

DAILY DART

WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

January 11, 2023

Severe Weather & Flooding Activity California

- Storm-ravaged California scrambled to clean up and repair widespread damage on Wednesday as the lashing rain eased in many areas, although the north could see thundershowers Wednesday and another powerful weather front was expected to hit the state Friday.
- At least 17 people have died in the storms battering the state. The figure is likely to rise, Gov. Gavin Newsom said Tuesday during a visit to the scenic town of Capitola on the Santa Cruz coast that was hard hit by high surf and flooding creek waters last week.
- More than half of California's 58 counties were declared disaster areas, the governor said.
- Some 22 million people across California and parts of Oregon remain under a flood advisory, as the atmospheric river looks set to keep dumping heavy precipitation across the region.
- Evacuations are in effect for San Benito, Ventura, Santa Cruz, Monterey, Santa Barbara, Sacramento and Solano counties.
- More severe weather is forecast throughout the week, raising the potential for flooding, rising rivers, and mudslides on already saturated soils.
- The latest storm that began Monday was one in a series that began late last month and repairing the damage may cost more than \$1 billion, said Adam Smith, a disaster expert with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Los Angeles Times reported.
- There are 28 shelters open with 681 occupants.
- Crews worked to reopen major highways that were closed by rockslides, swamped by flooding or smothered with mud while more than 10,000 people who were ordered out of seaside towns on the central coast were allowed to return home.
- Yet thousands of people living near rain-swollen creeks and rivers remained under evacuation orders. In the San Joaquin Valley, raging waters from Bear Creek flooded parts of the city of Merced and neighboring Planada, a small agricultural community along a highway leading to Yosemite National Park.
- All 4,000 residents of Planada were ordered to leave Tuesday morning. Neighborhoods were under water with cars submerged up to their roofs. Residents ordered to evacuate carried whatever they could salvage on their backs as they left in the rain.
- Light to moderate rain with some thundershowers was forecast to arrive Wednesday in Northern California. A longer storm system was predicted to last from Friday until Jan. 17.
- More than 62,000 homes and businesses around the state were without power as of late Tuesday night, according to the website PowerOutage.us.



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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	110	11/21/2022
4673 FL	Hurricane Ian	26 Counties	101	1/12/2023
4677 SC	Hurricane Ian	3 Counties	47	1/23/2023

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