

Storms tap Caltrans' Tahoe budget

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So how are the recent storms affecting the Caltrans budget?

"We budget for this annually," said Deanna Shoopman, chief spokesperson for Caltrans District 3. "It's not something new."

Caltrans keeps a maintenance budget which covers cleanup after storms, according to Shoopman.

The total budget for District 3 this fiscal year is about \$44.3 million, according to Caltrans. District 3 has spent approximately \$31.5 million, not including the recent storm damage. The storm cleanup will include the costs of massive sinkholes, fallen tree cleanup, road repairs, snow removal and much more so the costs will likely exceed the \$44.3 million budget.

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