



\$1.4 Million From FEMA Aids LADWP For Storm Damages
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Washington, DC – The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) was awarded \$1.4 million in Public Assistance program funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for eligible costs incurred by the storms of December 27, 2004 through January 11, 2005, Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) announced today.

“There are many areas in California that are still feeling the impacts of this year’s devastating storms,” Senator Feinstein said. **“FEMA’s decision demonstrates their continued commitment to helping communities recover from the damage caused by the winter storms.”**

The storms resulted in 24 deaths, \$235 million in damage to public facilities, 1,200 homes damaged or destroyed, 62 businesses damaged or destroyed, and 15,400 storm-related insurance claims filed, according to preliminary estimates by the state of California. On February 4, 2005 President Bush declared Los Angeles County among others eligible for public assistance. Funds will reimburse LADWP for costs associated with overtime labor and equipment for emergency temporary repairs to electrical distribution facilities damaged during the storms.

The \$1.4 million represents 75% of the project’s total cost. The state and Los Angeles County will contribute the remaining funds divided at 18.75% and 6.25% respectively. The award is allocated from FEMA’s Public Assistance program which dedicates funds for eligible costs that may include debris removal, overtime pay for emergency workers, and the repair of roads and bridges, public buildings and equipment, and public utilities.

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