



California Office of Emergency (CalOES) Safety Assessment Program (SAP) Semi-annual Newsletter - 2025 Recap



SAP OPERATIONS

As the biggest natural disaster of 2025, the Los Angeles January wildfires (combined) were a devastating event. The CalOES SAP team was deployed to support various recovery operations. Although the local region did not require an SAP mission due to their internal resources, CalOES SAP supported the Watershed Task Force. Special thanks to Caltrans for providing 30 SAP engineers to support the Watershed program. Without the support of our SAP partners these critical operations would have been severely impacted.



SAP team also conducted two successful exercises in 2025:

- 2025 Annual Great Shakeout test for California members; over 2,900 SAP members responded.
- 2025 Annual SAP exercise held in El Dorado County.
 - Special thanks to EDC, CalBO, DGS, CGS, CalTrans and many other stakeholders that participated in the 2-day exercise.
 - The SAP team tested various items from CalSAFE, including the check-in process and field evaluation forms.
 - If you are interested in learning more, please contact the CaIOES SAP team and we can provide a brief rundown of the exercise.

TRAININGS

CaIOES will be hosting two online trainings in Q1 of 2026:

- **Train the trainer** January 22 (8 hrs. long), license or certificate required.
- **Coordinator** only January 29 (2 hrs. long), active Evaluator status is required.

[SAP 2026 January Training Registration Form](#)

Free Self-paced evaluator training is live! Scan the QR code to see how to register or [click here](#).



CaIOES will host office hours starting Feb 5, 2026.

- This will be our first office hour, one hour long open team's call.
 - Ask any questions about the program.
 - Constructive suggestions for the program.
 - Meeting link will be posted on our website.

LOOKING AHEAD

The SAP team is on track to update our Evaluator manual by end of January, changes to Go-kits and Job aids will also be made in Q1. We will continue to work on the program and make improvements throughout the year.

This being our first newsletter, please expect some changes going forward. Our goal is to communicate with our members in a higher frequency, as many members do not know what the Safety Assessment Program is actively working on, nor where the program is heading. An additional goal of this newsletter is to be another platform for us to share program updates for the benefit of all SAP members, and for members to regularly hear from the Safety Assessment Program as confirmation that they are still active members.

Look forward to our next newsletter sometime in late June early July 2026.

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