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It's rained 13 days straight and there's only the promise of a weatherman that things will be different Tuesday.

Boulder Creek has recorded 92 inches this year and folks in the mountains are realizing they've endured 12 to 14 feet of rain these past two seasons.

That's "feet" of rain.

But as the National Weather Service says, for the first time in more than a week, no significant storms lurk offshore.

that could add add to the \$200 million damage in coastal counties from this winter's storms.

This county's had \$2.4 million in public road damage. Four homes have been destroyed, 44 damaged and nine businesses damaged.

Even without rain Tuesday, it's rained for so long that even when it stops, the hills come tumbling down from the weight of water that washes in from higher and wetter hills.

Old San Jose Road collapsed Sunday after the heavy rains slowed and Bear Creek Road's second slide came down in a break in the weather.

The slide that cut off Lompico continues to hang as a threatening mass over the scooped-out roadway.

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Lompico was cut off for two days last week.

President Reagan has extended the federal declaration of emergency for Santa Cruz and other counties in California. Thirty-five have been hit hard.

The declaration is open-ended at this time and allows storm victims a chance to apply for state and federal disaster grants and loans.

On Saturday, construction crews from the National Guard were sent in by the state Office of Emergency Services and they will work through today, according to the present schedule.

County Supervisors' Chairman Joe Cuchiara and state Sen. Henry Mello, D-Watsonville, have appealed to the state to keep the crews and heavy earth-movers in this county through the week.

The county is waiting to hear the results of Mello's request.

Cucchiarà said there's work being done to clear and open Lompico, Bear Creek, Granite Creek, Clear Creek, Schulties, Redwood Lodge, Eureka Canyon, Old Summit, East Zayante, Highland Way, Two-Bar and Old San Jose roads.

Old San Jose Road collapsed, a section of its roadway slipping away.

Material from Lompico slide is being taken to Granite Creek Road to use as fill.

The National Weather Service said that scattered showers today would taper off into mostly fair weather Tuesday.

Lingering snow showers caused a travelers' advisory to remain in effect for the Sierra Nevada, and the snow level is at 5,000 to 7,000 feet in the northern Sierra and 8,000 feet toward Yosemite.

The flood waters in the Alviso section of San Jose were being pumped out and 1,700 refugees may be able to get back home within a week.

Rainfall reports for 24 hours ending at 8 a.m. today and including the season's totals (since July 1) and those of last year at this time, are as follows:

	24 Hrs.	Season	Last Year
Aptos	.61	35.73	32.99
Ben Lomond	1.08	80.42	
Bonny Doon	1.01	74.70	64.11
Boulder Creek	.90	92.71	70.06
Capitola	.72	43.75	35.94
Corralitos	.47	41.74	37.82
Freedom	.45	33.45	28.87
Empire Grade	.81	82.29	75.07
Felton	.84	67.73	55.38
Graham Hill	.90	54.05	47.80
Happy Valley	.75	63.90	57.95
Lompico	1.10	91.75	72.40
Natural Bridges	.57	30.90	24.33
Rio del Mar	.70	37.16	34.59
Santa Cruz	.82	38.11	34.18
Scotts Valley	.75	68.39	55.44
Soquel	.71	41.52	37.79
Swanton	.92	43.91	37.63