



Combined CA-ESF Working Group and SWEPC Group

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 7, 2024
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Location: Cal OES Headquarters

Two presentations were given during the meeting, and a summary of each is provided below. Please refer to the presentation slide decks accompanying these minutes for more details.

Agenda Item 1: Introductions

Noele Richmond from Cal OES addressed the audience and provided opening comments. Attendees, both in-person and virtual, introduced themselves and their respective agencies. The event saw 40 in-person attendees and 120 virtual participants.

Noele gave an update on the State Emergency Plan (SEP), stating that they had received 800 comments during the public comment period, adjudicated by EFPU staff. The current draft of the SEP is now with the executive management, and they hope to publish it this calendar year. They are also working with ESF partners to ensure that all annex updates are completed before the publication of the SEP.

Agenda Item 2: FEMA Reg 9 Operational Branch

During a recent presentation, Jett Tullos and James Fey discussed the importance of the Operational Planning Branch Mission, which involves planning and preparing for events well in advance. They emphasized the need for checklists and dedicated resources to ensure the success of these events. Additionally, they mentioned that several significant events are scheduled in California between now and 2028, such as the Super Bowl in 2026 and the Men's World Cup.

Agenda Item 3: Roundtable Discussion

DSH seeks a Hazard Mitigation and Recovery contact for their five hospital plans.



Megan Walton replied with points of contact in the chat, and Winston showed the DSH rep the contact information.

Megan Walton, Cal OES Recovery- Please submit local hazard mitigation plans that need review to the Cal OES team at mitigationplanning@caloes.ca.gov. The program manager for that unit is victoria.lamar-haas@caloes.ca.gov

Agenda Item 4: State Operations Center Update and Tour

Presenter: Mike Warren, SOC Director Cal OES

The SOC Standard Operating Procedures have been updated, focusing on identifying what is working during the activation and post-activation phases. Some new features include enhanced monitoring, a resource request system based on the Salesforce platform, and a remodeled SOC with six pods, each equipped with ergonomic workstations. There is no final date for when the construction will start; however, an interim SOC will be available in Building B. Safety Officer still has COVID-19 tests available.

DWR will contact the SOC Director to obtain the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) so that DWR can develop its SOPs. DWR is also interested in finding a more convenient way to share department openings.

Next Meeting Dates

- CA-ESF Working Group: June 12, 2024, 1:00-4: 00p.m
- We invite CA-RSF to the meeting to promote collaboration and socialization between ESF and RSF.
- Statewide Emergency Preparedness Coordination: July 17, 2024, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- Contact EFP if there are specific presentations you would like to see or if you would like to present.