



Disaster Response Resources for California Businesses

THE FEDERAL SITUATION IS CHANGING RAPIDLY. PLEASE VERIFY THE CURRENT FEMA and SBA WEBSITES LINKED TO BELOW.

There are multiple disaster declarations currently active resulting from severe winter storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides as well as other active disasters declared in 2023 in the State of California.

This Guide provides contact information so you can determine your eligibility for state and federal assistance.

Federal assistance includes grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs for individuals and business owners. Funding for emergency work is available to State, tribal, and eligible local governments and certain nonprofits. The **Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA)** oversees the applications process for *Individual Assistance* and *Public Assistance*. The **U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)** oversees the applications process for *Business Physical Disaster Loans* of up to \$2 million for businesses of all sizes and private nonprofit organizations to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other business assets. SBA can also lend additional funds to businesses and homeowners to help with the cost of improvements to protect, prevent or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future. *Emergency Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL)* are available to supplement working capital for small businesses, agricultural cooperatives, and most non-profits but not farmers or ranchers.

Residents and business owners should begin by applying for FEMA assistance at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling **800-621-FEMA (3362)**. For help with SBA disaster loan applications, residents and business owners should contact their local *Small Business Center* or call **800-659-2955**. Businesses and individuals can also visit *Disaster Recovery Centers* for in-person help; check the SBA Disaster Declaration pages below for locations and hours of currently open centers.

List of Counties Eligible for Winter Storm Assistance

The White House approved Major Disaster Declaration DR-4699-CA on April 3 (amended May 4 and May 25) authorizing Individual Assistance in **Butte, Kern, Mariposa, Monterey, San Benito, Santa Cruz, Tulare, Tuolumne, San Luis Obispo, San Bernardino, Madera, Mendocino** and **Mono** counties impacted by severe winter storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides beginning on February 21, 2023, and continuing. SBA approved CA-00366 (incident date December 27 through January 31, 2023) to authorize Business Physical Disaster Loans for these primary counties and Economic Injury Disaster Loans only in 24 contiguous counties in California. SBA also approved CA-00376 (incident period February 21, 2023 and continuing) for these same counties.

Governor Newsom proclaimed of a State of Emergency on March 1, 2023 (amended on March 8, March 12, March 14, March 28, April 20, May 15 and June 16) to cover 53 counties: **Alameda, Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Contra Costa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt, Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Lake, Los Angeles, Madera, Marin, Mariposa, Mendocino, Merced, Modoc, Mono, Monterey,**



Napa, Nevada, Orange, Placer, Plumas, Riverside, Sacramento, San Benito, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Mateo, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Sierra, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, Ventura, Yolo and Yuba. The Governor declared a separate, still active statewide State of Emergency on **January 4, 2023**, related to a series of atmospheric river systems bringing high winds, substantial precipitation, and river and urban flooding.

For assistance in identifying and applying for FEMA and SBA disaster assistance:

[Small Business Centers | California Office of the Small Business Advocate \(CalOSBA\)](#)

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA):

- [SBA Disaster Loan Assistance Program Information](#)

Severe Winter Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides

- [Disaster Declaration CA-00376](#) incident period 2/21/2023 and continuing
- [CA-00376 Press Release \(en español\)](#)
- [CA-00376 Fact Sheet \(en español\)](#)
- [Disaster Declaration CA-00380](#) incident period 2/21/2023 and continuing
- [Disaster Declaration CA-00366](#) incident period 12/27/2022 through 1/31/2023
- [Disaster Declaration CA-00373](#) San Francisco County, incident period 12/27/2022 through 1/31/2023

Hoopa Valley Tribe - Severe Winter Storms and Mudslides

- [Disaster Declaration CA-00382](#) incident period 2/14/2023 through 3/5/2023

Monterey Park Mass Shooting and Related Investigation

- [Disaster Declaration CA-00375](#) Governor's Certification, incident period 1/21/2023 through 1/28/2023

Earthquakes in Humboldt County

- [Disaster Declaration CA-00365](#) incident period 12/20/2022 and continuing
- [Disaster Declaration CA-00374](#) incident period 12/20/2022 through 1/1/2023

Drought

- [SBA Disaster Declaration CA-00378](#) incident period 10/1/2022 and continuing

Fork Fire (Madera)

- [Disaster Declaration CA-00372](#) incident period 9/7/2022 through 9/13/2022

Mosquito Fire (Placer)

- [SBA Disaster Declaration CA-00371](#) incident period 9/6/2022 through 10/27/2022

Fairview Fire (Riverside)

- [SBA Disaster Declaration CA-00370](#) incident period 9/5/2022 through 10/3/2022



Mill Fire (Siskiyou)

- [SBA Disaster Declaration CA-00369](#) incident period 9/2/2022 through 9/13/2022

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):

- [Understanding FEMA Individual Assistance and Public Assistance | FEMA.gov](#)
- [California Severe Winter Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides EM-3592](#) (incident period March 9, 2023 and continuing)
- [Declaration \(en español\)](#)
- [Hoopa Valley Tribe Severe Winter Storms and Mudslides DR-4707](#) (incident period February 14, 2023-March 5, 2023)
- [Declaration \(en español\)](#)
- [California Severe Winter Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides DR-4699](#) (incident period February 21, 2023 and continuing)
- [Declaration \(en español\)](#)
- [California Severe Winter Storms, Flooding, and Mudslides EM-3591](#) (incident period January 8, 2023-January 31, 2023)
- [Declaration \(en español\)](#)
- [California Severe Winter Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides DR-4683](#) (incident period Dec 27, 2022-Jan 31, 2023)
- [Declaration \(en español\)](#)
- [Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria Earthquake DR-4692](#) (incident period December 20, 2022-January 1, 2023)
- [Declaration \(en español\)](#)

California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES):

- [Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency](#) (As amended May 15)
- [Governor's Jan. 31 Executive Order to Support Storm Response](#)
- [Governor's Jan. 4 Proclamation of a State of Emergency](#)
- [Active Incidents | California Governor's Office of Emergency Services](#)
- [Access & Functional Needs | California Governor's Office of Emergency Services](#)
- [2023 Winter Storms Recovery | Cal OES News](#)

California Office of the Small Business Advocate (CalOSBA):

Directory of other disaster resources:

- [Disaster Preparedness and Resiliency](#)

Self-guided business continuity training:

- [Outsmart Disaster](#)



California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (iBank):

The Disaster Relief Loan Guarantee Program (DRLGP) works with local lenders to guarantee up to 95 percent of relief loans for disaster-impacted small businesses of 1-750 employees.

- [DRLGP Information](#)
- [List of iBank-approved local lenders](#)

Employment Development Department (EDD)

- [EDD Disaster-Related Services](#)

The California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA)

CDTFA offers tax/fee relief in case of state or federal disaster declarations: small business owners who have been affected by flooding, power outages, and other storm-related hardships may request up to an **additional three months** to file their tax returns. Taxpayers who face return deadlines between January 4, 2023 and January 31, 2023 who are granted relief will not have to pay interest and penalties if they are unable to file their returns and pay taxes and fees by the original due date. The CDTFA is also the agency to contact for lost tax records.

- [CDTFA State of Emergency Tax Relief](#)

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

The IRS has extended federal tax filing and payment deadlines for California storm victims to **May 15, 2023**, for individual and business tax returns.

- [IRS Tax Relief in Disaster Situations](#)

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA):

- [USDA Emergency Farm Loans](#)

California Disaster Relief Recovery and Resilience Fund:

The League of California Community Foundations and Philanthropy California direct monetary donations to the California Disaster Relief Recovery and Resilience Fund, which deploys resources to impacted communities through community foundations.

- [League of California Community Foundations: Disaster Relief, Recovery and Resilience Fund](#)
- [2023 California Disaster Response | Philanthropy California](#)