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Scott Heemstra takes Veronica Burdette out of the flood zone along Mill Street in Guerneville, Calif.

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RAGING RIVER

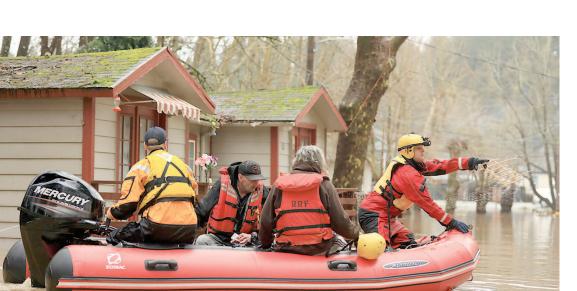
looding in Northern California this week left people trying to safely evacuate areas along the Russian River effectively cut off from the rest of the world.

The towns of Guerneville and Sebastopol were inundated, forcing many to take to boats, canoes and paddleboards to escape rising waters.



A man wades through the flooded Barlow Market District in Sebastopol, Calif.

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Ryan Lance, front, and Anthony Nash of the Russian River Fire Protection District swift water rescue team rescue residents of Sycamore Court Apartments in Guerneville, Calif.



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Jonathan Von Renner Jr. and a friend row past Mill and Third Street in Guerneville, Calif.



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