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How to Report Property Damage from Storms in San Joaquin County *County to Collect Documentation to Support Federal Assistance*

Stockton, Calif. – Severe storms continue to cause widespread damage, flooding, and power outages across the San Joaquin region. In order to accurately assess and report on the full extent of the storm damage and ensure the maximum amount of relief funds are made available to residents, the San Joaquin County Office of Emergency Services (OES) is requesting County residents and businesses that have sustained property damage to fill out a short survey. Residents and businesses can find the survey by visiting sjready.org/events/winter-storm/recovery.html and clicking on the orange “Report Damage” button.

If a resident runs a business out of their residence, and both the home and the business sustained damages, then two separate reports can be made.

Survey responses will assist OES in determining the extent and location of storm damage so that OES can accurately report to State and Federal emergency response agencies and better direct recovery efforts toward assisting impacted residents and businesses.

This survey is *not* a report for insurance and does *not* guarantee federal recovery assistance. Residents and businesses with insurance should still be reporting damages to their insurance provider. However, because San Joaquin County and many others in the State are still awaiting a Major Disaster Declaration the survey results are important. Such a declaration can provide a wide range of federal assistance programs for individuals and public infrastructure, including emergency and permanent work funds.

For more information about the response to this series of winter storms, or to sign up for emergency alerts, visit SJReady.org. Follow San Joaquin County at www.facebook.com/SJCOES or on Twitter at @SJC_OES.

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