

Mother Nature can be pernicious and cause catastrophic destruction. In fact, the Central Coast has been the site of seven federal disaster declaration.

The [Federal Emergency Management Agency](#) , a part of the Department of Homeland Security, is charged with helping the people across the country prepare for and recover from natural disasters and other emergencies. The counties of Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz are part of FEMA's Region IX jurisdiction.

### [FEMA's Region IX Office](#) :

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### Local Resources

- [California's Office of Emergency Services](#)
- [Monterey County Office of Emergency Services](#)
- [San Benito County Office of Emergency Services](#)
- [Santa Cruz County Office of Emergency Services](#)

If you find that your questions are not answered here, please do not hesitate to contact my office. In the event you find yourself having a problem with a federal agency and require assistance, please fill out and sign a [privacy release form](#) .

### Helpful Links

- [American Red Cross](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control](#)
- [Citizen Corps](#)
- [Department of Homeland Security](#)
- [Ready.gov](#)

### FEMA FAQ's

- [Can I apply for assistance online?](#)
- [How can I find out if my property is in a Special Flood Hazard Area?](#)

- [Can I get more information about disaster assistance?](#)