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LAKE LEVEL UPDATE

As of August 15, 2023, the lake level is -2' 6" at an elevation of 3,374' 2".

Deadline to Apply for FEMA Aid Extended to September 1

Renters and homeowners in 14 counties impacted by the February and March storms and flooding will now have more time to sign up for federal disaster assistance. FEMA's registration period, which ended on July 20, has been extended to Sept. 1, 2023.

The eligible counties are Butte, Kern, Madera, Mariposa, Mendocino, Mono, Monterey, Nevada, San Benito, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Santa Cruz, Tulare and Tuolumne.

President Biden declared the federal disaster April 3, 2023. It covers damage caused by severe winter storms, straight-line winds, flooding, landslides and mudslides between February 21 and July 10, 2023.

[FEMA's Individuals and Households Program](#) may provide disaster assistance for eligible costs of home repairs, rental assistance for temporary housing, essential personal property, disaster-related medical and dental care, funeral expenses, transportation and childcare.

There Are Three Ways to Apply for FEMA

Online at DisasterAssistance.gov

The [FEMA mobile app](#) (continued on page two)



Repair work has begun on Dogwood Creek Drive in Bass Lake Estates. The pavement partially washed out during this winter's rain storms.



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If you use video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA the number for that service. Helpline operators are available from 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily. For an accessible video on how to apply, please click [here](#).

If FEMA refers you to [SBA](#), you must apply with SBA before you can be considered for certain FEMA grant money, such as reimbursement for damaged personal property, transportation assistance and [Group Flood Insurance Policy \(GFIP\)](#).

Residents are not obligated to take out a loan if they are approved, but a failure to return the application may disqualify them from possible FEMA assistance. Long-term, low-interest disaster loans for businesses, nonprofits, homeowners and renters may be available to cover losses not fully compensated by insurance or other sources.

For the latest information on California's recovery from the severe winter storms, flooding, landslides and mudslides, visit [FEMA.gov/disaster/4699](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4699).

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All FEMA disaster assistance will be provided without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex (including sexual harassment), sexual orientation, religion, national origin, age, disability, limited English proficiency or economic status. If you believe your civil rights are being violated, call the Civil Rights Resource line at **833-285-7448**.

Recently, U.S. SBA Administrator [Isabella Casillas Guzman](#) announced a [policy change](#) granting 12 months of no payments and 0% interest. This pertains to all disaster loans approved in response to disasters declared on or after September 21, 2022, through September 30, 2023. This policy change will benefit disaster survivors and help them to decrease the overall cost of recovery by reducing the amount of accrued interest they must repay.

The [U.S. Small Business Administration](#) is the federal government's primary source of funds for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps businesses of all sizes, private, nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters, fund repairs or rebuilding efforts, and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. These disaster loans cover losses not fully compensated by insurance or other recoveries and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations.

Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications by clicking [here](#).

Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at **800-659-2955** or e-mail disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. For people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 711 to access telecommunications relay services.

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UPCOMING BASS LAKE EVENTS

SUMMER VIBES - LIVE MUSIC DAILY

Marina Bar & Grill - See www.basslakeboatrentals.com for details

KARAOKE THURSDAYS

The Pines Bar - See www.yosemitethisyear.com for details

LIVE MUSIC FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS

The Pines Bar - See www.yosemitethisyear.com for details

BASS LAKE LIVE MUSIC & DINNER

The Pines Resort - See www.basslake.com for details

Through September 3, 2023

12pm -3pm & 6pm - 9pm

Through September 28, 2023

Through September 30, 2023

August 24, 2023

6:30pm - 10:00pm

Skip these 5 renovations to avoid harming your home's value

It's important not to go overboard with bathroom upgrades. Keep it simple with a walk-in shower with a rain shower head. (Dreamstime/TNS) There's been a boost in at-home renovation projects within the past year — and it shows no signs of slowing. "With a financial boost from recent federal stimulus payments and strong house price appreciation, homeowners are continuing to invest in the upkeep and improvement of their homes," Chris Herbert, managing director of the Joint Center for Housing Studies said in a press release. "This lift in incomes and ongoing strength of the housing market are providing homeowners incentives to make even greater investments in their homes this year."

But before you make your next renovation, ensure it will help and not harm your home's value. Start by skipping these five projects.

Unique lighting fixtures

Good lighting is essential, but it needs to be functional rather than ornate. "For example, an oversize hanging light is out of place in a small to medium size great room or living room — since the fixture will just overwhelm the entire space — just as a too-small fixture will be dwarfed by a space that too large and voluminous for it," house plan website the Plan Collection said.

Brightly colored rooms

"Just because a color is popular in magazines doesn't mean it will add value to a house in your area," Tulsa, Oklahoma-based real estate agent Paul Wheeler told HomeLight. "Cutting edge colors only work in cutting edge areas. Places like New York or L.A. pick up color trends first, then they trickle down to the middle of the country a few years later. So if we're too far ahead of the trends, buyers aren't going to like it." Luckily, fixing it is just a matter of another paint job.

Luxury bathrooms

It's important not to go overboard with bathroom upgrades. "Potential buyers could be scared off by bathroom remodel mistakes like over-personalized finishes and over-the-top whirlpool tubs that are hard to clean and hard for some people to climb into," GoBankingRates reported. Keep it simple with a walk-in shower with a rain shower head.

Guest bedroom-turned-home office

Many people have been working from home in the past year, but that doesn't mean you should get rid of your spare room in favor of an office. Custom cabinet installation, rewiring for electric equipment and other improvements have been shown to cost \$29,066 and result in a \$14,155 value. It may not be worth it.

High-end kitchens

Many people enjoy top-of-the-line kitchen appliances, but only to an extent. New Jersey-based retailer Designer Appliances says on its blog not all homes will see an increase in resale value simply because of updated appliances. This could happen if it isn't in a high-end market.

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