## Additional Counties Now Eligible for FEMA Assistance

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Residents of **Butte County** are now eligible to apply to FEMA's Individual Assistance program for the severe storms and flooding that began on Feb. 21, 2023.

In addition, El Dorado, Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mono, Napa, Nevada, Sacramento, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara and Shasta counties are now eligible for FEMA Public Assistance, which reimburses local and state government agencies for the costs of emergency response, debris removal and restoration of disaster-damaged public facilities and infrastructure.

**Butte County** joins several previously designated counties for Individual Assistance. These include **Kern**, **Madera**, **Mariposa**, **Mendocino**, **Mono**, **Monterey**, **San Benito**, **San Bernardino**, **Santa Cruz**, **Tulare and Tuolumne**.

Survivors in these counties may be eligible for grants to help pay for temporary housing and essential home repairs as well as other serious disaster-related needs, such as replacement of damaged essential personal property and expenses for transportation, childcare, moving and storage.

Individuals and families can apply for this assistance by visiting <a href="DisasterAssistance.gov">DisasterAssistance.gov</a> or downloading the <a href="FEMA mobile app">FEMA mobile app</a>. Applicants can also call the <a href="FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362">FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362</a>. Helpline operators speak many languages and lines are open from 4 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Press 2 for Spanish. Press 3 for an interpreter who speaks your language. If you use video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA your number for that service. The deadline to apply is June 5, 2023.

Houses of worship and certain nonprofit organizations may also be eligible for FEMA assistance through its Public Assistance program, which also encourages protection of damaged facilities from future events by providing assistance for hazard mitigation measures during the recovery process. Counties that have



already been designated for Public Assistance for the February/March storms and flooding include Alameda, Alpine, 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.

The federal cost share for Public Assistance projects is 75 percent with 25 percent covered by the state or local governments. Applicants with questions about making a Request for Public Assistance should email: DisasterRecovery@CalOES.CA.gov.

For the latest information on California's recovery from the severe winter storms, flooding, landslides and mudslides, visit <u>FEMA.gov/disaster/4699</u>. You may also follow <u>twitter.com/Cal\_OES</u>, <u>facebook.com/CaliforniaOES</u>, <u>@FEMARegion9/Twitter and Facebook.com/FEMA</u>.

