

President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Approves Major Disaster Declaration for California

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WASHINGTON -- FEMA announced that federal disaster assistance has been made available to the state of California to supplement state, tribal and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by severe winter storms, straight-line winds, flooding, landslides and mudslides beginning on Feb. 21, 2023, and continuing.

The President's action makes federal funding available to affected individuals in Kern, Mariposa, Monterey, San Benito, Santa Cruz, Tulare and Tuolumne counties. FEMA's 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.

Federal funding on a cost-sharing basis is also available to eligible state, tribal and local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations in Calaveras, Los Angeles, Monterey and Tulare counties for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by the events. Federal funding is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures statewide.

Damage assessments are ongoing in nearby areas, and additional designations may be made at a later date.

Andrew F. Grant has been named the Federal Coordinating Officer for federal recovery operations in the affected areas.

Individuals and business owners who sustained losses in the designated areas can apply for disaster assistance at www.DisasterAssistance.gov by calling 1-800-621-3362 or by using the [FEMA App](#). If you use a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, please provide FEMA with the number for that service.



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