

DAMAGE SURVEY SUMMARY REPORT

DISASTER CA26-1

DECEMBER 2025 WINTER STORMS

LOS ANGELES, MENDOCINO, ORANGE, RIVERSIDE, SAN
BERNARDINO, SAN DIEGO, SHASTA, SONOMA, AND
VENTURA COUNTIES

COMMENCING DECEMBER 16, 2025

Prepared by:

California Department of Transportation
Division of Budgets
Federal Resources Office

Introduction

This Damage Survey Summary Report (DSSR) has been prepared for submission to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in response to a series of storm systems impacting Los Angeles, Mendocino, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Shasta, Sonoma, and Ventura Counties, which first began on December 16, 2025. According to FHWA's Emergency Relief Manual (May 2013), the purpose of this DSSR is to "summarize the damage assessment and provide information and documentation for the FHWA Division Administrator to make a finding that a natural disaster or catastrophic failure has occurred within the intent of 23 U.S.C. 125." The DSSR also "provides the Division Administrator with a basis to make a finding that the disaster is eligible for funding under the FHWA ER program."

Damage Description

Beginning December 16, 2025, a powerful storm system struck the State of California, bringing high winds, substantial precipitation, flash flooding, and mudslides across Los Angeles, Mendocino, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Shasta, Sonoma, and Ventura counties. The storms affected roads and other critical infrastructure, resulted in severe erosion, washouts, undermined embankments, damaging structures and obstructing major highways and local roads, and in including damage to canal systems and electrical to transmission lines and poles that resulted in a widespread loss of power throughout Imperial County.

The three Proclamations of State of Emergency issued by the Governor, dated December 24, 2025, and two April 17, 2026, for the series of winter storm systems events impacting Los Angeles, Mendocino, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Shasta, Sonoma, and Ventura Counties. This Damage Survey Summary Report includes copies of the Governor's State of Emergency Proclamation.

Damage Estimate

To date, the estimated cost to repair or reconstruct the damage to federal-aid highways in accordance with the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 125 is \$38.46 million for State facilities and \$17.26 million for the Local agencies, subject to increase.

Additional Information

The following attached information describes the winter storm system damage in additional detail:

- Governor's State of Emergency Proclamations (three).
- State and Local damage estimates (to date).
- Sampling of newspaper articles.
- Sample pictures of reported damage sustained

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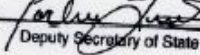
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GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATIONS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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By 
Deputy Secretary of State

PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS on December 24, 2025, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in six counties, as a result of a series of atmospheric rivers that began to impact California in late December ("Late December 2025 Storms"); and

WHEREAS the Late December 2025 Storms brought several rounds of widespread rain, mountain snow, and strong winds from December 16, 2025, through December 26, 2025; and

WHEREAS since my December 24, 2025 Proclamation, the Office of Emergency Services has validated additional damages and costs attributable to the Late December 2025 Storms, including widespread damage to the state highway system in Mendocino, Sonoma, and Ventura Counties; and

WHEREAS the Late December 2025 Storms also resulted in flooding and a heightened risk of debris flows and mudslides in Ventura County; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist due to the Late December 2025 Storms; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that the conditions caused by the Late December 2025 Storms, by reason of their magnitude, are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of any single local government and require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to appropriately respond; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8625(c), I find that local authority is inadequate to cope with the magnitude of the extreme peril posed by the Late December 2025 Storms; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8571, I find that strict compliance with various statutes and regulations specified in this Proclamation would prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of the Late December 2025 Storms.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes, including the California Emergency Services Act, and in particular, Government Code section 8625, **HEREBY PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY** to exist in Mendocino, Sonoma, and Ventura Counties due to the Late December 2025 Storms.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. All agencies of the state government utilize and employ state personnel, equipment, and facilities for the performance of any and all activities consistent with the direction of the Office of Emergency Services and the State Emergency Plan. Also, all residents are to obey the direction of emergency officials with regard to this emergency in order to protect their safety.
2. The Office of Emergency Services shall provide assistance to Ventura County, if appropriate, under the authority of the California Disaster Assistance Act, Government Code section 8680 et seq., and California Code of Regulations, Title 19, section 2900 et seq.
3. The restrictions set forth in Penal Code section 396, which are automatically triggered upon proclamation of a state of emergency, are suspended, and no such restrictions are imposed, with respect to the Late December 2025 Storms in Mendocino, Sonoma, and Ventura Counties.
4. The California Department of Transportation shall formally request immediate assistance for Mendocino, Sonoma, and Ventura Counties through the Federal Highway Administration's Emergency Relief Program, United States Code, Title 23, section 125, in order to obtain federal assistance for highway repairs or reconstruction.

I FURTHER DIRECT that as soon as hereafter possible, this Proclamation be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Proclamation.

This Proclamation is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th day of April 2026.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, Ph.D.
Secretary of State


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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

By: 
Deputy Secretary of State

WHEREAS beginning on or about December 23, 2025, a series of atmospheric rivers began to impact California ("2025 Late December Storms"), including Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Shasta Counties; and

WHEREAS high intensity rainfall on saturated soils will create a major risk for rockslides, mudslides, landslides, urban flooding, rapid rises in small streams, and significant river flooding, particularly urban/roadway flooding and rapid rises in local creeks and rivers across multiple counties; and

WHEREAS due to recently burned areas in Southern California, including the Airport, Bridge, Line, Palisades, and Eaton Fire burn scars, heavy rain rates from the 2025 Late December Storms may trigger debris flows; and

WHEREAS in anticipation of the potential threats from flooding, debris flows, and other hazards attendant to heavy rainfall and winds that these storms threaten, I have directed state agencies, including my Office of Emergency Services, to pre-deploy various resources throughout counties across the state, including 55 fire engines, 10 swiftwater rescue teams, five hand crews, five dozers, four loaders, three helicopters, an incident management team, an Urban Search and Rescue Team, and over 300 personnel; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist due to the 2025 Late December Storms; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that the conditions caused by the 2025 Late December Storms, by reason of their magnitude, are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of any single local government and require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to appropriately respond; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8625(c), I find that local authority is inadequate to cope with the magnitude of the extreme peril posed by the 2025 Late December Storms; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8571, I find that strict compliance with various statutes and regulations specified in this Proclamation would prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of the 2025 Late December Storms.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes, including the California Emergency Services Act, and in particular, Government Code section 8625, **HEREBY PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY** to exist in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Shasta Counties due to the 2025 Late December Storms.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. All agencies of the state government are to utilize and employ state personnel, equipment, and facilities for the performance of any and all activities consistent with the direction of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the State Emergency Plan. Also, to protect their safety, all residents are to obey the direction of emergency officials with regard to this emergency in order to protect their safety.
2. The Governor's Office of Emergency Services shall provide assistance to local governments, if appropriate, under the authority of the California Disaster Assistance Act, Government Code section 8680 et seq., and California Code of Regulations, Title 19, section 2900 et seq.
3. The California National Guard may be mobilized under Military and Veterans Code section 146 to support disaster response and relief efforts, as directed by the Office of Emergency Services, and to coordinate with all relevant state agencies and state and local emergency responders and law enforcement within the impacted areas. Sections 147 and 188 of the Military and Veterans Code are applicable during the period of participation in this mission, exempting the California Military Department from applicable procurement rules for specified emergency purchases, and those rules are hereby suspended.
4. The California Department of Transportation shall, if appropriate, formally request immediate assistance through the Federal Highway Administration's Emergency Relief Program, United States Code, Title 23, section 125, in order to obtain federal assistance for local roads and highway repairs or reconstruction that are needed due to the 2025 Late December Storms.

I FURTHER DIRECT that as soon as hereafter possible, this Proclamation be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Proclamation.

This Proclamation is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24th day of December 2025.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, Ph.D.
Secretary of State

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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By *[Signature]*
Deputy Secretary of State

PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS beginning on December 31, 2025, and continuing through January 4, 2026, powerful winter storms impacted Sonoma County ("Early January 2026 Storms"); and

WHEREAS the Early January 2026 Storms coincided with very high King Tides, such that creeks and streams were pushed beyond capacity, causing significant flooding in areas that are typically at low risk of flooding; and

WHEREAS the Early January 2026 Storms caused levee breaches and flooding of low-lying neighborhoods, resulting in landslides, road damage, and damage to public facilities such as pump stations and utility buildings; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist due to the Early January 2026 Storms; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that the conditions caused by the Early January 2026 Storms, by reason of their magnitude, are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of any single local government and require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to appropriately respond; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8625(c), I find that local authority is inadequate to cope with the magnitude of the extreme peril posed by the Early January 2026 Storms; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8571, I find that strict compliance with various statutes and regulations specified in this Proclamation would prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of the Early January 2026 Storms.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes, including the California Emergency Services Act, and in particular, Government Code section 8625, **HEREBY PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY** to exist in Sonoma County due to the Early January 2026 Storms.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. All agencies of the state government utilize and employ state personnel, equipment, and facilities for the performance of any and all activities consistent with the direction of the Office of Emergency Services and the State Emergency Plan. Also, all residents are to obey the direction of emergency officials with regard to this emergency in order to protect their safety.

2. The restrictions set forth in Penal Code section 396, which are automatically triggered upon proclamation of a state of emergency, are suspended, and no such restrictions are imposed, with respect to the Early January 2026 Storms.
3. The California Department of Transportation shall formally request immediate assistance for Sonoma County through the Federal Highway Administration's Emergency Relief Program, United States Code, Title 23, section 125, in order to obtain federal assistance for highway repairs or reconstruction.

I FURTHER DIRECT that as soon as hereafter possible, this Proclamation be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Proclamation.


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STATE & LOCAL
DAMAGE ESTIMATES

State Damage Estimate CA26-1:

Caltrans Preliminary Major Damage Assessment REPORT										
December 2025 Winter Storm										
Count	District	Date of Incident	Event Name	DO (Y/N)	EA #	Verbal Approval Date	Work Description	County	Route	TOTAL COST TO DATE
LA + SBD	07 + 08	12/25/2025	December 2025 Winter Storm	Y	2XW50	12/27/2025	Put up temporary signals to divert traffic around washed out roadway. Repair and reconstruct the side slopes, shoulder, and roadway that were washed out from heavy runoff, mud slides, and debris flows.	LA + SBD	2	\$ 4,235,000
VEN	7	12/26/2025	December 2025 Winter Storm	Y	2XW60	12/26/2025	Put up temporary signals to divert traffic around washed out roadway. Repair and reconstruct the berm and side slope, reconstruct the shoulder and roadway, repair/reconstruct open channel drainage ditches, clean drainage systems, remove debris, and repair slope erosion.	VEN	33	\$ 4,300,000
VEN	7	12/26/2025	December 2025 Winter Storm	Y	2XW70	12/29/2025	Clean debris from detention basins, clean drainage systems, repair debris racks, and repair side slope damage	VEN	101	\$ 885,000
LA	7	12/27/2025	December 2025 Winter Storm	Y	2XX10	12/31/2025	Repair side slope washouts, reconstruct roadway	LA	2	\$ 3,530,000
LA	7	12/27/2025	December 2025 Winter Storm	Y	2XX20	12/31/2025	Repair side slope washouts, reconstruct roadway	LA	2	\$ 3,960,000
8	1	12/22/2025	December 2025 Winter Storm	Y	0Q970	12/22/2025	RETAINING WALL - SPGA TYPE (Mobilization, Traffic Control, Construction BMPs, Erosion Control, and Roadway Repairs)	MEN	101	\$ 15,000,000
9	1	12/22/2025	December 2025 Winter Storm	N	TBD	N/A	SUBSURFACE DRAINAGE (Mobilization, Traffic Control, Construction BMPs, Erosion Control, and Roadway Repairs)	MEN	101	\$ 1,000,000
#REF!	1	12/22/2025	December 2025 Winter Storm	N	TBD	N/A	SUBSURFACE DRAINAGE (Mobilization, Traffic Control, Construction BMPs, Erosion Control, and Roadway Repairs)	MEN	101	\$ 1,000,000
#REF!	1	12/22/2025	December 2025 Winter Storm	N	TBD	N/A	SUBSURFACE DRAINAGE (Mobilization, Traffic Control, Construction BMPs, Erosion Control, and Roadway Repairs)	MEN	101	\$ 1,000,000
1	4	12/22/2025	December 2025 Winter Storm	Y	TBD		Embankment Repair	SON	1	\$ 950,000
2	4	12/22/2025	December 2025 Winter Storm		TBD		Flooding	SON	116	\$ 750,000
6	4	1/5/2026	December 2025 Winter Storm	Y		Y	Slipout/Washout	SON	116	\$ 1,850,000
									Grand Total	\$ 38,460,000

Local Damage Estimate CA26-1:

Disaster Damage Site Information			Emergency Opening (EO)				Perm. Repair (PR)		Project Total	
DISTRICT*	COUNTY	ROUTE	Federal-aid Roadway** (check)	PM (Begin)	PM (End)	Force Account EO	EO Contract	EO Total Estimated Cost (C = A+B)	PR Total Estimated Cost	Estimated Total Cost
7	LACO	East Fork Road	Major Collector	MM .12	San Gabriel Cynl	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ 200,000
7	LACO	Mt Baldy Road	Major Collector	City of Claremont	MM 0.42	\$ 900,000	\$ -	\$ 900,000	\$ -	\$ 900,000
7	LACO	Mt Baldy Road (Road and Shoulder Repair)	Major Collector	Glendora Ridge Rd	MM 0.42	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ 200,000
7	LACO	Little Tujunga/San Canyon Rd	Major Collector	MM 7.83	MM 7.98	\$ 1,400,000	\$ -	\$ 1,400,000	\$ -	\$ 1,400,000
7	LACO	Malibu Canyon Road	Major Collector	City of Malibu	Las Virgenes Rd	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ 300,000
7	LACO	Mulholland Highway	Major Collector	MM 12.00	City of LA	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ 300,000
7	LACO	Placerita Canyon Rd	Major Collector	MM 2.77		\$ 80,000	\$ -	\$ 80,000	\$ -	\$ 80,000
7	LACO	Pine Canyon Road	Major Collector	MM 2.57	MM 2.34	\$ 900,000	\$ -	\$ 900,000	\$ -	\$ 900,000
7	LACO	Bridges# 3578 Tumbledweed Rd.	Major Collector	near Devils Punchbowl Rd		\$ 850,000	\$ -	\$ 850,000	\$ -	\$ 850,000
7	LACO	Bridges# 3742 Tumbledweed Rd.	Major Collector	near Longview Rd		\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000
7	LACO	150th Street East	Major Collector	Avenue N	Avenue K	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ 400,000
7	LACO	Avenue P-8	Major Collector	160th St East	170th St East	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ 300,000
7	LACO	Laigo Vista Rd	Major Collector	Big Pines Hwy	Bridge 1642 (S d	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000
7	LACO	Avenue S	Arterial	City of LA	City of Santa Clid	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000
7	LACO	Little Tujunga/San Canyon Rd	Major Collector	MM 22.00	Lake Hughes Rd	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ 400,000
7	LACO	Lone Pine Canyon Road	Major Collector	near MM 26.40	3 Point Rd	\$ 600,000	\$ -	\$ 600,000	\$ -	\$ 600,000
7	LACO	Ridge Route Rd	Major Collector	Cheseboro Road	1700 E Cheseboro Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
7	LACO	Mt Emma Rd	Major Collector	Oasis Road	at California Aqued	\$ 30,000	\$ 105,000	\$ 135,000	\$ -	\$ 135,000
8	San Bernardino	Oasis Road	Major Collector	2.95 Mi. E. Svarth	Svarthout Cany	\$ 117,000	\$ 508,000	\$ 625,000	\$ -	\$ 625,000
8	San Bernardino	Lone Pine Canyon Road	Major Collector	Phelan Road	at 54C0705 Street	\$ -	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	\$ -	\$ 90,000
8	San Bernardino	Glen Helen Parkway	Major Collector	Mount Baldy Road	at 54C0705 Street	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000
8	San Bernardino	Mount Baldy Road	Major Collector	Baldy Road	0.25 NE, Baldy H	\$ 230,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 480,000	\$ -	\$ 480,000
2	Shasta	Old Oregon Trail	Minor Arterial	Oahu Place	Old Alturas Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,000
2	Shasta	Old Alturas Road	Minor Arterial	Salmon Creek	Salmon Creek	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000
2	Shasta	Old Alturas Road	Minor Arterial	?	?	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500
2	Shasta	Dry Creek Road	Minor Arterial	Tiffany Lane	Putt Putt Lane	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000
2	Shasta	Desculites Road	Minor Arterial	?	?	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000
2	Shasta	Clear Creek Road	Minor Arterial	Dredge Lane	Horseshow - Clef	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,000
2	Shasta	Clear Creek Road	Minor Arterial	Clear Creek Gorge	Dominic's Way	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000
2	Shasta	Branstetter Lane	Major Collector	?	?	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,000
2	Shasta	Sweate Creek Road	Major Collector	Oride Lane	French Creek Rd	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,000
2	Shasta	Old Alturas Road	Minor Arterial	Bonnie Brae Lane	Bobby Way	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500
2	Shasta	Old 44 Drive	Major Collector	Cattle Drive	Clough Canyon H	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000
7	Ventura	Reeves Road @ PM 0.25	Major Collector			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000
7	Ventura	Lockwood Valley Road @ PM 12.0	Major Collector			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000
7	Ventura	Old Telegraph Rd @ East Branch Sespe Creek (62C0012)	Major Collector			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000
Grand Total \$									\$	17,263,000

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SAMPLING OF NEWS ARTICLES

A powerful winter storm has arrived in Southern California for the Christmas holiday, bringing heavy rain and dangerous flooding.

The National Weather Service issued several warnings and advisories as the atmospheric system over the region is expected to produce between 3 to 6 inches of rain in the coastal and valley areas, and 5 to 11 inches in the foothills and mountains.



A photo of a barrier in the Eaton Fire zone. Mud is seen sliding down the side of a street.

CBS LA

An emphasis has been placed on burn scar areas that are more susceptible to flooding, mudslides and debris flows. The NWS has issued a flood watch for much of Southern California through Friday afternoon as rainfall rates could potentially exceed 1 inch per hour during the peak hours of the storm. Weather officials said flash flooding has already occurred in some areas, causing dangerous conditions.

An NWS flash flood warning is also in effect until 6 p.m. for the southwestern parts of LA County and the southeastern parts of Ventura County. These areas include Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley, Malibu, Woodland Hills, Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, Hollywood, Burbank and Pasadena. The warning was initially set to expire at noon, but weather officials extended it after local law enforcement reported heavy rain across the region.

Peak rainfall timing on Wednesday: Santa Barbara County: 3 to 7 a.m.; Ventura County: 5 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Los Angeles County: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CBS LA has issued a Next Weather Alert through Christmas Day on Thursday for all Southern California communities. A Next Weather Watch has been issued for Friday, which could be upgraded if weather conditions persist.

Caltrans road closures:

Topanga Canyon Boulevard/State Route 27 is fully closed between Pacific Coast Highway and Grand View Drive

Pacific Coast Highway (State Route 1) is expected to remain open, with crews actively monitoring areas most susceptible to debris flows

5 Freeway in Sun Valley, all lanes in both directions closed around 2 p.m. between Lankershim Boulevard and Penrose Street due to flooding

The latest: Storms bring rain, power outages and rough seas to Mendocino County

by Sarah Stierch, December 26, 2025



A downed tree at a parking lot in Fort Bragg, Calif. on Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2025. Downed trees and power outages dotted Mendocino County as a series of winter storms brought heavy rain and wind to the region Christmas week. (Mary Rose Kaczorowski via Bay City News)

Showers and isolated thunderstorms are expected through Friday afternoon, with locally heavy rain and wind gusts up to 55 mph possible, according to the National Weather Service.

A wind advisory remains in effect for parts of the county until 12 p.m., including the Mendocino Coast and northeastern Mendocino County.

The NWS warned that slow-moving heavier showers could cause minor flooding in low-lying and poor-drainage areas. A flood watch remains in effect through Friday evening for Mendocino County.

Rain and thunderstorm activity is expected to diminish Friday night, with drier and colder weather forecast for the weekend. Marine conditions remain hazardous, the NWS said. Gale-force winds and very rough seas are expected through Friday, with seas generally in the teens before gradually easing into the weekend. Conditions may remain dangerous near beaches, rocks and jetties, and people are urged to use caution if heading to the shoreline.

The New York Times

California Prepares for More Rain After a Soggy Christmas

Officials warned that driving would remain hazardous across much of the state, with heavy rain still to fall in some places that broke records on Christmas Eve.

A record-setting holiday rainstorm disrupted parts of California on Christmas, swamping major highways, shutting down airport runways and prompting tornado warnings. Officials cautioned that driving to holiday celebrations on slick and muddy roads could turn deadly.

Sun and blue skies emerged across much of the state on Thursday afternoon, but it was a brief reprieve. Storms returned by evening in some regions, and forecasters said that an inch or more of rain could fall in parts of the state overnight, including in cities that just set records for Christmas Eve rainfall.

Early Thursday, heavy downpours flooded streets in Northern California, spawned mudslides in the burn scars from wildfires in Southern California and dumped wet snow across the Sierra Nevada. Residents in some mountain communities spent all of Christmas under evacuation orders.

A smaller wave of rain arrived before nightfall on Thursday and was expected to drop up to 1.5 inches on San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties, with smaller amounts in Los Angeles County and more in the mountains. A flash flood warning was in effect in the Oxnard area, in Ventura County, until the early evening.



The skies cleared between storms on Thursday, but the damage remained on roads in California, including one in Phelan, Calif., northeast of Los Angeles. William Liang/Associated Press

A second wave was expected to arrive later Thursday night and last until noon on Friday, bringing another 1.5 inches of rain to Los Angeles, and twice that in the nearby mountains.

In the Bay Area, coastal mountain ranges, such as the Santa Cruz Mountains and the Diablo Range, were at particular risk of heavy downpours, said Brayden Murdock, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service office there.

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PHOTOGRAPHS



: Pavement cracking across both lanes caused by landslide and roadway slipout (MEN-1-78.2)

Typical Storm Damage Photos: 01-MEN-1



Landslide (MEN-1-104.6)

Typical Storm Damage Photos: 01-MEN-1



Roadway damage caused by failed drainage system (MEN-1-19.64)

Typical Storm Damage Photos: 01-MEN-1



This Photograph Shows: Creek eroded berm and side slope resulting in a partial collapse of the roadway on VEN 33 at PM 50.0

Typical Storm Damage Photos: 07-VEN-33



This Photograph Shows: Debris flow from the canyons filled the detention basin. The material has stopped at the debris rack but is at near capacity (VEN 101 at PM 32.67)
Picture #3

Typical Storm Damage Photos: 07-VEN-101



This Photograph Shows: VEN-1-PM 28.2 - Clogged drainage system and roadway edge with mud and debris.
Picture #3

Typical Storm Damage Photos: 07-VEN-1