



Disaster Response Resources for California Business

THE FEDERAL SITUATION IS CHANGING RAPIDLY; ADDITIONAL COUNTIES MAY BE ADDED. PLEASE VERIFY THE CURRENT FEMA and SBA LISTS.

Governor Newsom declared a 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. The Declaration authorized the mobilization of the California National Guard and directed Caltrans to request immediate assistance through the Federal Highway Administration's Emergency Relief Program. The Governor also activated the State Operations Center to its highest level.

This was followed by an Emergency Declaration from President Joe Biden on January 9 and a Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster on January 14 releasing Federal aid for damages caused by severe winter storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides beginning on December 27, 2022. 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 also available to State, tribal, and eligible local governments and certain nonprofits.

The Federal Emergency Management Administration oversees the applications approval process for Individual Assistance and Public Assistance. The Small Business Administration oversees the applications approval process for Business Physical Disaster Loans and Emergency Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) for businesses and non-profits.

Business Physical Disaster Loans are available in the following *primary* counties to repair or replace disaster-damaged property including real estate, inventory, and equipment: **Merced, Sacramento, Santa Cruz, Santa Barbara, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, San Joaquin, Calaveras, Alameda, Contra Costa, Mendocino, Ventura and San Mateo**. These counties are also eligible for EIDL to supplement working capital for small businesses, agricultural cooperatives, and most non-profits.

EIDL only is now available in the following *contiguous* counties: **Alameda, Alpine, Amador, Contra Costa, El Dorado, Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Placer, San Benito, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Solano, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tuolumne, Ventura, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Los Angeles, Sonoma, Tehama, Trinity and Yolo**.

Residents and business owners can begin 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 on filing for assistance; check the SBA Disaster Declaration pages below for the latest information.

- [Governor's Jan. 4 Proclamation of a State of Emergency](#)
- [Governor's Jan. 31 Executive Order to Support Storm Response](#)
- [Federal Declaration of a Major Disaster for the State of California](#), Amendment #5
- [FEMA Declaration DR-4683-CA California Severe Winter Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides](#)
- [FEMA Declaration \(en español\)](#)
- [FEMA Declaration EM-3591-CA California Severe Winter Storms, Flooding, and Mudslides](#)
- [FEMA Declaration \(en español\)](#)
- [Understanding FEMA Individual Assistance and Public Assistance | FEMA.gov](#)



- [SBA Disaster Declaration CA-00366](#)
- [SBA Business Resources \(en español\)](#)
- [SBA Business Fact Sheet \(en español\)](#)
- [SBA Disaster Loan Assistance Program Information](#)

December 20 Earthquake in Humboldt County:

- [SBA Disaster Declaration Disaster #CA-00365](#)

Representatives from the Small Business Administration are available at a Local Assistance Center to help businesses in **Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Siskiyou** and **Trinity** counties apply for federal assistance related to the Dec. 20 earthquake. No appointment necessary.

Disaster Loan Outreach Center, Rio Dell Community Resource Center
(Old Chamber of Commerce Building)
406 Wildwood Avenue
Rio Dell, CA 95562

Open at 8:00 a.m. Monday, Jan. 30 -4:30 p.m. Friday Feb. 10

Mondays - Fridays, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. PT

SBA representatives are also available at the Rohner Recreation Hall address below through Friday, Jan. 27, closing at 4:30pm.

Disaster Loan Outreach Center, Rohner Recreation Hall
7 Park Street, Fortuna, CA 95540

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

- [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):

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

- [Small Business Centers | 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](#)

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](#)

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](#)