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EDD receives up to \$36 million for storm clean-up and repair

Funding will provide 1,800 unemployed individuals with temporary employment on recovery projects in 34 counties

SACRAMENTO – The California Employment Development Department (EDD) today announced it received up to \$36 million in a National Dislocated Worker Grant to help 34 counties clean-up after the devastating January storms. The funds were approved by the U.S. Department of Labor and will provide temporary jobs for 1,800 unemployed workers in the affected counties for clean-up and repair projects.

EDD also released a list of [local project operators and contact information](#) for individuals interested in applying for temporary employment on the projects.

“This funding will help local areas recover from the extensive storm damage while providing temporary jobs for workers who are unemployed,” said EDD Director Patrick W. Henning, Jr.

At the request of Governor Brown, the Federal Emergency Management Agency made three major disaster declarations in California following the storms that began January 3, 2017. EDD hopes to expand the temporary jobs program to counties included in subsequent disaster declarations.

With the initial \$12 million released to California, local areas will be able to begin hiring for the temporary jobs. The EDD estimates work will be done on 265 project sites on public and tribal lands damaged by the storms.

Projects will include clean-up and repair of the emergency spillway hillside at Oroville Dam, and efforts to shore-up levees, fix roadways, clear drains and culverts, and remove mud and brush from Northern California areas affected by flooding and mudslides.

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The impacted counties include Alameda, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Contra Costa, El Dorado, Humboldt, Inyo, Lake, Lassen, Marin, Mendocino, Merced, Mono, Monterey, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Sutter, Trinity, Tuolumne, Yolo, and Yuba.

The EDD also recommends that all individuals seeking job assistance register at their local [America's Job Center of CaliforniaSM](#) for no-fee employment services and training resources.

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