* Individuals in San Diego County are eligible for federal assistance with damages suffered during flooding between January 21 and 23. Heavy rains resulted in extensive flood damage with numerous homes damaged. FEMA, the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services and other partners have taken a whole community effort to support recovery. San Diego County residents have until April 19, 2024, to apply for FEMA assistance. California was granted a second Presidential Major Disaster Declaration this year for February storm recovery. The counties receiving aid include Butte, Glenn, Los Angeles, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Sutter and Ventura.
* FEMA received another record-setting request for mitigation funding this year. Nearly $8 billion in applications through the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) were received before the application period closed in February. A total of $1.8 billion is available this fiscal cycle for these programs. FEMA anticipates releasing later this year an update of the applications received.
* A new tool to implement the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) helps agencies implement the newer standard. The Federal Flood Standard Support Tool uses both the freeboard value approach (FVA) and climate-informed science approach (CISA) to determine if a federally funded project is in a FFRMS floodplain. The [Science and Technology Policy office](https://www.whitehouse.gov/ostp/news-updates/2024/04/11/a-new-tool-to-help-plan-for-and-protect-against-floods/) is accepting comments on the functionality of the support tool by May 28, 2024.
* The updated edition of the National Flood Insurance Program’s Insurance Manual is effective April 1, 2024. The update keeps flood insurance coverage the same as the terms and conditions of the Standard Flood Insurance Policy.
* April 1, 2024, also marked the 45th anniversary of FEMA. The agency continues to evolve and adapt and remains committed to serving people before, during and after disasters.
* FEMA is currently funded, and the National Flood Insurance Program authorized, through September 30, 2024.