



Federal Disaster Changes Local Recovery Impacts

Introduction

State and Federal agencies have historically provided substantial support to local jurisdictions throughout the Emergency Management Cycle. Changes to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will have significant impacts on future disasters. Re-evaluation of both local practices and state support are needed to ensure that we are ready statewide to meet increased disaster impacts with decreased federal support.



Impacts

Reduced Support for Damage Assessment



- Local agencies will be expected to lead damage assessment and validation efforts before FEMA support may be deployed.
- Without FEMA support, many counties will struggle to meet increased disaster thresholds which will have significant long-term recovery impacts.

Increased Disaster Thresholds



- Proposed per capita threshold increases will raise the level of damage needed from \$1.89 to \$7.56 PCI.
- Increased disaster thresholds will reduce the number of federally declared disasters, meaning:
 - FEMA will support fewer local disasters
 - Local jurisdictions will have to absorb more disaster expenses

Reduced Equity Post Disaster

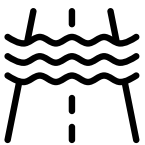


- Cuts to Federal programs that previously focused on vulnerable populations will impact local governments' ability to reach and support their whole community.

CASE STUDY: 2023 WINTER STORMS

The 2023 Winter Storms were a series of storms that impacted California from December to January. Across the state, 44 counties were approved for Public Assistance (PA) and 16 for Individual Assistance (IA).

IMPACTS IN CONTRA COSTA



\$43 million in public property damage



\$20 million in private property damage

FEDERAL SUPPORT



15 Federal subject matter experts onsite to support Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA)

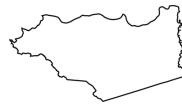


1 disaster resource center, 2 mobile intake centers, and 10 door-to-door teams



Over 1,700 residents served and \$15 million in IA approved

ADAPTING TO THE NEW RECOVERY LANDSCAPE



LOCALLY

Increase local funding for preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery activities to support resiliency efforts.

Seek public and private partnership opportunities to fill funding and program gaps and share preparedness responsibilities.



STATEWIDE

Re-evaluate the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) to address federal resourcing gaps and prioritize recovery.

Increase CalOES investment in local programs that focus on preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery.

Increase advocacy at the State and Federal level for sustained FEMA funding.

WHAT WILL FUTURE DISASTER RECOVERY LOOK LIKE WITHOUT THIS SUPPORT?