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Loans for Businesses, Private Nonprofits, Homeowners and Renters

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SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans Available to California Small Businesses

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Small nonfarm businesses in 29 California counties are now eligible to apply for low-interest federal disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration. These loans offset economic losses because of reduced revenues caused by the excessive rain, high winds, cold temperatures and hail in the following primary counties that occurred March 1, 2016 - May 7, 2016, announced Director Tanya N. Garfield of SBA’s Disaster Field Operations Center - West.

Primary California counties: Butte, Glenn, Kern, San Joaquin and Yuba;

Neighboring California counties: Alameda, Amador, Calaveras, Colusa, Contra Costa, Inyo, Kings, Lake, Los Angeles, Mendocino, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Sierra, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Tulare and Ventura.

“SBA eligibility covers both the economic impacts on businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers that have suffered agricultural production losses caused by the disaster and businesses directly impacted by the disaster,” Garfield said.

Small nonfarm businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private nonprofit organizations of any size may qualify for Economic Injury Disaster Loans of up to \$2 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not occurred.

“Eligibility for these loans is based on the financial impact of the disaster only and not on any actual property damage. These loans have an interest rate of 4 percent for businesses and 2.625 percent for private nonprofit organizations, a maximum term of 30 years, and are available to small businesses and most private nonprofits without the financial ability to offset the adverse impact without hardship,” Garfield said.

By law, SBA makes Economic Injury Disaster Loans available when the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture designates an agricultural disaster. The Secretary declared this disaster on April 28, 2017.

Businesses primarily engaged in farming or ranching are not eligible for SBA disaster assistance. Agricultural enterprises should contact the Farm Services Agency about the U.S. Department of Agriculture assistance made available by the Secretary’s declaration.

Applicants may apply online using SBA’s secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

Disaster loan information and application forms are also available from SBA’s Customer Service Center by calling (800) 659-2955 or emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call (800) 877-8339. For more disaster assistance information or to download applications, visit <https://www.sba.gov/disaster>. Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

The deadline to apply for these loans is Dec. 28, 2017.

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May 3, 2017

Mr. Mark Ridley-Thomas, Chairperson
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 West Temple Street, Room 869
Los Angeles, California 90012

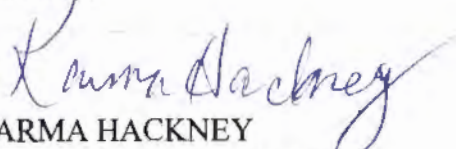
Subject: U.S. Department of Agriculture Designation

Dear Chairperson Ridley-Thomas:

On April 28, 2017, the U.S. Department of Agriculture granted a Secretarial disaster designation for the primary counties of **Butte, Glenn, Kern, San Joaquin, and Yuba** and the contiguous counties of **Alameda, Amador, Calaveras, Colusa, Contra Costa, Inyo, Kings, Lake, Los Angeles, Mendocino, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Sierra, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Tulare, and Ventura** due to agricultural losses caused by excessive rain, high winds, cold temperatures, and hail that occurred March 1, 2016, through May 7, 2016.

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) is providing the enclosed information regarding this designation. Please inform potential applicants throughout your county of this designation and information.

Sincerely,


KARMA HACKNEY
Individual Assistance Officer

Enclosure

c: Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Services
Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner
Karen Ross, Secretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)
Gary Leslie, County/State Liaison, CDFA
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**U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Designation
USDA #S4170
Excessive Rain, High Winds, Cold Temperatures, and Hail**

**Designation
Information**

The following table illustrates the designation information.

Eligible Primary County/Countries:	Butte, Glenn, Kern, San Joaquin, Yuba
Eligible Contiguous County/Countries:	Alameda, Amador, Calaveras, Colusa, Contra Costa, Inyo, Kings, Lake, Los Angeles, Mendocino, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Sierra, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Tulare, Ventura
Event:	Excessive rain, high winds, cold temperatures, and hail that occurred March 01, 2016, through May 07, 2016
Assistance made available by designation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency farm loans for both physical and crop production losses as a direct result of the disaster • Up to a maximum of \$500,000
Application deadline:	December 28, 2017
Who may apply:	Farmers and ranchers who conduct family-sized farming operations
How to apply:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office listed in the local telephone directory under U.S. Government, Agriculture • Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at 202-720-2600 (voice and TDD)
USDA website for additional information:	https://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=fmlp&topic=efl