

County Impacts Associated with Hilary (2023)

Narratives listed in alphabetical order by county.

Updates:

- 08/24/2023 - Initial issuance
- 08/28/2023 - Additional impacts added to Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego Counties

County Name Orange	Injuries: None known at this time	Fatalities: No direct or indirect fatalities known at this time	Evacuations: 2
Evacuation Warning for Silverado and Williams canyons on the Bond burn scar. Trees and large tree branches fell along the Santa Ana river, Riverview Golf Course, and in La Habra. Reports of winds removing shingles from houses in La Habra. 190 customers lost power during the event.			

County Name Riverside	Injuries: None known at this time	Fatalities: No direct or indirect fatalities known at this time	Evacuations: 7
Rainfall of 5-13 inches fell in the Whitewater River and in Upper Mission Creek, resulting in a massive flood of water, rocks, and other debris. Mud splashed up onto portions of I-10 crossing the river while debris was pushed onto the Highway 111 overpass. I-10 at Date Palm and Indian Canyon Road were closed in both directions due to extensive mud and water cover covering the roadway; two out of four lanes eroded due to serious damage on Indian Canyon Road. La Quinta Golf Course saw extensive flooding. Union Pacific rail tracks were undercut and washed out when the Whitewater River broke a division bern at the California and Colorado River aqueduct. At least one train was confirmed to have derailed, with two other trains either observed off track after being forced off the rails by floodwaters, or buried on track. Water and debris was estimated to be 10-15 feet high, and also buckled/cracked the bridge footing at Whitewater. This also severed fiber cables in the area, leading to outages. The Mias Canyon Bridge near the Apple burn scar was washed out. Numerous roads were closed due to flooding as well as mud/debris flows, most notably a roughly 30 mile stretch of I-10 between Bob Hope Drive and Indian Canyon Drive; this area was completely inundated by mud, debris and flooding from August 20 through the morning on August 21. Fourteen people were rescued from an assisted living facility in Cathedral City the morning of August 21st as their facility was surrounded by mud and water too deep for passage by a vehicle; heavy equipment bucket loaders were used in this rescue. At least two swift water rescues were conducted, including an instance where Box Canyon Road in Mecca was flooded, stranding one person and requiring a rescue by CalFire. Flooding also occurred inside the Eisenhower Hospital in Rancho Mirage, forcing the hospital on generator power. The KESQ news station was flooded due to backed up water from the facility's drainage system in Thousand Palms on Sunday August 20 th . 911 emergency call service went down in Palm Springs, Indio, and Cathedral City on August 20 th , and was restored on Tuesday the 22 nd . Palm Springs declared a local state of emergency due to extensive flooding impacts on the city. Evacuation orders were issued for Mias Canyon, north of Banning. Evacuation Warnings were issued for numerous areas in local burn scars; these include the Bautista area southeast of Hemet and northwest of Anza in the Fairview Fire burn scar, portions of the Apple Fire			

burn scar near the Portrero Creek, Hathaway Creek and Highland Springs areas, Banning Bench, Reche Canyon, Snow Creek, as well as areas within the recent Bonny Fire burn scar.

County Name San Bernardino	Injuries: None known at this time	Fatalities: 1* (*ongoing search for missing person)	Evacuations: 5
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Evacuation Orders issued for the communities of Oak Glen, Forest Falls, Mountain Home Village, Angelus Oaks, and NE Yucaipa, all near the Apple/El Dorado burn scar. SR-2 at Sheep Creek in Wrightwood was completely covered with water and mud Sunday evening. SR-2 and SR-138 were closed in Wrightwood due to flooding and debris flows. SR-38 was closed in both directions near Onyx Summit due to 8 inches of rain at Heart Bar near the Santa Ana River; the road will be closed until further notice. Boulders and trees blocked portions of SR 18, 38, and 2. A debris flow, including large boulders, in Forest Falls sent firefighters running for safety. Fortunately, no one was injured but the debris flow did strand the firefighters at their fire station until the road could be cleared. Oak Glen Road was closed before Pendleton Road the night of Sunday August 20 due to active mud and debris flow including large boulders; no estimated time of reopening. Two bridges are reported washed out on Seven Oaks Road to Glass Road. There are 5 to 15 persons who are not able to leave their homes due to road damage. There is ongoing search and rescue for a missing person possibly washed into Barton Creek or Santa Ana River. 738 customers lost power during the event.

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County Name San Diego	Injuries: None known at this time	Fatalities: No direct or indirect fatalities known at this time	Evacuations: 0 (no warnings/orders issued that we're aware of)
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Highway 78 was washed out at Yaqui Pass. The San Felipe Wash overflowed and led to flooding along and north of SR 78 in Borrego. Massive boulders and mud fell onto In Ko Pah Road near Ocotillo, which closed all eastbound lanes of I-8. S22 Salton Sea Highway between Rockhouse Canyon Rd and Highway 86 was closed Sunday due to flooding and mud in the roads, as well as Yaqui Pass S3 road into Borrego Springs was closed. San Diego swiftwater rescue lifeguards and fire department reported 14 rescues on Sunday August 20th. The San Diego River reached 9.8 feet with a very rapid rise, which flooded portions of Mission Valley including areas near the Fashion Valley Mall.