

Key Messages: Federal Declaration Coordination & Next Steps

Overview

- The state of California is committed to continuing our support to California communities and maximizing state and federal aid to those who have been adversely impacted by the winter storms.
- Now that a Major Disaster has been declared by President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., eligibility for federal programs will be based on the unique damage and extent of impacts incurred locally.
- Below is a broad overview of what has been approved and the next steps to support communities throughout California.

Major Disaster Declaration

- On January 12, 2023, Governor Gavin Newsom requested President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., to issue an Expedited Major Disaster Declaration (MDD) in 49 counties.
- On January 14, 2023, President Biden proclaimed a MDD due to the impacts from severe winter storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides. Approved designations (e.g. a county) and types of assistance. As of February 17, 2023, the following counties are included in the MDD:
 - Individual Assistance (assistance to individuals and households): Alameda, Calaveras, Contra Costa, Mendocino, Merced, Monterey, Sacramento, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, and Ventura counties
 - Public Assistance (Categories A-G): Alameda, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Contra Costa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt, Inyo, Los Angeles, Madera, Marin, Mariposa, Mendocino, Merced, Monterey, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Benito, San Diego, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, Ventura, and Yolo counties
 - Hazard mitigation (assistance for actions taken to prevent or reduce long-term risk to life and property from natural hazards): All municipalities in the State of California are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

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- Under the President's order signed January 18, 2023, the federal share increased to 100% of the total eligible costs for debris removal and emergency protective measures (Categories A and B), including direct federal assistance under the Public Assistance program, for 60 days from the start of the incident period, December 27, 2022.
- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) may also provide those who qualify for individual assistance with certain disaster-caused needs, which may include expenses and damage for personal property, child-care, critical needs, and moving and storage.

Ongoing Coordination to Include Additional Counties

- Following the MDD, the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) continues to work closely with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to maximize aid and support to communities and individuals impacted by this storm event.
- The state may make a request for additional counties to be added to the MDD for individual or public assistance as warranted by results of damage assessments.
- While damage assessments are critical to establishing a basis to add a county as a designation in the MDD, it is imperative that emergency response life-saving activities remain a priority and go uninterrupted during severe storm conditions.
- The state is committed to coordinating with local officials to rapidly conduct damage assessments so a request to add additional counties, if appropriate, may occur as soon as possible.
- State and federal partners are leveraging technology to map damages to aid in rapid damage assessments in communities across the impacted regions.
- Local officials can support the process by rapidly evaluating and documenting damages and costs incurred and sharing that information with the state. In particular, the collection of data analytics, maps and photos by the local government can assist in justifying the activation of state and federal assistance programs.

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Small Business Administration Assistance

- Individual assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster including Small Business Administration loans which are available to businesses (including private non-profit organizations), homeowners, and renters with physical damages.
- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) may also provide those who qualify for individual assistance with certain disaster-caused needs, which may include expenses and damage for personal property, child-care, critical needs, and moving and storage.

Help for Individual Assistance Approved Counties

- Residents and business owners in Alameda, Calaveras, Contra Costa, Mendocino, Merced, Monterey, Sacramento, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, and Ventura counties, within an incident period starting December 27, 2022, and continuing, who sustained losses in the designated areas can apply for disaster assistance at www.DisasterAssistance.gov, by calling 800-621-3362 or by using the FEMA App. If you use a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA the number for that service.

Emergency Declaration

- The Emergency Declaration (EM) issued by President Biden on January 9, 2023, authorized Direct Federal Assistance limited to emergency protective measures (Category B) for 41 counties. This ED serves the purpose of authorizing the Federal government to supplement State and local response efforts to save lives, property, and public health and safety.



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Attachment: Emergency Declaration & Major Disaster Declaration Chart

See below table for a list of counties that were requested and included in the EM and MDD.

In EM	Date Added to EM	Requested for MDD	MDD: IA	MDD: PA	MDD: DFA	MDD: Hazard Mitigation Eligible
Alameda	Added on 1/11/2023, Amd 2	x		A-G		x
Contra Costa	Added on 1/11/2023, Amd 2	x	x	A-G		x
Colusa	Added on 1/9/23, Amd 1	x		A-G		x
El Dorado	EM 1/9/23	x		A-G		x
Fresno	Added on 1/11/2023, Amd 2	x		A-G		x
Glenn	Added on 1/9/23, Amd 1	x		A-G		x
Humboldt	Added on 1/9/23, Amd 1	x		A-G		x
Kings	Added on 1/11/2023, Amd 2	x				x



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Lake	Added on 1/11/2023, Amd 2	x				x
Los Angeles	EM 1/9/23	x		A-G		x
Madera	Added on 1/11/2023, Amd 2	x		A-G		x
Marin	Added on 1/9/23, Amd 1	x		A-G		x
Mariposa	EM 1/9/23	x		A-G		x
Mendocino	EM 1/9/23	x	x	A-G		x
Merced	EM 1/9/23	x	x	A-G	x	x
Mono	Added on 1/11/2023, Amd 2	x				x
Monterey	EM 1/9/23	x	x	A-G	x	x
Napa	EM 1/9/23	x		A-G		x
Orange	Added on 1/9/23, Amd 1	x				x
Placer	EM 1/9/23	x		A-G		x
Riverside	EM 1/9/23	x				x
Sacramento	EM 1/9/23	x	x	A-G	x	x
San Bernardino	EM 1/9/23	x				x

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San Benito	Added on 1/11/2023, Amd 2	x		A-G		x
San Diego	Added on 1/9/23, Amd 1	x		A-G		x
San Francisco	Added on 1/11/2023, Amd 2	x		A-G		x
San Joaquin	Added on 1/9/23, Amd 1	x	x	A-G		x
San Luis Obispo	Added on 1/9/23, Amd 1	x	x	A-G	x	x
San Mateo	EM 1/9/23	x	x	A-G		x
Santa Barbara	Added on 1/9/23, Amd 1	x	x	A-G	x	x
Santa Clara	EM 1/9/23	x		A-G		x
Santa Cruz	EM 1/9/23	x	x	A-G	x	x
Solano	Added on 1/9/23, Amd 1	x		A-G		X
Sonoma	EM 1/9/23	x		A-G		x
Stanislaus	EM 1/9/23	x		A-G		x
Sutter	Added on 1/9/23, Amd 1	x		A-G		x



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Tehama	Added on 1/9/23, Amd 1	x		A-G		x
Tulare	Added on 1/11/2023, Amd 2	x		A-G		x
Ventura	EM 1/9/23	x	x	A-G		x
Yolo	Added on 1/9/23, Amd 1	x		A-G		x
Yuba	Added on 1/9/23, Amd 1	x				x

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Not in EM	Requested DFA in MDD	Requested for MDD	MDD: IA	MDD: PA	MDD: Hazard Mitigation Eligible
Alpine					X
Amador	X	X		A-G	X
Butte	X	X			X
Calaveras	X	X	X		X
Del Norte				A-G	X
Imperial					X
Inyo	X	X		A-G	X
Kern					X
Lassen					X
Modoc					X
Nevada	X	X			X
Plumas					X
Shasta					X
Sierra					X
Siskiyou	X	X			X
Trinity	X	X			X
Tuolumne	X	X			X



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