



Community Lifelines Factsheet

Introduction

In the immediate aftermath of a disaster, post-incident response activities can occur simultaneously with recovery efforts to stabilize Community Lifelines. As transition to recovery occurs, California Emergency Support Function (CA-ESF) activities begin transitioning to California Recovery Support Function (CA-RSF) operations. To facilitate this transition, Cal OES uses Recovery Support Task Forces (RSTFs) to ensure continuity of operations between response and recovery and help avoid major disruption of support to impacted communities. Together, ESFs and RSFs require ongoing planning and coordination to maintain the continuous operation of critical community lifelines essential for safety, economic security, and human health support.

Community Lifelines

- A construct developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that consists of eight identified lifelines that, once stabilized, helps encourage the stability and security of a community
- Provides an outcome-based community centric frame of reference that assists Emergency Managers with:
 - Rapidly determining incident scale and complexity
 - Identifying impacts, severity, and root causes to critical community infrastructure
 - Developing operational objectives and priorities focused on the most efficient approach to resuming disrupted service delivery
 - Simplifying common disaster related communications across all sectors of public, private, and private nonprofit.

California Emergency Support Functions

- 18 disciplines active through all five stages of Emergency Management (Mitigation, Preparedness, Response, and Recovery)
- State agency or department led
- Designed to bring discipline-specific stakeholders together to function collaboratively
- Act as state emergency management liaisons to the State Operations Center

California Recovery Support Functions

- Modeled after the National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF), the California Disaster Recovery Framework (CDRF) guides 6 sector-specific Recovery Support Functions (RSF)
- Designed to support disaster impacted jurisdictions with identifying gaps to effectively rebuild with equity and resilience
- Integrate with response activities to better support local recovery efforts
- Leverage multi-agency partnerships to amplify resource sharing
- Engage in a whole-community approach to capture the best interests of all community stakeholders

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Community Lifelines Crosswalk to Recovery Support Task Forces

Community Lifelines

Recovery Support Task Forces

Supports all ESFs/ RSFs: ESF 5 - Management, ESF 7 - Resources, ESF 14 - Recovery, ESF 15 - Public Information

ESF 11 - Food & Agriculture
ESF 18 - Cybersecurity

Agriculture & Economic
Task Force

Economic RSF

ESF 6 - Mass Care & Shelter
ESF 16 - Evacuation
ESF 17 - Volunteer & Donations



Sheltering
and Interim
Housing Task
Force

Housing RSF

ESF 6 - Mass Care & Shelter
ESF 8 - Public Health & Medical
ESF 10 - Hazardous Materials



Priority Populations
Task Force

Health & Social Services
RSF

ESF 4 - Fire & Rescue
ESF 13 - Law Enforcement



ESF 10 - Hazardous Materials



Natural & Cultural
Resources RSF

ESF 1 - Transportation
ESF 2 - Communications
ESF 3 - Construction & Engineering
ESF 12 - Utilities



Public & Private
Infrastructure Task Force

Infrastructure RSF

Supports all RSFs/ESFs: Community Planning and Capacity Building RSF

California Emergency Support Functions (ESFs)

California Recovery Support Functions (RSFs)