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WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

February 15, 2024

Atmospheric Rivers California (Jan 31st-Feb 7th)

- In the wake of the powerful atmospheric river storms that deluged the Los Angeles area with up to 14 inches of rain last week, swift recovery efforts are underway to support the affected homeowners and businesses.
- Local building and safety Inspectors are diligently surveying homes, while the Bureau of Engineering is working to restore stability to the compromised hillsides. Some 307 landslides were reported in LA alone, the fire department said.
- The initial step towards recovery is for residents and businesses to complete a damage collection survey, which assesses the extent of storm-inflicted damage.
- Beginning Thursday, February 15, a series of three local assistance centers will be open in the city in the Valley, South L.A. and Westside for homeowners, renters, and business owners impacted by the early February storms.
- According to CNN Business, only 1 percent of the 7.7 million households in the counties affected by the deadly storms were able to make claims on flood damage. Landslides are not covered by flood insurance.



An aerial image of a home destroyed by a landslide in Los Angeles, California on Monday. AFP via Getty

California – San Diego (Jan 22nd)

- The first official accounting of damage in San Diego County from the torrential Jan. 22 storms estimated that more than 800 homes were impacted by flooding, and local schools across the region sustained an estimated \$4 million in damage.
- That data and more are contained in a letter sent by Gov. Gavin Newsom to the federal government asking President Joe Biden for a Major Disaster Declaration for the county.
- As of Feb. 3, 595 homes suffered major damage, 208 minor damage, and 55 homes were otherwise affected.
- The online damage survey that the county established received 3,414 damage reports. Newsom said 1,179 of those reports said they had no flood insurance. He cited data from the National Flood Insurance Program showing that there were 8,000 active flood insurance policies in the county – but only 4% of those are in the most impacted areas of Spring Valley, National City and the San Diego ZIP codes 92113 and 92114, which cover the southeastern part of the city.
- In National City, the majority of the city's residents are renters who Newsom said do not have renters' insurance. Nearly half the homes in the Happy Hollow mobile home park were damaged, with floodwaters reaching 5 feet in the flooded homes. In an apartment complex next door 22 units were declared uninhabitable because of the water damage.
- The data in the letter came in part from a Preliminary Damage Assessment conducted by the state, FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration from Jan. 29 through Feb. 3.

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Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

State	Event	Number of Counties for IA		Start-End
		Requested	Completed	
CA	Atmospheric Rivers Jan 31 - Feb 7	6	0	2/13-TBD

Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request

State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied/ Pending	Number of Counties
CA*	Severe Storms & Flooding Jan 21-23	2/7/2024	Pending	1 County

*Award of task order to contractor pending

WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters

Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline
4749 IL	Flooding	1 County	82	2/9/2024
4757 MI	Flooding	9 Counties	2	4/8/2024

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