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### **Property Tax Relief for Those Affected by Storms**

VISALIA, Calif. – Winter storms have caused significant damage and, in some cases, devastating losses. We extend our sympathy to those in communities who have suffered losses and want to remind property owners that California law provides tax relief when property is severely damaged by calamities such as floods, fires and earthquakes.

By filing a claim for reassessment with the Assessor's Office within 12 months of the date the property was damaged, owners of properties that have sustained a minimum of \$10,000 in damage may be eligible for a refund of taxes already paid and lower annual tax bills until the property is repaired or rebuilt. Once the repairs are completed, the property assessment will be restored to its previous value (in addition to annual adjustments, if applicable) so long as the property is rebuilt in a similar manner.

Tax relief is available for all types of properties including homes, commercial and industrial buildings, agricultural properties, manufactured homes, and business and personal property. Damage to vehicles, home furnishings and personal effects are not eligible for this type of relief because they are not locally assessed.

*An Application for Reassessment of Property Damaged or Destroyed by Misfortune or Calamity* will be mailed upon request by calling our office at (559) 636-5100. An application can also be downloaded from the Assessor's website at [tularecounty.ca.gov/assessor](http://tularecounty.ca.gov/assessor) or by scanning this QR code with your smartphone.



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