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## Heavy Rain & Flooding Activity California

- At least two people were killed Tuesday as a powerful "bomb cyclone" slammed California with strong winds and more rain.
- The strong winds blew windows out of skyscrapers in San Francisco and knocked out power to tens of thousands.
- More than 138,000 homes, businesses and other utility customers were still without electricity as of 5:45 a.m. EDT today, according to PowerOutage.us.



- Wind gusts at higher elevations reached 70 to 80 mph and lower elevations had gusts up to 50 to 60 mph, according to the National Weather Service.
- Many areas across southern California had already received more than 2 inches of rainfall by Tuesday afternoon, with more showers still to come Wednesday.
- Heavy rain led to flooding, especially in portions of Southern California where several roads were flooded.
- State transportation officials reported snow and windy conditions in the mountains of Southern California's Riverside and San Bernardino counties, where officials had recommended residents maintain at least a two-week supply of food, water, medication and fuel ahead of the storm's arrival.
- The widespread rain, mountain snow and strong winds across parts of central and Southern California will continue Wednesday and will gradually clear up Thursday, said National Weather Service Meteorologist Sarah Rogowski.
- The heaviest impact will likely be felt in southern California, which could see around 1 to 3 inches of rain across lower elevations and 2 to 4 inches across the foothills through Thursday.
- The Weather Prediction Center raised the flood threat to a moderate level Monday for areas of Southern California, covering more than 15 million people in coastal areas from Los Angeles to San Diego.
- In the Sierra Nevada and Southern California mountains, as much as 3 to 4 feet of snow could be
  piled on top of already buried communities, likely straining infrastructure and making travel
  difficult, the weather service said.
- Thousands were evacuated from two small central California towns, Alpaugh and Allensworth, in Tulare County, where there have been multiple breaches in waterways and repair efforts were "unsuccessful with the amount of water," Tulare County Sheriff Mike Boudreaux said.
- Officials worried roads could become impassable and isolate residents, and deputies went doorto-door before dawn Monday asking people to flee.
- So far, seven structures were destroyed and more than 680 were damaged by floods in Tulare County, according to Cal Fire.



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Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments							
State	Event	Number of Counties for IA		Stort End			
		Requested	Completed	Start-End			
KY	Severe Storms & Tornadoes March 3-5	5	0	3/20-TBD			

Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request							
State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied/Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes			
WV	Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides (Appeal)	1/27/2023	Pending	2 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	180	11/21/2022			
4673 FL	Hurricane lan	26 Counties	171	1/12/2023			

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