

Most evacuations lifted in mudslide-damaged Highland

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Officials lifted some of the evacuation orders in Highland, which was hit hard by flooding last week.

Dozens of homes were damaged when a wall of mud slammed into one neighborhood, nearly covering some cars. At least five homes were destroyed.

Highland officials announced that residents would be allowed to return to their homes on Cherrywood Court and in The Village area.

There is only one area still under evacuation orders: Autumn Chase Drive.

Officials had worried that rains the week would cause more mudslides, but those fears were not realized.

Crews are working to clear about 50,000 cubic yards of debris left in the catch basins. Volunteers have flocked to Highland to help.

The city has also coordinated with at least seven other agencies, including the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's inmate crews, to assist with cleanup efforts.