

2 people, dog rescued from river as storm douses California

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A bicyclist rides a mountain bike as storm clouds approach in the distance at Hidden Lakes Park in Martinez, Calif., Sunday, March 27, 2022. A storm is approaching the Bay Area, bringing much needed rain for the next couple of days. Credit: Jose Carlos Fajardo/Bay Area News Group via AP

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California river Monday as a vigorous late-season storm moved slowly through the state, bringing heavy showers and snow.

A helicopter rescue crew pulled the dog's owner, a woman, from the rushing Los Angeles River, in the San Fernando Valley, around 2:40 p.m. But the dog slipped away and continued for more than an hour down the river, which runs for several miles through an inaccessible channel with high concrete walls.

At one point a good Samaritan jumped into the raging water and grabbed the dog, but the animal slipped from his grip too and the man had to be rescued himself.

The medium-to-large black and brown dog eventually reached shallower water, where it was able to walk, and an LA Fire Department crew on the ground pulled it to safety around 4 p.m. to the cheers of bystanders.

"The bystander who went in the water earlier and required rescue was transported to the hospital with dog bite wounds," the fire department said in a statement. The dog's owner didn't require hospitalization, the statement said.

More than an inch (2.5 cm) of rain fell in parts of Southern California, the National Weather Service said.

The [weather](#) system marked a turnabout from an extremely dry winter that has spurred calls for [water conservation](#).



Bianca Kulback, 57, walks over sandbags stacked around her home during a rain storm in Silverado Canyon, Calif., Monday, March 28, 2022. A vigorous late-season storm moved slowly through California on Monday, bringing flood worries as rain fell across wildfire burn scars. Credit: AP Photo/Jae C. Hong

The storm hit the San Francisco Bay region overnight and spread east and south. Santa Rosa, north of San Francisco, recorded just under an inch (2.5 cm) of rain by Monday afternoon, the [weather service](#) said.

Winter weather advisories were issued for the Sierra Nevada, where 6 inches to 12 inches (15-30 centimeters) of snow were expected to fall at elevations above 6,000 feet (1,829 meters), the National Weather Service said.

The Mammoth Mountain resort said the storm could bring some of the biggest totals in quite a while.

"Mother Nature has returned wintry weather and we couldn't be more stoked," the resort said on its website.

Winter storm warnings posted for Southern California mountain ranges called for similar amounts of snowfall as well as up to 18 inches (46 centimeters) at higher elevations. Bear Mountain and Snow Summit east of Los Angeles announced last week that they will remain open through April 16.



A resident stands in the flooded road during a rain storm in Silverado Canyon, Calif., Monday, March 28, 2022. A vigorous late-season storm moved slowly through California on Monday, bringing flood worries as rain fell across wildfire

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Bianca Kulback, 57, walks across the flooded road near her home during a rain storm in Silverado Canyon, Calif., Monday, March 28, 2022. A vigorous late-season storm moved slowly through California on Monday, bringing flood worries as rain fell across wildfire burn scars. Credit: AP Photo/Jae C. Hong



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People watch from a bridge as a Los Angeles Fire Department rescue crew try to rescue a dog from the LA river in the Studio City section of Los Angeles on Monday, March 28, 2022. Two people and a dog were rescued from a rain-swollen Southern California river Monday as a vigorous late-season storm moved slowly through the state, bringing heavy showers and snow. A helicopter rescue crew pulled the dog's owner, a woman, from the rushing Los Angeles River, in the San Fernando Valley, around 2:40 p.m. But the dog slipped away and continued for more than an hour down the river, which runs through an inaccessible channel with high concrete walls for several miles. Credit: AP Photo/Richard Vogel



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Evacuation orders were briefly in effect for some canyon neighborhoods near wildfire burn scars in Orange County over fears that hillsides could loosen and create debris flows. Streets were flooded but no major

damage was reported.

After two years of drought, California got off to a good start with heavy precipitation in October and December 2021. Then, January and February were historically dry, leaving the state's snowpack well below normal.

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