

INTRODUCTION

This year's El Niño is predicted to be one of the strongest on record. As a result, severe flooding may occur in your jurisdiction.

Should flood damages be extensive, a major disaster declaration may be requested in order to provide federal Public Assistance Grant Program funds for emergency work and permanent repairs to eligible public facilities.

Your jurisdiction may qualify today for this funding.



For more information about preserving Public Assistance funding, contact the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services at:

3650 Schriever Avenue
Mather, CA 95655
(916) 845-8200
(916) 845-8388 (fax)
DisasterRecovery@caloes.ca.gov
www.caloes.ca.gov

Obtain further program information for protecting your Public Assistance disaster funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency at:

www.fema.gov/public-assistance-frequently-asked-questions

For minimizing the loss of program funding through audits, contact the Office of Inspector General at:

http://www.oig.dhs.gov/assets/Audit_Tips.pdf

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Got El Niño Damage?



The Public Assistance Grant Program may help



Storm Damaged Projects May Qualify

If a federal major disaster declaration is granted, obtaining the necessary authorization or approval from USACE, USFWS and/or NMFS prior to work commencing will prevent the loss of federal funds. Further, permanent disaster repair work should not begin until the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has reviewed and approved the scope of work and completed its environmental review process. Emergency work (debris removal and emergency protective measures) necessary to be performed prior to a Presidential Declaration may proceed so long as proper coordination occurs with USACE, USFWS and/or NMFS; however, emergency work to be performed after the disaster declaration is granted (even if expedited), requires prior review and approval by FEMA.

If disaster-related work may affect or is necessary within a waterbody, floodplain, or wetland, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) must be contacted prior to work commencing, to determine if an emergency permit (i.e., Regional General Permit #8) or other USACE authorization is required. Of course, saving lives and minimizing property damage should always remain your highest priority, and all public agencies should take every possible step to accomplish this important mission.

Before any emergency work to repair a damaged public facility is conducted, which may affect federally listed threatened/endangered species or their habitat, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and/or National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) must be informed. It is highly recommended that a record of any communication with the agencies be maintained.

If you have any questions regarding this advisory message, please contact Ms. Monique Wilber, Cal OES Environmental Officer, Recovery Section at (916) 845-8176. For your convenience, the following contact information for USACE, NMFS, and USFWS is provided:

USACE	NMFS	USFWS
<p>Los Angeles District 915 Wilshire Blvd, Ste 1101 Los Angeles, CA 90017 (213) 452-3908 or (213) 452-3333</p> <p>Sacramento District 1325 J Street, Room 1513 Sacramento, CA 95814 (916) 557-5100</p> <p>San Francisco District 1455 Market Street San Francisco, CA 94103 (415) 289-3079 or (415) 503-6804</p>	<p>Southwest Office 501 West Ocean Blvd, Suite 4200 Long Beach, CA 90802 (560) 980-4000</p> <p>Arcata Office 1655 Heindon Road Arcata, CA 95521 (707) 822-7201</p> <p>Sacramento Office 650 Capitol Mall, Ste 5-100 Sacramento, CA 95814 (916) 930-3600</p> <p>Santa Rosa Office 777 Sonoma Avenue, Room 325 Santa Rosa, CA 95404 (707) 387-0737</p>	<p>Arcata Office 1655 Heindon Road Arcata, CA 95521 (707) 822-7201</p> <p>Carlsbad Office 6010 Hidden Valley Road Carlsbad, CA 92011 (760) 431-9440</p> <p>Yreka Office 1829 S. Oregon Street Yreka, CA 96097 (530) 842-5763</p> <p>Red Bluff Office 10950 Tyler Road Red Bluff, CA 96080 (530) 527-3043</p> <p>Ventura Office 2493 Portola Road, #B Ventura, CA 93003 (805) 644-1766</p>
		