

California winds cut power

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LOS ANGELES -- Heavy winds left thousands of people without power in Southern California while the region braced for further gusts Wednesday. A total of 112,792 Southern California Edison customers lost power for some time Tuesday and about 15,000 customers remained without electricity Tuesday night, the Riverside (Calif.) Press-Enterprise reported Wednesday. Paul Klein, a spokesman for Edison, said Tuesday the company was working to have power restored to all areas as soon as possible. "Every available Edison crew is out there working," he told the Press-Enterprise. The National Weather Service issued a high wind watch for Wednesday afternoon through Thursday morning, the Los Angeles Times reported. NWS spokesman Bill Hoffer said the watch applies to portions of Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties. The Times said Tuesday's winds gusted up to 102 miles per hour.

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