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**To: Sponsoring Agency Fire Chiefs (and designated**  
**Reps) and Program Managers of California-Based**  
**State/National US&R Task Forces; California Regional**  
**US&R Task Forces, and Cal OES Swiftwater-Flood S&R**  
**Teams; copied to FEMA US&R Program Reps and**  
**Program Office Staff, and Cal OES Special Ops**

**SUBJECT: Update on California-Based US&R Resources**  
**Activated for Hurricanes Milton and Helene**

**NOTE: \*\*\*\*\*INFORMATIONAL/SITUATIONAL AWARENESS\*\*\*\*\***

Cal OES continues close coordination with the FEMA US&R Branch, EMAC (Emergency Management Assistance Compact), other states, and other partners; and continues to monitor requests for US&R and related resources for the ongoing operations in areas affected by Hurricanes Milton and Helene. California-based US&R Task Force overhead are assisting the US&R Branch at FEMA Headquarters.

In order to enhance support, communication, and situational awareness for the multiple California-based US&R resources deployed to both hurricanes, and to further support needs of the FEMA US&R Branch, Cal OES has assigned an AREP (Fire & Rescue/Special Ops & Haz Mat Assistant Chief) who is presently co-located with the FEMA "Red" US&R IMT in Orlando, Florida.

On request from the FEMA US&R Branch, Cal OES has approved upstaffing of two California/FEMA US&R Task Forces from NIMS Type 3 to NIMS Type 1 US&R Task Forces, with the additional members being transported via commercial air to rendezvous with their teams.

**Current Update:**

**California-based US&R resources assigned to Hurricane Helene:**

FEMA Blue US&R Incident Support Team (IST): 25 members  
US&R Canine Search Teams-Human Remains Detection: 10  
California/FEMA US&R Task Force 6 (CA-TF6, Riverside Fire Department, NIMS Type 3), South Carolina.

### **California-based US&R resources assigned to Hurricane Milton:**

FEMA Red US&R Incident Support Team (IST): 6 members, Orlando, FL  
California/FEMA US&R Task Force (CA-TF1, Los Angeles Fire Department, NIMS Type 3): PrePositioned at Blanding AFB, Jacksonville, FL  
California/FEMA US&R Task Force 2 (CA-TF2, Los Angeles County Fire Department, NIMS Type 3): PrePositioned in Pensacola  
California/FEMA US&R Task Force 3 (CA-TF3, Menlo Park Fire Protection District, NIMS Type 3 upstaffing to NIMS Type 1, including sharing of personnel from CA-TF4, Oakland Fire Department): PrePositioned in Pensacola  
California/FEMA US&R Task Force 5 (CA-TF5, Orange County Fire Authority, NIMS Type 3 upstaffing to NIMS Type 1, transferred from Hurricane Helene operations): PrePositioned in Parry, GA.  
Cal OES Fire & Rescue (Special Ops & Haz Mat) A-Rep: Co-located with the Red US&R IST in Orlando, FL

### **US&R Resources in California:**

California/FEMA US&R Task Force 2 (CA-TF2 [USA-2 International], Los Angeles County Fire Department)  
California/FEMA US&R Task Force 4 (CA-TF4, Oakland Fire Department)  
California/FEMA US&R Task Force 7 (CA-TF7, Sacramento Fire Department)  
California/FEMA US&R Task Force 8 (CA-TF8, San Diego Fire-Rescue Department)

California Regional US&R Task Force 1 (RTF-1, Marin County Fire Department)  
California Regional US&R Task Force 2 (RTF-2, Los Angeles County Mutual Aid Area E Fire Departments)  
California Regional US&R Task Force 3 (RTF-3, Long Beach Fire department)  
California Regional US&R Task Force 4 (RTF-4, Los Angeles County Mutual Aid Area C Fire Departments)  
California Regional US&R Task Force 5 (RTF-5, Fresno Fire Department)  
California Regional US&R Task Force 6 (RTF-6, San Bernadino County Fire Department)  
California Regional US&R Task Force 7 (RTF-7, Ventura County Fire Departments)  
California Regional US&R Task Force 9 (RTF-9, Los Angeles Fire Department)  
California Regional US&R Task Force 11 (RTF-11, Bakersfield Fire Department)  
California Regional US&R Task Force 12 (RTF-12, Santa Barbara County Fire Departments)

70 California FIREScope Type I US&R companies (Local Government Fire Departments)  
33 California FIREScope Type II US&R companies (Local Government Fire Departments)  
168 California FIREScope Type III US&R companies (54 Local Government Fire Departments and 114 Cal OES Type I engines that respond with California FIREScope Type III US&R Company equipment and capabilities)  
14 Cal OES FIREScope Type II US&R Trailers (Local Government Fire Department Assignees)

### **Swiftwater-Flood Resources in California:**

Cal OES Swiftwater-Flood Search & Rescue Team 1 (Cal OES SF-S&R Team 1, Los Angeles Fire Department, NIMS Type I and California FIREScope Type 1 Swiftwater Rescue Team)  
Cal OES Swiftwater-Flood Search & Rescue Team 2 (Cal OES SF-S&R Team 2, Los Angeles County Fire Department, NIMS Type I and California FIREScope Type 1 Swiftwater Rescue Team)  
Cal OES Swiftwater-Flood Search & Rescue Team 3 (Cal OES SF-S&R Team 3, Menlo Park Fire Protection District, NIMS Type I and California FIREScope Type 1 Swiftwater Rescue Team)  
Cal OES Swiftwater-Flood Search & Rescue Team 4 (Cal OES SF-S&R Team 4, Oakland Fire Department, NIMS Type I and California FIREScope Type 1 Swiftwater Rescue Team)  
Cal OES Swiftwater-Flood Search & Rescue Team 5 (Cal OES SF-S&R Team 5, Orange County Fire Authority, NIMS Type I and California FIREScope Type 1 Swiftwater Rescue Team)  
Cal OES Swiftwater-Flood Search & Rescue Team 6 (Cal OES SF-S&R Team 6, Riverside Fire Department, NIMS Type I and California FIREScope Type 1 Swiftwater Rescue Team)  
Cal OES Swiftwater-Flood Search & Rescue Team 7 (Cal OES SF-S&R Team 7, Sacramento Fire Department, NIMS Type I and California FIREScope Type 1 Swiftwater Rescue Team)  
Cal OES Swiftwater-Flood Search & Rescue Team 8 (Cal OES SF-S&R Team 8, San Diego Fire-Rescue Department, NIMS Type I and California FIREScope Type 1 Swiftwater Rescue Team)  
Cal OES Swiftwater-Flood Search & Rescue Team 10 (Cal OES SF-S&R Team 10, Ventura County Fire Department, NIMS Type I and California FIREScope Type 1 Swiftwater Rescue Team)  
Cal OES Swiftwater-Flood Search & Rescue Team 11 (Cal OES SF-S&R Team 11, Marin County Fire Department, NIMS Type I and California FIREScope Type 1 Swiftwater Rescue Team)

Cal OES Swiftwater-Flood Search & Rescue Team 12 (Cal OES SF-S&R Team 12, Long Beach Fire Department, NIMS Type I and California FIREScope Type 1 Swiftwater Rescue Team)

Cal OES Swiftwater-Flood Search & Rescue Team 13 (Cal OES SF-S&R Team 13, Lathrop/Manteca Fire Department, NIMS Type I and California FIREScope Type 1 Swiftwater Rescue Team)

Cal Fire/Butte Unit, NIMS Type 1 and California FIREScope Type 1 Swiftwater Rescue Team

9 NIMS Type 2 and California FIREScope Type 2 Swiftwater Rescue Teams (Local Government Fire Departments)

20 NIMS Type 3 and California FIREScope Type 3 Swiftwater Rescue Teams (Local Government Fire Departments)

Cal OES continues to monitor conditions and additional resource requests in coordination with the FEMA US&R Branch, EMAC, other states, and other partners.

Respectfully,

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