

SEMS ISSUES TRACKER

Issue Number	Date Issued	Issue Description	Notes	Status
INL-2025-006 [Region IV]	10/8/25	Operational Areas, defined in the State's 2024 Emergency Operations Plan as counties serving between local governments and Cal OES Regions, function as the central coordination point within SEMS. Their responsibilities include working with jurisdictions and partner organizations to deploy field-level responders, activate EOCs, and issue protective public safety orders. To perform these duties effectively, counties must have reliable access to the wide range of emergency management plans used across California. Maintaining a comprehensive inventory of these plans strengthens coordination at all SEMS levels and helps preserve institutional knowledge amid ongoing retirements and staff turnover.	Updated 7/9/26 – 2026 Plans Review Schedule presented at the 6/11/26 SEMS AB meeting, reflecting OA feedback for phases and partner roles. The schedule was posted to the SEMS Maintenance System SharePoint, per Inland Region's request. Planning & Preparedness will continue to provide updates on the multi-year plan.	In-progress
INL-2025-004 [Region V]	9/3/25	The current Resource Request System (RRS) does not allow an Operational Area (OA) to view resource requests of other OAs. This impacts situational awareness and the ability to build a common operating picture between OAs during an incident. The justification provided by Cal OES RSI for disallowing shared views - that OAs will see each other's resource orders and attempt to order the same resources without needing them – actually impedes situational awareness and response capabilities for OAs and is easily worked around, rendering the decision to block shared views moot.	Updated 7/14/26 –Updates requested from Cal OES Response. A survey was issued to all 647 registered users on 11/24/2025 and closed on 12/31/2025, with a reminder sent on 12/29. A total of 55 responses were received, including 21 from operational areas. Of all respondents, 41 supported viewing other OAs' resource requests and 4 opposed. Survey analysis is ongoing. Final results will be provided to leadership to determine whether RRS records should be shared across all OAs or remain restricted to the requesting OA.	In-progress
INL-2025-002 [Region III] INL-2025-003 [Region V] INL-2025-005 [Region IV]	7/31/25 8/8/25 10/8/25	SEMS committees vary in how they document and share meeting information. There is a request that all SEMS committees, SEMS Tech, and SEMS AB record minutes, use an action tracker, and share both before meetings. Minutes should be distributed within two weeks and made accessible to all MARAC members to improve coordination and transparency.	Updated 7/9/26 – Templates for meeting agendas and minutes are posted to SharePoint. The item remains open as committees work to meet a 2-week turnaround for meeting minutes, and several specialist committees are not using the required SharePoint site.	In-progress