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**EDD receives additional \$7 million for storm clean-up projects,
expands temporary jobs program to more counties**

***Job opportunities for 2,150 unemployed workers
on storm-related projects***

SACRAMENTO – The California Employment Development Department (EDD) today announced it was awarded an additional \$7 million National Dislocated Worker Grant to help seven primarily Southern California counties with clean-up projects related to the late January storms, and has expanded its temporary jobs program to 10 more counties affected by severe February weather. The funds were approved by the U.S. Department of Labor, and when combined with an earlier grant will provide temporary employment opportunities to a total 2,150 unemployed workers on storm-related projects.

“These clean-up projects will provide unemployed workers in impacted areas with job opportunities and help California communities recover from the devastating storms,” said EDD Director Patrick W. Henning.

EDD announced in March that it had received up to \$36 million for January storm clean-up and repair projects in 34 counties, and that the funding will provide 1,800 unemployed workers with temporary jobs on public and tribal lands. 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.

Due to the early February storms that impacted Northern and Central California areas, EDD was approved to add 10 counties to the initial temporary jobs program. By expanding the program to additional counties, local clean-up projects can begin faster without having to wait for a separate grant. The 10 additional counties include Alpine, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Kings, Mariposa, Modoc, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tehama.

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The \$7 million grant will support 350 temporary jobs for unemployed individuals on storm recovery projects in Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, San Mateo, and Santa Barbara counties.

On its website, the EDD has posted [local project operators and contact information](#) for the clean-up projects to be done in each area. Projects include shoring up levees, fixing roadways, clearing drains and culverts, removing mud and brush, and clean-up and repair of the emergency spillway hillside at Oroville Dam.

EDD recommends that all individuals interested in applying for the temporary jobs register at local [America's Job Center of CaliforniaSM](#) locations, which also offer no-fee employment services and training resources.

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