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SANTA BARBARA COUNTY PROCLAIMS LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO SEVERE WINTER STORMS

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) – At 3:05 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9, 2023, Santa Barbara County proclaimed a local emergency due to the January 2023 Storm which has impacted Santa Barbara County with evacuation orders, shelter in place orders, closure of the 101 and 154 Highways, and multiple calls for service including water rescues. The proclamation was signed by County Executive Officer and Director of Emergency Services Mona Miyasato and anticipated to be ratified by the Board of Supervisors at its regularly scheduled meeting at 9 a.m. Tuesday, January 9, 2023.

The declaration of a local emergency will enable the County to utilize all resources necessary to respond to damage that will likely be caused by these storms and to receive any needed funding through the California Disaster Assistance Act and any other State and Federal funding that may be available. This proclamation is for the entire County including all of the affected cities and districts.

“The January 2023 Storm is causing a threat to people and property within the County of Santa Barbara, necessitating all required resources of support be utilized to respond,” said Board Chair and Third District Supervisor Joan Hartmann.

On January 9, 2023, as a result of forecast for heavy rains and a Flash Flood Warning issued by the National Weather Service, an evacuation order was issued for the entire Montecito community and vulnerable canyons to protect life and property. A Shelter in Place was additionally ordered for the Cave and Alisal burn scar areas.

[Click here to access the Santa Barbara County 2023 January Winter Storm Incident Map.](#)

An Evacuation Center is open at the Wake Center, 300 N. Turnpike Rd, Santa Barbara. For animal evacuation information, call Santa Barbara County Animal Services at (805) 681-4332.

For additional information, contact the Santa Barbara County Call Center at (833) 688-5551 or call 2-1-1.

REGISTER TO RECEIVE PUBLIC SAFETY ALERTS: If you haven't registered for emergency alerts, please do so at ReadySBC.org. Click on the red icon to register to receive emergency alerts via text, phone call, and email.

Stay Connected:

It is critical that people in Santa Barbara County register to receive emergency alerts. Sign up for Aware and Prepare emergency alerts at www.ReadySBC.org. If we can't reach you, we can't alert you.

For updates through social media, follow @countyofsb on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). For general information, call 2-1-1 from 805 area code or 800-400-1572 outside of 805, or text your zip code to 898-211.

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Es muy importante que las personas en el Condado de Santa Bárbara se registren para recibir alertas de emergencias. Inscríbese para recibir las alertas por medio de *Informados y Preparados* (Aware and Prepare) en www.ReadySBC.org/es. Si no podemos localizarlo, no podemos alertarlo.

Para actualizaciones por las redes sociales, siga @csbenespanol en [Twitter](#), @countyofsb en [Facebook](#). Para información en general, llame al 2-1-1 desde el código de área 805, o al 800-400-1572 para fuera del 805, o mande por texto su código postal al 898-211.

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