

Plenty of California disaster declarations



South Lake Tahoe fire crews this month get rid of ice and water on city streets. Photo/SLTFD

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This year's heavy rains and the ongoing crisis at Oroville Dam recently prompted Gov. Jerry Brown to do what he and his predecessors have done many times before: ask for federal help.

Once approved, presidential declarations – the most common is a major disaster – open the door to assistance from a range of federal programs, such as money to fix roads or help with living expenses for people thrown out of work.

California knows the programs well.

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