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News Release

Apply with FEMA for disaster assistance for critical and immediate needs

SACRAMENTO, Calif.— A Major Disaster Declaration for the wildfires in California was approved, which authorized Individual Assistance in Lake, Monterey, Napa, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma and Yolo Counties

Individuals and households who reside in those counties and who have immediate or critical needs due to being displaced from their homes as a result of the wildfires may be eligible for FEMA financial assistance.

Apply with FEMA one of three ways: online at <u>www.disasterassistance.gov</u>; by downloading the FEMA app to a smartphone or tablet; or by calling the **FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362** (TTY 800-462-7585) between 7 a.m. and 10:30 p.m.

Applicants with questions about their FEMA registrations should call the FEMA Helpline. between 7 a.m. and 10:30 p.m PST.

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All FEMA disaster assistance will be provided without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex (including sexual harassment), religion, national origin, age, disability, limited English proficiency, economic status, or retaliation. If you believe your civil rights are being violated, call 800-621-3362 or 800-462-7585(TTY/TDD).

FEMA's mission: Helping people before, during, and after disasters.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is the federal government's primary source of money for the long term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps businesses of all sizes, private nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters fund repairs or rebuilding efforts and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property.

For more information, applicants may contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955. TTY users may also call 800-877-8339. Applicants may also email <u>disastercustomerservice@sba.gov</u> or visit SBA at <u>SBA.gov/disaster</u>.