

DAMAGE ON THE GROUND

The impact of atmospheric rivers through the years:



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1862 The entire Central Valley was flooded by this storm, probably caused by an atmospheric river.



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1986 A Sacramento neighborhood was inundated, and at least 14 people died statewide.



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2009 Tuesday's storm created a lot of debris, but no major flooding. Some called it a lucky break.