take the following application steps:

- 1. Take photos of the damage to the home and belongings.
- 2. Make a list of damaged or lost items.
- 3. If individuals have insurance, they must file a claim with their insurance company.

In addition, check <b>SJReady.org</b> for additional information and resources.	