



Statewide Emergency Preparedness Coordination Group (SWEPC)

Meeting Minutes

Date: November 6, 2025
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Location: California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES)
Headquarters

Three 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, Program Manager I, Emergency Functions Planning Unit (EFPU), Cal OES, provided opening comments and introduced Response Operations Deputy Director Ian Bastek and Planning and Preparedness Deputy Director Lori Nezhura. Deputy Director Bastek announced the new SOC Director, Ryan Derby (formerly Humboldt OEM), and reinforced the value of agency relationships before emergencies occur. Deputy Director Nezhura reiterated that planning exists to support response, not operate separately from it. She also introduced the newly released 2024 State Emergency Plan (SEP).

Agenda Item 2: 2024 State Emergency Plan

Presenters: Abby Tirapelle & Winston Lin

The 2024 State Emergency Plan (SEP) presentation provided an overview of the plan's purpose, structure, and key updates since the 2017 version, with a strong emphasis on equity, climate-driven impacts, data-driven planning, emerging threats, and better integration of recovery into response. The discussion brought up questions regarding updates to Administrative Orders. Administrative Orders are currently pending final approval of the new template, with the broader AO update project expected to begin once the template is finalized. Similarly, several California Emergency Support Function (CA-ESF) annex updates are in final review, with a comprehensive ESF update effort anticipated to launch early next year.

Agenda Item 3: California Recovery Support Functions (CA-RSFs)

Presenters: Vanessa Vaughn & Kim Jacobson

The California Recovery Support Functions (CA-RSFs) presentation emphasized that recovery begins concurrently with response, guided by the recently updated National Disaster Recovery Framework and California's 2019 State framework. During the LA Wildfires, the state rapidly transitioned from 13 task forces to six CA-RSFs to form a unified Recovery Needs Assessment, with all state and federal RSFs activated within about one month—faster than historical timelines. Best practices included early activation of the Community Disaster Loan program, a highly successful Recovery Partner Workshop, and strong peer-to-peer coordination through the CPCB RSF. Key RSF highlights included behavioral health training and survivor relocation tracking tools through the Health and Social Services RSF, housing stabilization through CalAssist and HUD programs, major infrastructure coordination and underground utility challenges supported by Cal OES, USACE, and EPA, and historic site assessments led by the Natural and Cultural Resources RSF. Cross-cutting lessons reinforced integrating RSFs into response planning, using Administrative Orders to clarify mission-tasking, strengthening the state's role in recovery strategy, and tailoring funding to local capacity. Ongoing engagement through leadership meetings, regular RSF coordination, and funding bulletins supports sustained recovery efforts, while persistent staffing and funding gaps remain a challenge and continued collaboration presents a key opportunity.

Agenda Item 4: Priority Populations Task Force (PPTF)

Presenters: Monisha Avery, Ingrid Silva, Chris Diemel

The Priority Populations Task Force (PPTF), in coordination with the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), plays a central role in embedding equity into California's emergency management by working with more than 20 state departments to ensure resources effectively reach priority populations. PPTF enhances preparedness through early community engagement and data-driven demographic analysis, with a focus on limited English proficient communities, immigrants, older adults, and individuals with access and functional needs. During the LA Wildfires, PPTF supported approximately 130 community events that required extensive language access planning, translating materials into more than 10 languages and using ACS and GIS tools to identify LEP density, age patterns, and overlapping vulnerabilities. These data products supported the promotion of Digital Disaster Recovery Centers and multi-agency resource centers to improve access, and informed agency deployments by identifying language needs and appropriate bilingual and trilingual staffing, with DEI emphasizing the importance of direct coordination to ensure the right staff receive this critical information.

Agenda Item 5: Roundtable Discussion

During the roundtable, DGS raised questions about next steps for updates to the CA-ESF annexes, and EFPU recommended scheduling coordination meetings for CA-ESF 3 and 7. EMSA shared that, in partnership with CDPH, they are actively updating both the Emergency Operations Manual and the Statewide Patient Movement Plan.

2026 SWEPC Meeting Dates

Please save the following dates for the 2026 meeting schedule. Emails will be sent closer to the meeting date with specific meeting locations and agendas.

- Quarter 1: February 18, 2026, 1 – 4 pm
- Quarter 2: May 6, 2026, 1 – 4 pm
- Quarter 3: September 2, 2026, 1 – 4 pm (Tentative)
- Quarter 4: December 2, 2026, 1 – 4 pm (Tentative)

Contact at EFPU@caloes.ca.gov if there are topics you would like presented at our SWEPC meetings, or if your agency would like to present to the committee.



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**Welcome to the Statewide
Emergency Preparedness
Coordination Group Meeting
November 6, 2026**

AGENDA

1:00 – 1:20	Introductions and Safety Announcements <i>-Noele Richmond, PM I, Cal OES Emergency Functions Planning Unit</i>
1:20 – 1:40	2024 State Emergency Plan <i>-Winston Lin and Abby Tirapelle, Cal OES Emergency Functions Planning Unit</i>
1:40 – 2:00	California Recovery Support Functions, DR-4856 Southern California Fires Best Practices & Lessons Learned <i>-Kim Jacobson and Vanessa Vaughn, Cal OES Interagency Recovery Coordination</i>
2:00 – 2:20	Break
2:20 – 2:40	Priority Populations Task Force <i>-Monisha Avery, Ingrid Silva, and Chris Diemel, Cal OES Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion</i>
2:40 – 4:00	Roundtable Discussion

2024 STATE EMERGENCY PLAN



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2024

California State Emergency Plan



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INTRODUCTION

Winston Lin
Abby Tirapelle

FOR TODAY

- Background information
- Where to find the State Emergency Plan (SEP)
- Plan Statistics
- Plan Emphasis
- Significant Changes and Content



PLAN

BACKGROUND

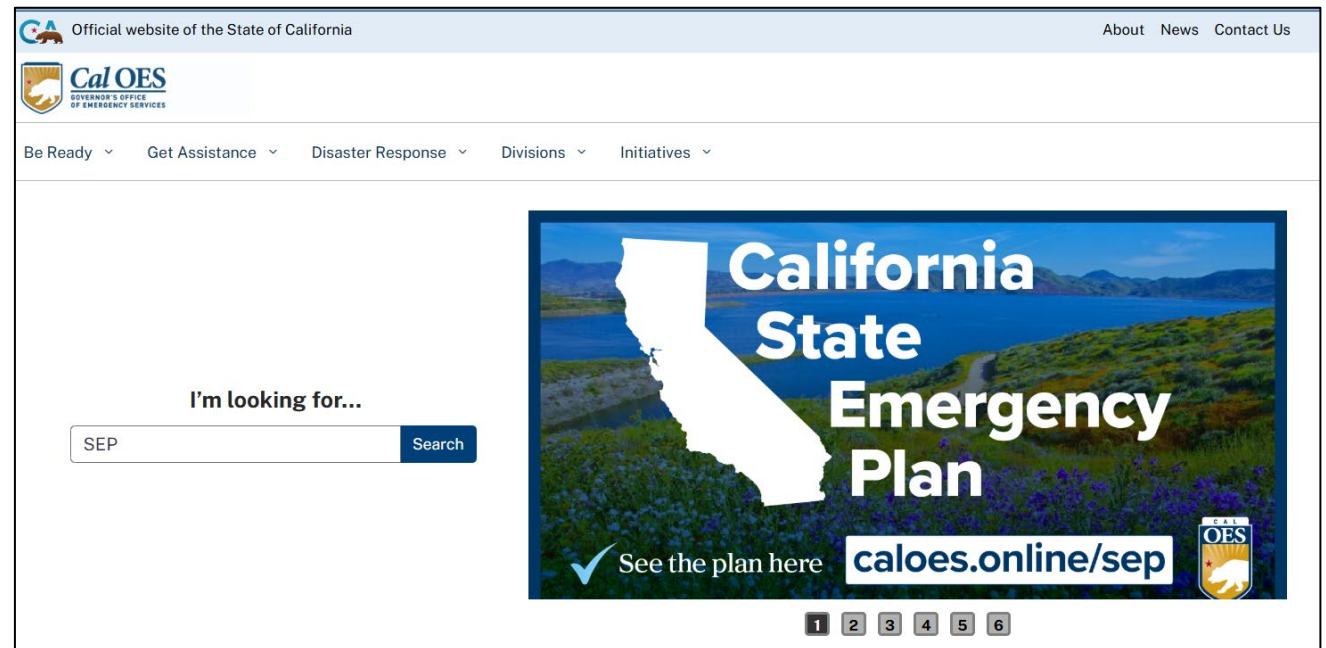
WHAT IS THE STATE EMERGENCY PLAN (SEP)?

- High level, comprehensive description of the State of California's organization and methods for dealing with emergencies:
 - State Demographics and Hazards
 - Emergency Management Organization
 - Roles of Government and Private Sector
 - Preparedness and Mitigation Programs
 - Response and Recovery Operations
 - Mutual Aid and Resource Management
 - Public Information

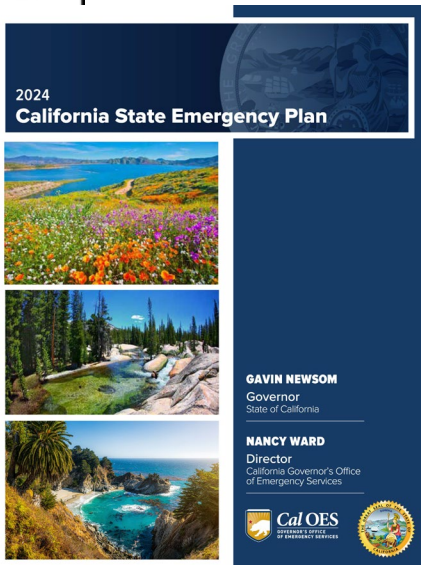
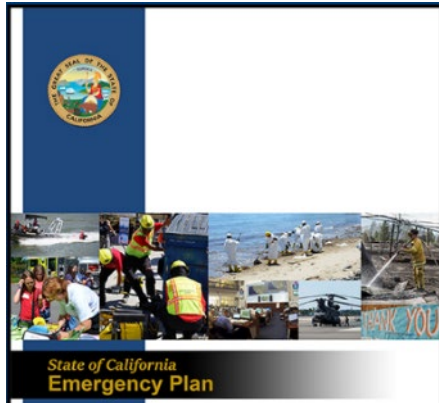


WHERE TO FIND THE SEP?

- Search “SEP” on the Cal OES Home Page
- Click first result for “California State Emergency Plan”
or
- Go to: caloes.online/sep
- Scroll to SEP 2024 to download



CHANGES FROM 2017



- SEP 2024 updates and expands on the 2017 plan:
 - 209 pages increased to 385
 - 0 hyperlinks increased to 117
 - 17 exhibits increased to 30
 - 70 endnotes increased to 93
- Whole Community Planning
- Integration of access and functional needs, cultural competency, equity, and climate change concepts.

PLAN STATISTICS

Plan update began in 2019:

- 77 state agencies, departments, offices, boards, commissions, councils, and authorities reviewed
- 450 initial comments and edits received

60+ Day Public Comment Period:

- 6,762 webpage visits
- Over 700 views
- 750 additional comments received, including more from 16 state agencies

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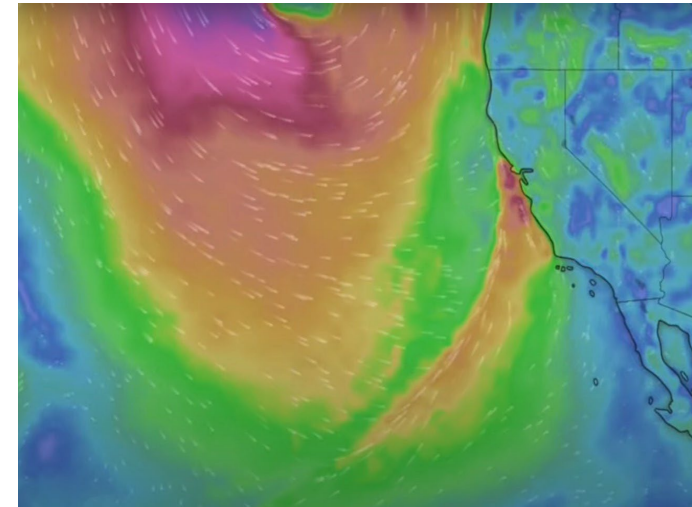
Authority of the SEP

- Governor's responsibility to coordinate the State Emergency Plan.
- Cal OES is responsible for updating the State Emergency Plan.
- Plans and programs necessary to mitigate the effects of emergency in this state are to be integrated into and coordinated with the State Emergency Plan.
- The State Emergency Plan is in effect in each political subdivision of the state.
- For a local government to be eligible for funding, their emergency plan needs to be approved as being consistent with state planning guidelines and the State Emergency Plan.

PLAN EMPHASIS

The 2024 Plan emphasizes:

- Updated threat and hazards definitions and descriptions
- Use of emerging technology, science, and research
- Climate-driven and human caused impacts
- Equity priority communities and cultural competence
- Consistent and inclusive public messaging
- California Recovery Support Functions (CA-RSFs)



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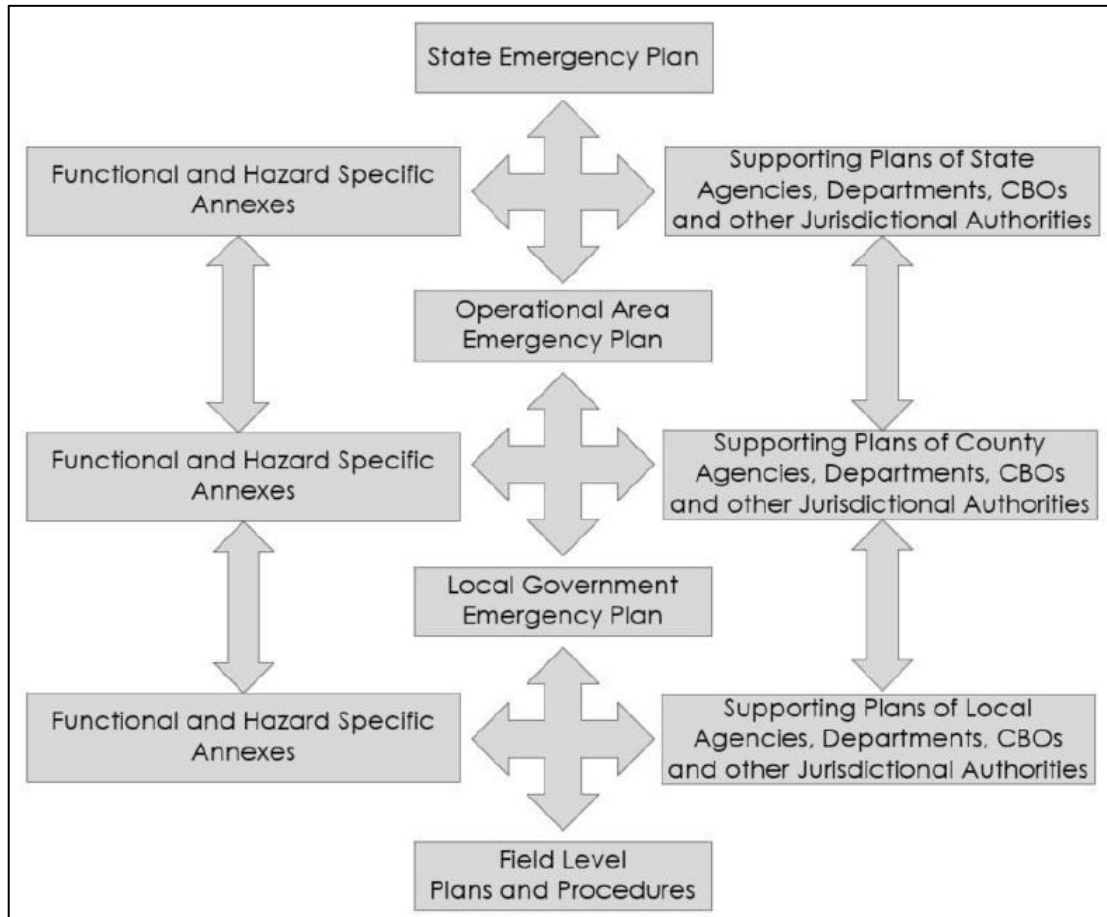
CHANGES & CONTENT

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES & CONTENT

- **Section 1: Introduction**
 - Equity Priority Communities
 - Whole Community Planning
 - Climate Impacts
 - Integration of AFN considerations
 - Use of new science and technology in emergency response
 - Listos California Launch



SIGNIFICANT CHANGES & CONTENT



- **Section 2: Basic Plan, Purpose, and Scope**
 - Describes structure of the SEP
 - Relationship between SEP and other documents

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES & CONTENT

■ Section 3: Situation and Assumption

- Reorganized list of hazards based on the State Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Wildfires, earthquakes, severe weather, pandemics, and other disasters
- Updated state population, economy, and geography descriptions
- Updated assumptions: disaster, incident, state, and state-federal

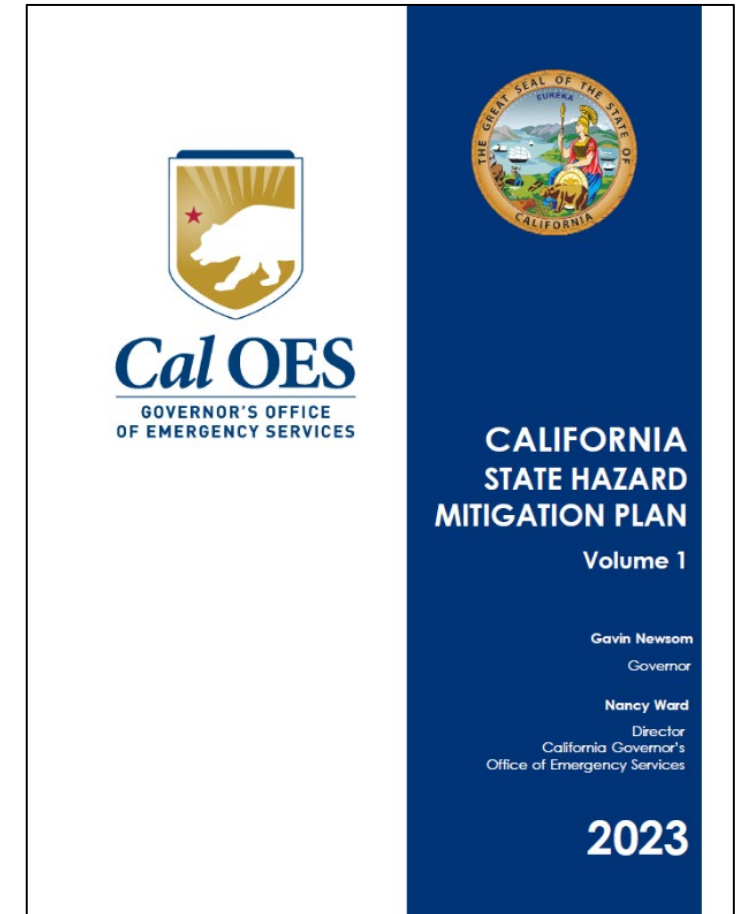


SIGNIFICANT CHANGES & CONTENT

- **Section 4: Emergency Management Organization**
 - Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS)
 - Roles of state government
 - Roles of private sector
 - Integrated whole community planning and individual participation
 - State of Emergency and State of War Emergency
 - Added essential worker legislation
 - Updated volunteer organizations and public-private partnerships

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES & CONTENT

- **Section 5: Mitigation Programs**
 - Updated descriptions of the State Hazard Mitigation Plan 2023
 - Updated state hazard mitigation programs and tools: *MyPlan* and *MyHazards*



SIGNIFICANT CHANGES & CONTENT

- **Section 6: Emergency Preparedness**
 - Guidance on developing plans
 - Added preparedness campaigns and grants
 - Integrated evacuation and shelter planning (AFN populations)
 - Updated federal and state requirements for local plans
 - Emergency management trainings and exercises
 - State prevention and protection programs



SIGNIFICANT CHANGES & CONTENT



■ Section 7: Response Concept of Operations

- State operational priorities and strategies for emergencies
- Disaster direction and control entities (e.g., SOC)
- Description of state task forces
- Updates to state alert and warning, and public information dissemination
- Updates to resource management and mutual aid
- Updated Emergency Declaration Process to reflect *Proclamation Guide for Local Governments*



SIGNIFICANT CHANGES & CONTENT

- **Section 8: California Emergency Support Functions**
 - Describes 18 CA-ESFs with 80 state agencies, departments, and others assigned to Coordinating, Primary, and Supporting roles for those CA-ESFs
 - The 80 state entities are pre-identified based on the CA-ESF Annexes and Administrative Orders (AO) signed by Cal OES and each state entity



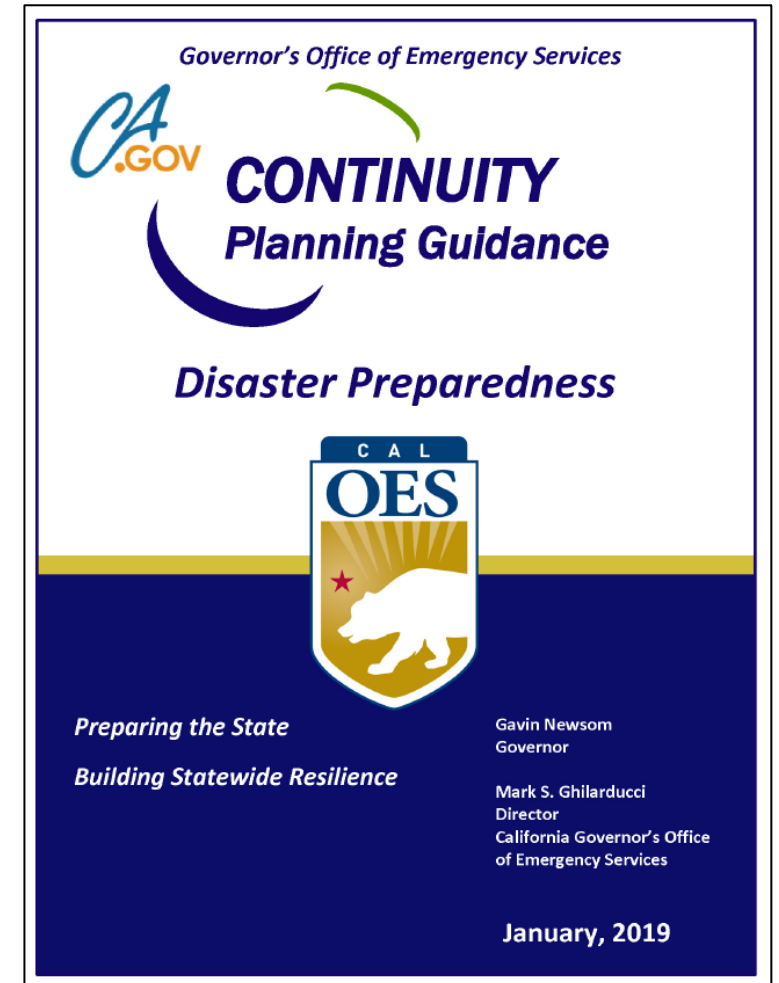
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- **Sections 9 and 10: Recovery Concept of Operations and California Recovery Support Functions**
 - References the California Disaster Recovery Framework 2019
 - Recovery goals, strategies, direction, and controls
 - Cal OES Recovery Directorate's roles and responsibilities
 - Added state roles and responsibilities for six CA-RSFs



SIGNIFICANT CHANGES & CONTENT

- **Section 11: Continuity Planning**
- Authorities for state and local governments to ensure preservation of government and its services
- Best practices for state agencies and departments to conduct continuity planning
- Cal OES Continuity Planning



SIGNIFICANT CHANGES & CONTENT

- **Section 12: State Roles and Responsibilities**

- Updated descriptions of the roles and responsibilities of the 80 state agencies, departments, and others pre-identified in the plan
- Eighty state entities at least supporting CA-ESF 5, CA-ESF 7, and CA-ESF 15

- **Section 14: Attachments**

- State and federal authorities and references
- Updated CA-ESFs and CA-RSFs relationship diagram, California Warning System flowcharts
- List of annexes to the SEP
- Updated list of laws and regulations related to emergency management

SUMMARY



- High level, comprehensive description of California emergency management
- Found on the Cal OES website
- State's Demographics and Hazards
- Emergency Management Organization
- Roles of Government and Private Sector

SUMMARY



- Emerging technology, science, and research
- Climate-driven and human caused threats and hazards
- Integration of AFN considerations
- Equity priority communities and cultural competence
- Consistent and inclusive public messaging
- Updated references to other guiding state documents

SUMMARY



- Updated local planning guidance
- Updated trainings, exercises, and state programs for local governments
- State's response operations and the roles of CA-ESFs
- Mutual aid and resource management
- State's recovery operations and the role of the CA-RSFs
- Roles and responsibilities of state entities pre-identified for emergencies

CONTACT INFORMATION



THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!



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CALIFORNIA RECOVERY SUPPORT FUNCTIONS

DR-4856 Southern California Fires
Best Practices & Lessons Learned

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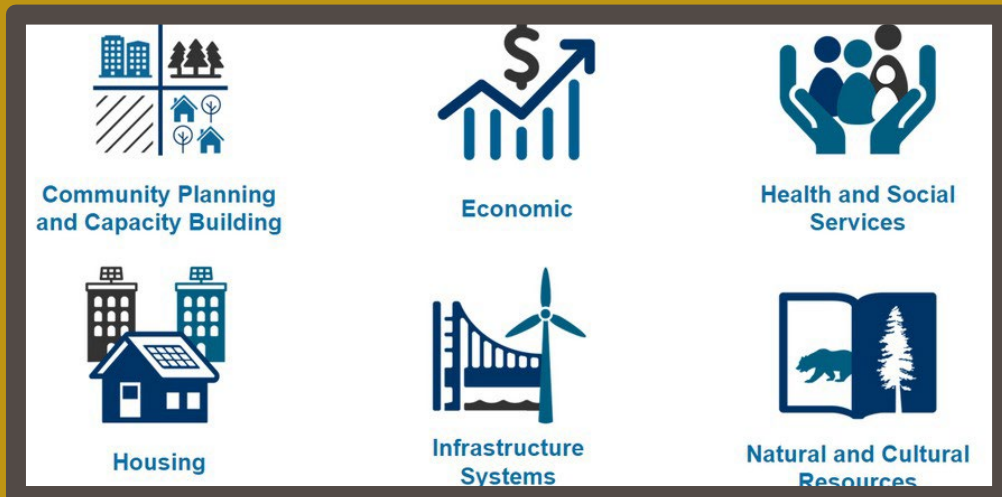


***ROAD TO
RECOVERY***



California's Recovery Support Functions

- . **National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF)**
- . **California Disaster Recovery Framework (CDRF)**
 - **Introduced in 2019 (update coming soon)**
 - **Assigns RSF roles and responsibilities to state agencies and organizations**
 - **Establishes short-, intermediate-, and long-term recovery priorities**
 - **Contains resources for local and state governments**





Transition from Response to Recovery

- **Recovery begins during response**
- **Thirteen (13) Task Forces moved to nine (9), transitioned into the six (6) RSF structure to facilitate coordination and collaboration across stakeholders**
- **Recovery Needs Assessment (RNA)**
- **Recovery Support Strategy (RSS)**
- **Importance of State Agency engagement**
 - **Cal OES RSFs = Coordinators**
 - **State Agencies = Primary method for delivering state recovery resources and programs**



Cultural &
Natural
Resources

NCR RSF



Economic
Development

ECON RSF



Health & Social
Services

HSS/HEHS RSF



Housing

HOUSING RSF



Rebuilding &
Long-Term
Recovery

CPCB/CA RSF &
HOUSING RSF



Schools

HSS/HEHS RSF



Debris
Management

IS RSF
NCR RSF



Utilities

IS RSF



Watershed

NCR RSF &
IS RSF



Interagency Recovery Coordination: Key Milestones

- **Activated all six (6) state and federal Recovery Support Functions (RSFs) by 2/5/25**
- **Total RSF mission assignment costs: \$1.46M; total funding allocated across federal partners: \$526M. Largest allocating agencies: SBA, USDA, HHS.**
- **Engaged State Agencies: Cal OES, GO-Biz, Cal OSBA, EDD, ETP, LCI, SGC, CDPH, CNRA, HCD, BCSH, DGS, CalRecycle, Cal EPA, SWRCB, CAL FIRE, DWR, CDSS, CDE, DTSC.**
- **Developed the comprehensive Recovery Needs Assessment (RNA) version 1 (3/8/25) and RNA version 2 (5/15/25); identified 32 Needs**
- **Developed Recovery Strategies and Projects list (5/15/25); identified 51 Strategies**
- **Activated the Community Disaster Loan (CDL) program to support operations disruptions due to event**
- **Facilitated LA Wildfire Recovery Partner Workshop across 87 agencies and over 135 participants (7/9/2025)**



Community Planning & Capacity Building RSF

Accomplishments

- Developed draft Community Engagement Scope of Work for Los Angeles County.
- Identified 13 recovery strategies with 68 projects, engaging community leaders and addressing recovery data gaps.
- Facilitated peer-to-peer local government recovery capacity support, and provided resources to Sierra Madre, Los Angeles, and Malibu.
- Completed an initial draft Recovery Action Plan for the City of Malibu that aligns with their recently developed City Strategic Plan to begin facilitating their long-term recovery operations.
- Completed an initial recovery organizational structure for the City of Malibu that aligns with state/federal RSF structure.

Continued Effort

City of Malibu:

- Recovery Action Plan/Long-Term Recovery Plan (RAP/LTRP) and project development.
- Support and train City recovery staff hires and help address recovery capacity needs.
- Peer-to-Peer Support (including with other coastal communities with history of rebuilding).
- Data Needs (tied to funding/project development).
- Preparedness, Continuity, and Psychological First Aid Training (for the City and small businesses).
- Economic Strategy Development Support.
- Alert and Warning and communications system redundancy support.

City of Los Angeles and L.A. County:

- LTRP support (funding opportunities and technical assistance).
- Coordinating creation of wildfire prevention authority (LACo and Malibu).





Economic RSF

Accomplishments

GO-Biz (Governor's Office of Business & Economic Development):

- Provided \$30M in support.
- Streamlined permitting, workforce training, and disaster tax guidance.
- Helped businesses navigate resources, programs, and regulations to support reopening.

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

- Approved \$3B+ in disaster loans (44,000+ applicants).
- Supported rebuilding of homes, businesses, infrastructure.
- Expanded outreach through local/state and faith-based partners.
- Funded debris removal and youth service restoration.

U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA)

- Launched FY25 Disaster Grant Program for federal disaster declarations in FY23 and FY24.
- Initiated multi-agency partnership to deliver technical assistance/ resilience planning led by CALED via CalOSBA's Outsmart Disaster program..

Continued Effort

Local:

- Integrate LA County's Shop Local, Dine Local campaign in Malibu and Pacific Palisades.
- Advance Malibu Economic Strategy.
- In partnership with LA DEO, EDC/GO-Biz, initiated quarterly LA Wildfires Impact Analyses through 2026 to inform recovery and capture lessons learned.

State (CalOSBA, GO-Biz):

- Permitting and regulatory fast-tracking, workforce training and talent matching, disaster-related tax relief guidance, and partnership outreach to support economic recovery projects.

Federal (SBA, EDA):

- Disaster support for rebuilding and mitigation, advance recovery projects through partnership outreach, grants/application support, and technical assistance to strengthen long-term resilience.

Cross-Sector Partnerships:

- Collaborate with local, state, federal and community-based organizations on job fairs and small business workshops (Pasadena, Pacific Palisades), implement targeted outreach to build grant applicants, explore innovative funding opportunities.





Health and Social Services RSF

Accomplishments

- Conducted in-person recovery assessments and technical assistance for K-12 schools and early intervention programs; virtual support to higher education institutions.
- Hosted peer-to-peer recovery collaboration event for K-12 schools with Hawaii Office of Education.
- Coordinated with CDPH and LACo Department of Mental Health to deliver four Psychological First Aid (PFA) Train-the-Trainer sessions in English and Spanish.
- Coordinated with CA Center of Environmental Health and Public Assistance to provide technical guidance for mosquito/vector control and developed geospatial recovery planning tools for health care access.
- Determined unmet early childhood advancement programming needs to support LACo Parks and Recreation rebuild programming at Loma Alta and Arcadia Park.

Continued Effort

- Ongoing: Access to Care Geospatial Project rollout for LACo and local agencies to identify survivor population movement.
- Provide continued technical assistance and application assistance for Project SERV grants, currently totaling \$1.5M.
- Provide ongoing local agency smoke abatement resources with smoke abatement fact sheet.
- Support LACo and local agencies to include school survivor populations with continued disaster behavioral health initiatives through Train the Trainer PFA.
- Project SERV; assistance on new application from Palisades Unified School District.
- Resourced and shared federal grant opportunity for schools' mental health services ~ 30-day application window.
- Coordinate with LACo Department of Mental Health for availability of PFA trainers to bring disaster behavioral health support to City of Malibu.





Housing RSF

Accomplishments

- The Housing Task Force launched a Housing Portal to share disaster-related resources, including flyers and fact sheets.
- Multifamily Finance Super NOFA for LA Disaster received \$101.4M to disperse.
- Cal Assist Mortgage Relief received \$100+ million to provide grants up to \$20,000 or up to three months mortgage payments to homeowners who had their homes destroyed by a qualifying disaster.
- HUD RUSH Funding – HUD allocated \$8M of RUSH program funding.
- Housing Task Force's Reverse Mortgage Working Group has held six workshops for seniors impacted by the disaster.
- Created fact sheet for destroyed home calculations for LA Wildfires to address the variances in data collection sources.
- Delivered technical assistance at key housing events (Senior Summits, Reverse Mortgage Workshops).
- Completed CDBG-DR training and HUD/HCD presentations.

Continued Effort

- USDA approved \$3M for housing relief but has yet to be distributed due to staffing limitations.
- Waiting for HUD to deliver final Housing Impact Assessment as they implement feedback from state partners.
- LA County Housing Task force folded into Long-Term Recovery Task Force but continues to host its own monthly meetings to address current unmet needs and gaps.
- Reverse Mortgage & Foreclosure Assistance working group has changed the name to Community Recovery Workgroup. October workshop, Rebuilding with Accessibility in Mind will provide resources and support for rebuilding efforts of residential and commercial properties with a focus on accessibility.
- Long-Term Housing Recovery Meeting for September featured guest speaker Katie Simmons, Butte County with a presentation on Realities of long-term recovery.
- CDBG-DR - Coordinating with HCD on a timeline of data to collect that will help counties prepare for their Action Plan should CDBG-DR funds be approved.





Infrastructure Systems RSF

Accomplishments

- INF RSF & LA County Utilities Task Force continues to monitor the undergrounding projects. Southern California Edison has committed to 120 miles of undergrounding in the Eaton and Palisades burn scar areas.
- USACE Coordination – Worked with local jurisdictions on infrastructure recovery projects, delivering technical assistance and monitoring for FEMA Public Assistance eligibility.
- Initiated collaboration with the USACE Silver Jackets Program to enhance infrastructure resilience.
- Activated FEMA's CDL Program.
- EPA Grant Opportunity – Released a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Drinking Water System Infrastructure, Resilience, and Sustainability to support jurisdictions with water recovery needs.
- Alert & Warning Systems – Established a new milestone to enhance Malibu's emergency communications, supported by weekly coordination with local, state, and federal partners on utility, communications, and infrastructure needs.

Continued Effort

- Undergrounding projects: Challenges remain with cost discrepancies, joint trenching decisions, and negotiations with telecom and utility agencies on easements and right-of-way.
- USACE Silver Jackets Program – Actively evaluating projects to strengthen infrastructure resilience for the City of Malibu.
- Supporting local utilities, undergrounding, and infrastructure needs for the City of Malibu.
- Monitoring Community Disaster Loan Program application submissions (CDL) (No apps to date).
- Collaborating on any infrastructure needs for damaged schools alongside HEHS RSF.
- Coordinating with PA, HM, and Cal-Trans to support restoration efforts along PCH.
- Working with PA to monitor projects that may fall out of eligibility.





Natural and Cultural Resources RSF

Accomplishments

- Sierra Madre Survey – Architectural survey completed; results pending.
- Home Hardening & Training – DOI is advancing development of the Home Hardening Handbook and delivered Heritage Emergency and Response Training (HEART).
- EPA Resilience Support – Partnered with local jurisdictions on resilience planning, issued NOFOs, provided technical assistance, and developed the Water Sector Resiliency Calculator.
- Restoration & Preservation – DOI, NEA, and LA County Arts & Culture are coordinating to support fire-impacted communities, tailoring programs to address mental health needs and assist artists and cultural facilities. Target completion: October 15, 2025.

Continued Effort

- Trail Restoration – Supporting DOI efforts to restore and enhance damaged trails.
- Sierra Madre Survey – Awaiting architectural survey data results from the City of Sierra Madre.
- Historic Homes Guidance –DOI and LA County are developing a detailed checklist to guide relocation of historically and culturally significant homes.
- Tribal Economic Development – Advancing economic development initiatives/workshops for non-federally recognized tribes in coordination with the ECON RSF.
- Arts & Resilience – Collaborating with RSF-HEHS to expand arts programs that strengthen trauma recovery and community resilience.
- Project Eligibility – Working with Public Assistance (PA) to monitor and address projects at risk of falling out of eligibility.





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Best Practices and Lessons Learned

BEST PRACTICES:

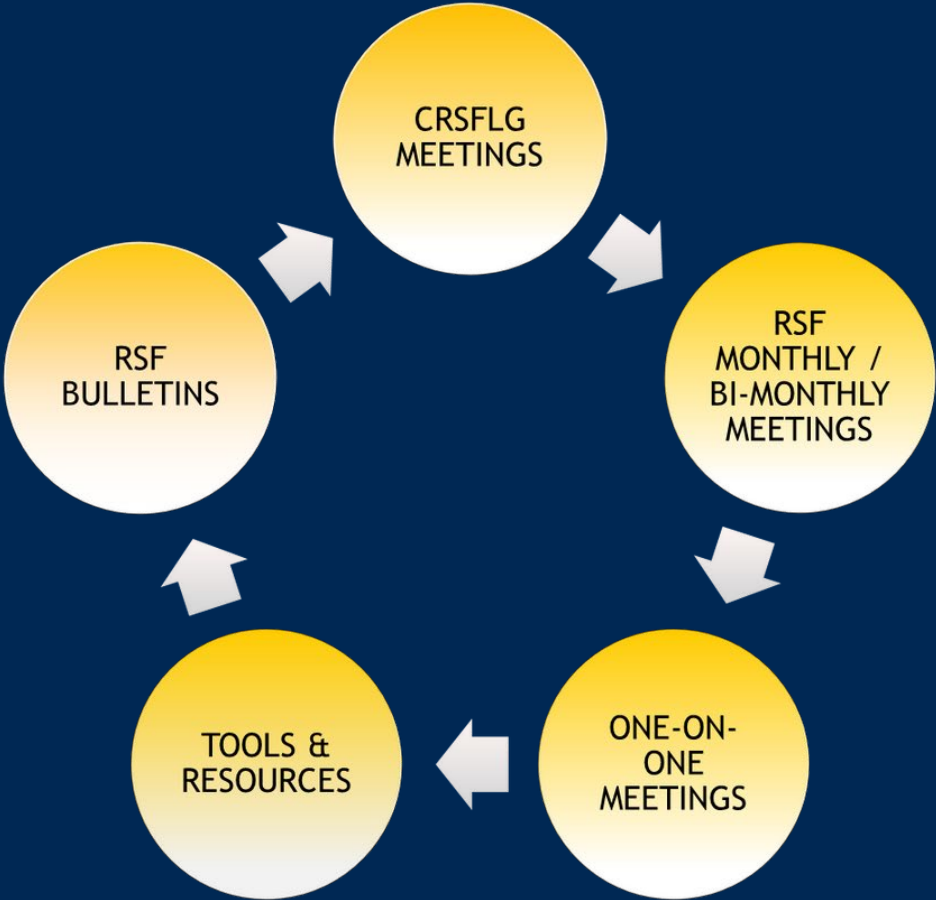
- **Activating RSF's with Federal and State Agencies**
- **Mission Tasking Federal & State Agencies**
- **RNA**
- **Recovery Support Strategy (RSS)**
- **Trainings**
- **Facilitating the LA Wildfire Recovery Partner Workshop across 87 agencies and over 135 participants (7/9/2025)**
- **California RSF Leadership Group (CRSFLG) Roadmap**

LESSONS LEARNED:

- **County Task Forces mirroring CDRF/RSF Structure State**
- **involvement in RSS**
- **Funding Opportunities**
- **Undergrounding Utilities**



How the Cal OES RSF Coordinators Work to Keep Our State Partners Engaged





CHALLENGE

*Explore
THE
Possibilities*

Challenges and Opportunities

CHALLENGES:

- **Lack of Funding for Permanent State Agency RSF Positions**
- **Back-to-Back Disaster Recovery Events**
- **Steady State Priorities**
- **Uncertainty of Future Federal Support**

OPPORTUNITIES:

- **County and/or Agency Tour**
 - **Focused on building local disaster recovery frameworks**
- **Recovery Workshops and Exercises**
- **Developing RSF Training Courses**
- **Build Resources & Toolkits**

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Priority Populations Task Force (PPTF)

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PPTF Goals



Key Goals:

- Identify and address unmet needs and coordinate PPTF member agency resources
- Assist Californians at greatest risk during a disaster and serve the whole community
- Focus on populations most vulnerable to serious harm and recovery challenges
- Provide real-time technical assistance to government partners

PPTF Overview

The PPTF:

- Produces early demographic snapshots on impacted area
- Partners with State Agencies to amplify messaging and coordinate resources
- Engages closely with local partners including county government, local VOADS, and CBOs

Priority Population Task Force (PPTF)



20+
State Agencies



48-hrs
Reports



SEVERAL
CBOs
Partners

Sample PPTF Activities

Most recently convened in response to 2025 Los Angeles Wildfires.

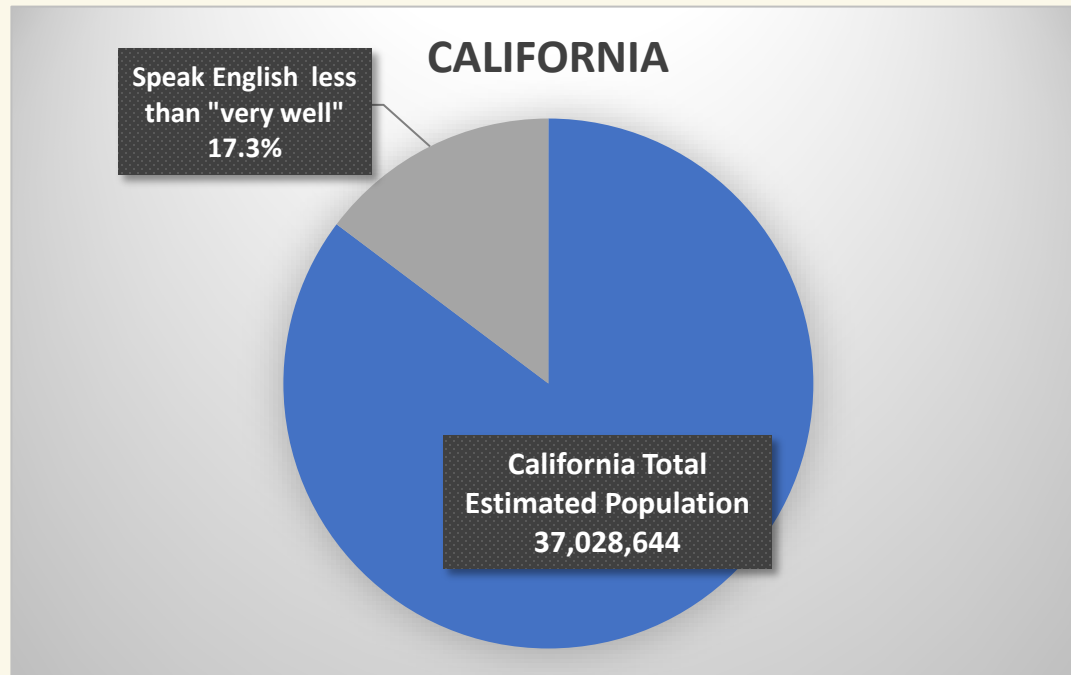
- Identified populations at risk including older adults, people with disabilities, Limited English Proficiency (LEP) individuals, and immigrant communities.
- Activities centered primarily on improving access to resources and translations of materials.



People with Limited English Proficiency (LEP)

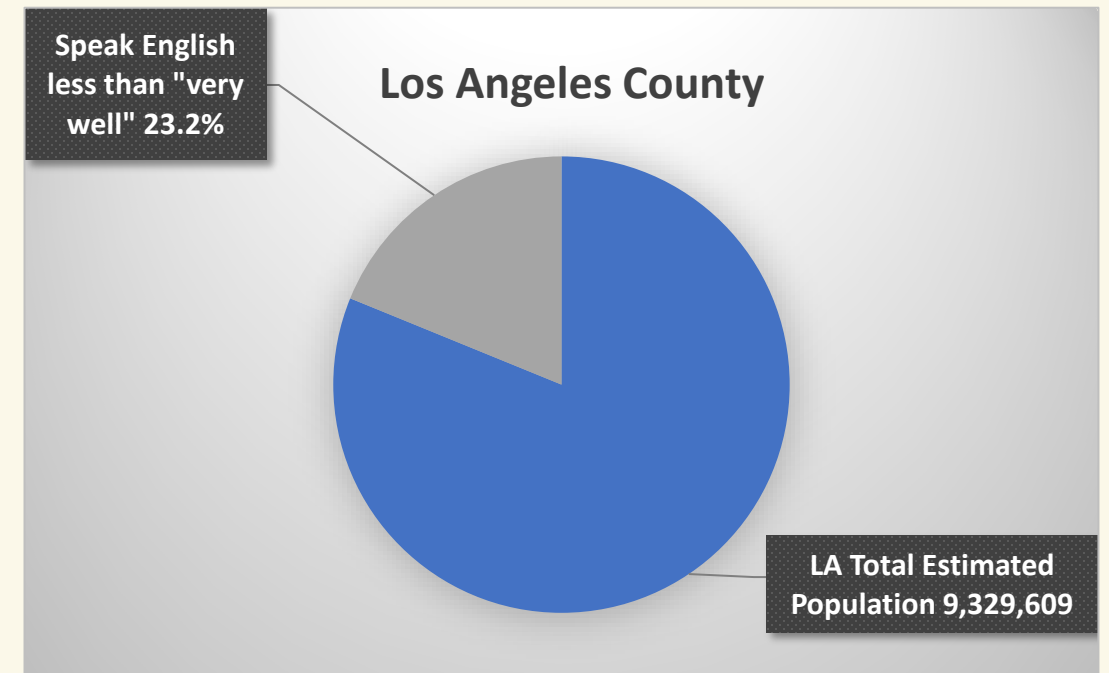
- Materials were translated into over 10 different languages including Tagalog, Mandarin, Korean, and Armenian.
- UCLA found 12,000 LEP Asian Americans lived within the evacuation zones.
- State responded with rapid translation services available to state, local, and community-based organizations.

People with Limited English Proficiency (LEP)



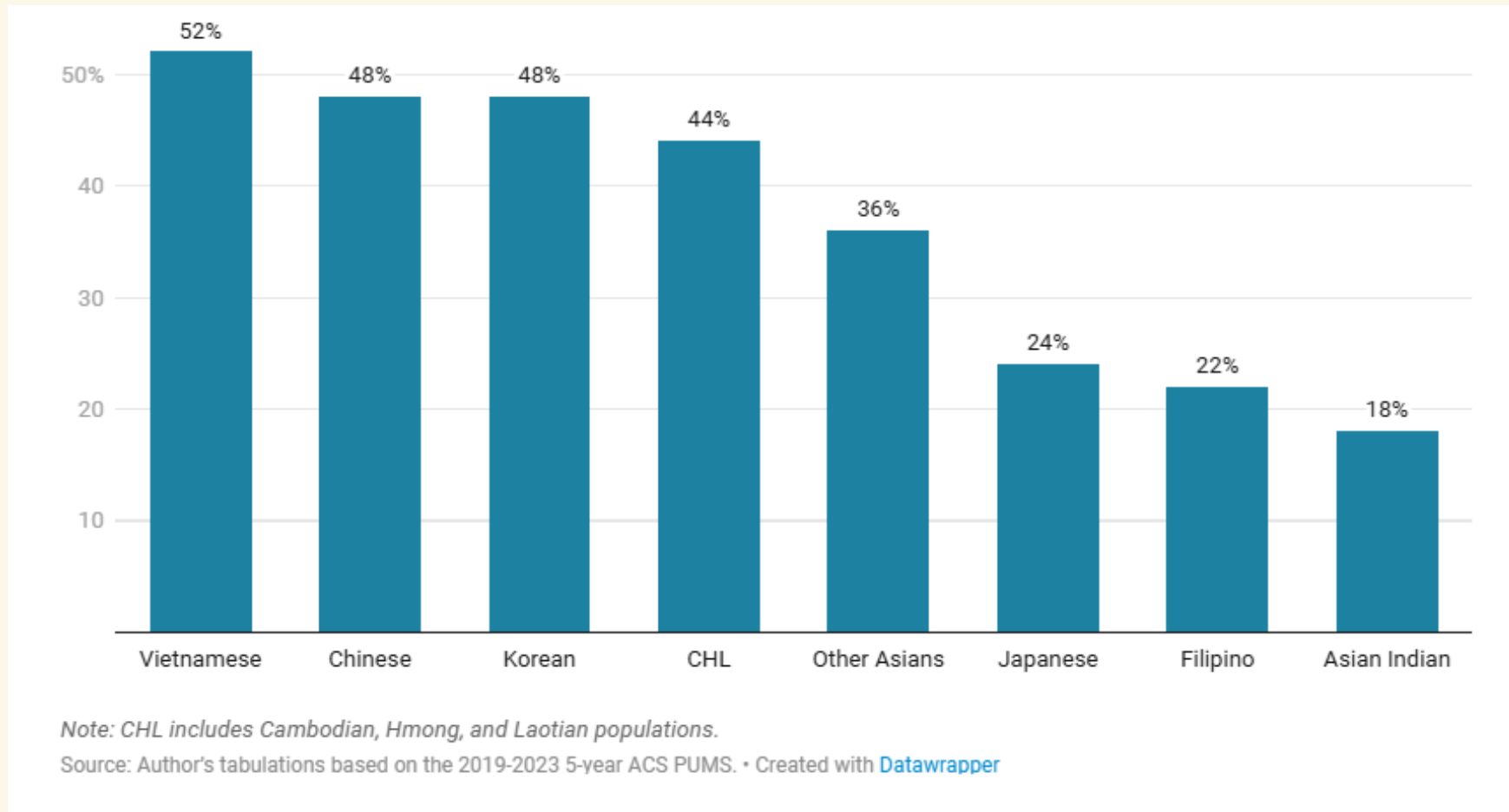
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Priority Population Task Force (PPTF)

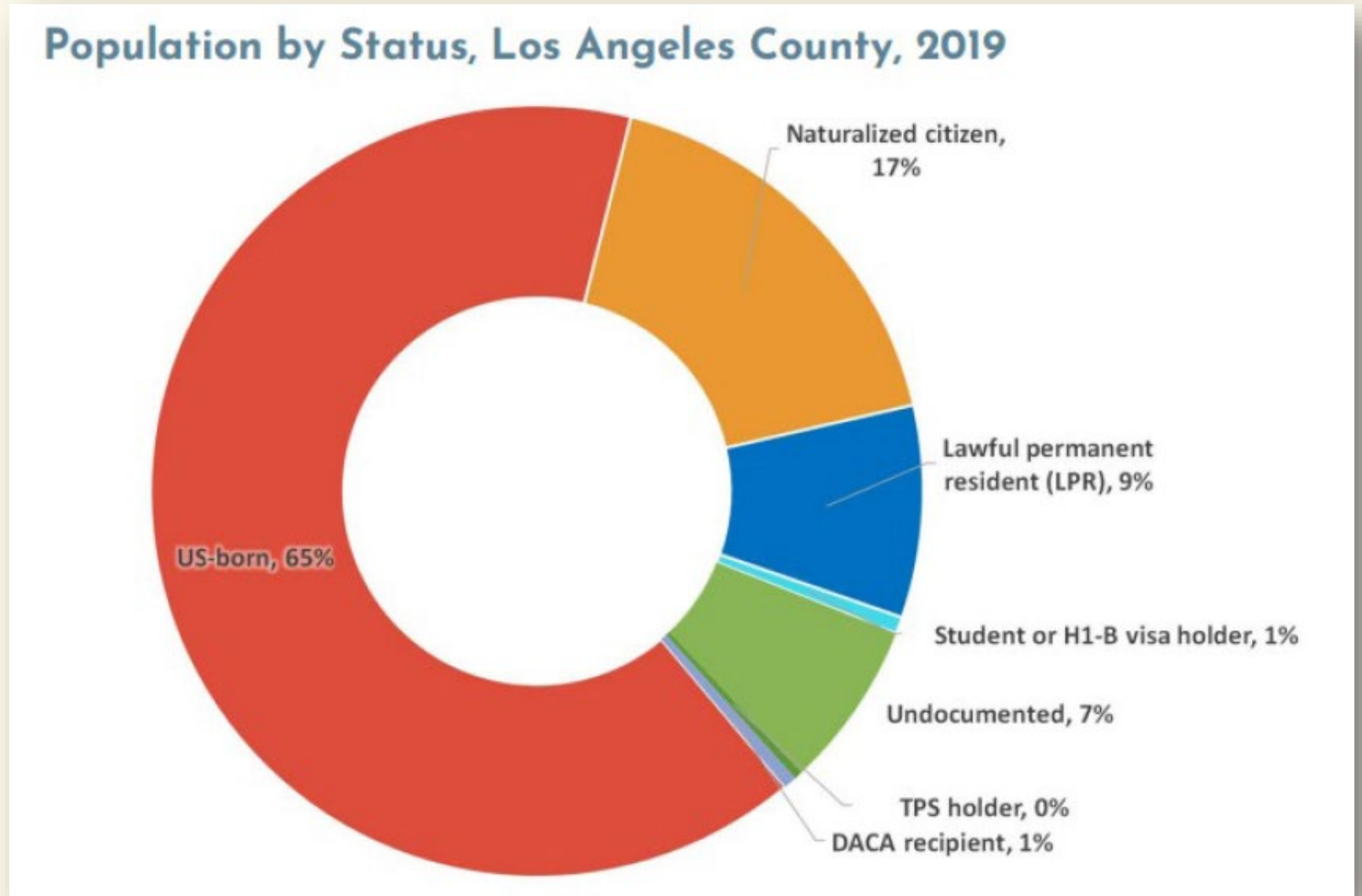


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Percentage of Limited English Proficiency by Asian American Ethnicity in LA County



Immigrant Population Demographics



Source: USC Equity Research Institute analysis of 2019 5-year American Community Survey microdata from IPUMS USA and the 2014 Survey of Income and Program Participation.

PPTF Addresses:

- Timely access to a community's demographic information and translated resources
- Alternatives to the traditional DRCs to fill a gaps in serving all disaster survivors, such as resource sites and information developed with cultural considerations to improve access among communities
- Partnerships with trusted community organizations to provide key messaging to the whole community



Immigrant Communities

- Immigrant communities were disproportionately impacted and faced language barriers.
- Trusted CBOs were critical in reaching undocumented and mixed-status families.
- Mistrust of government and mis-information prevented some individuals from accessing eligible resources.

Strengthening Our Impact Together

- How can the PPTF better support the SWEPC Member Agencies and Departments?
- Where do you see alignment with your current responsibilities?
- What opportunities exist for collaboration or request support?





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Thank You!



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Roundtable Discussion



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**Thank you everyone for attending
the Meeting!**

2026 Schedule coming soon!