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WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

January 5, 2023

## Severe Weather & Flooding Activity California

- A powerful winter storm unleashed pounding rain and strong winds across Northern California on Wednesday, leaving a small child dead, triggering evacuations and power outages, and heightening fears of widespread flooding and debris flows.
- The storm dumped rain in parts of the San Francisco Bay Area, where the region had been under flood warnings.
- In Southern California, the storm was expected to peak into early Thursday, with Santa Barbara and Ventura counties likely to see the most rain, forecasters said.
- “We anticipate that this may be one of the most challenging and impactful series of storms to touch down in California in the last five years,” said Nancy Ward, director of the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services.
- Powerful winds gusting to 85 mph or more forced the cancellation of more than 70 flights at San Francisco International Airport and downed trees and power lines.
- More than 180,000 homes and businesses were without power in California early Thursday, according to poweroutage.us.
- The storm is the latest of three so-called atmospheric river storms in the last week to reach the drought-stricken state.
- California Gov. Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency to allow for a quick response and to aid in cleanup from another powerful storm that hit just days earlier.
- A 45-mile stretch of the coastal Highway 1 running through Big Sur was closed Wednesday evening in anticipation of flooding and rock falls.
- Mandatory evacuations issued in Sacramento, Santa Cruz, San Mateo and Santa Barbara Counties, approx. 11k residents.
- North Fork Dam reportedly compromised, water potentially overtopping spillway.
- Additional storms will pile on to the flooding concerns this weekend and next week.



## Winter Storm Activity

### New York

- The death toll from the devastating blizzard in Buffalo rose again Tuesday as now 42 people have died in the once-in-a-lifetime storm.
- Now Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand are pushing for the approval of a disaster declaration.
- “Buffalo and Western New York have experienced a heart wrenching year of tragedies and the feds need to step up to provide every available federal dollar to help the community rebuild and

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be reimbursed for the immense costs incurred,” said Sen. Schumer. “The damage assessments are already underway and there should be no delay in federal dollars flowing directly to Western New York because of this storm. This was a once in a generation blizzard, with long lasting effects that Buffalo and Erie will feel for years to come, and the feds should provide all the support needed to get the community on the road to rapid recovery and a more prosperous 2023.”

- An emergency declaration was already approved. Schumer says that will give \$5 million to the community, but it is not as expansive as a disaster declaration.
- “As the City of Buffalo and Erie and Genesee counties start to recover from the devastation of last month’s blizzard, I am calling on the Biden Administration to quickly approve any requests for federal assistance from Western New York,” said Sen. Gillibrand.

## Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request

State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied /Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes
CA	Heat Dome and Wildfires Aug 29 & continuing	10/26/2022	Pending	6 Counties

## WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters

Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline
4671 PR	Hurricane Fiona	78 Municipalities	104	11/21/2022
4673 FL	Hurricane Ian	26 Counties	95	1/12/2023
4677 SC	Hurricane Ian	3 Counties	41	1/23/2023

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