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Comment:

A declaration of emergency allows assistance from FEMA not to exceed \$5,000,000. In order to receive assistance over that amount, a major disaster declaration must be requested by the Governor and approved by the President. It would be better served if the BOE issues a statement that upon Governor Newsom's request to the President under the Stafford act be recognized as the date the Governor declared a disaster in California. As evidence, see the letter written to President Trump, specifically the third paragraph on page 7 in which Governor Newsome writes, "I certify for

this major disaster the state and local governments...." This recognition by the BOE should resolve the issue of whether or not a disaster occurred and whether or not §170(a)(1) and (a)(3) apply. The date of disaster would begin with the stay at home order on March 19. Pursuant to §170, the misfortune or calamity is in a region subsequently proclaimed by the Governor to be in a state of disaster. The request for disaster relief from the President is subsequent to the calamity itself. No modification to current legislation is required.

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