**INF & NCR BI-MONTHLY MEETING**

**December 11, 2024, 2:00-3:00 PM**

Learn about available recovery programs & CalOES’ Watershed Mitigation Team!



**INFORMATION FROM CAL OES RECOVERY SUPPORT FUNCTIONS**

* [Cal OES RSF Quick Start: Guidance for the Development of County/Municipal Recovery Support Functions](https://www.caloes.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/Quick-Start-for-Local-RSF-Working-Groups-July-2024.pdf) provides emergency managers with a starting place to assemble RSF working groups within municipalities and counties. Reference the guide for recommended public, private, and nonprofit working group partners; federally funded, online disaster recovery training; and written resources from federal, state, private, and other key partners.
* [Cal OES Post-Disaster Long-Term Recovery Plan Guide](https://www.caloes.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/Long-Term-Recovery-Plan-Guide_compliant.pdf) contains key recovery planning concepts, tips for community engagement, data sources, examples from existing recovery plans, and a template for organizing recovery projects. The Guide walks the reader through the key sections of a Post-Disaster Long-Term Recovery Plan, including disaster impacts, community engagement, key data points, recovery projects, and plan implementation. The Guide is full of disaster recovery plan examples, project management tools, and links to additional resources and references.

**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

* The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced $276 million in available funding for California water infrastructure projects. The funding will be available through California’s [Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/srf/index.html) and [Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF).](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/services/funding/SRF.html) The revolving funds generally operate by providing low interest loans and a variety of other services.
  + **Available until funding runs out**
* EPA’s [Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA)](https://www.epa.gov/wifia/about-wifia) program accelerates investment in our nation’s water infrastructure by providing long-term, low-cost supplemental loans for regionally and nationally significant projects.
  + **Open Year Round**
* The [2025 Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund: HCP Land Acquisition](https://www.fws.gov/service/habitat-conservation-plan-land-acquisition-grants) funds land acquisition projects that will conserve species habitat in perpetuity to promote species recovery, prevent extinction, and preclude the need to list species under the ESA in the future.
  + Applications due **November 13, 2025**
* The EPA’s 2025 Brownfields [Multipurpose, Assessment, RLF, and Cleanup (MARC) Grant Application Resources](https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/marc-grant-application-resources#:~:text=Grants%20offered%20by%20the%20Brownfields%20Program%20may%20be%20used%20to) guidelines are now available. Grants offered by the Brownfields Program may be used to address sites contaminated by hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, and petroleum. See Technical Assistance section for assistance with applications.
  + Applications due **November 14, 2024**
* The Western Forestry Leadership Coalition’s [Landscape Scale Restoration Competitive Grant Program](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fvb4va74ab.cc.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001vBJfyjBtsKpr1Sc4bRWE-ygOwExey5y7fVsvkj4fx4T5ysfuR2ybItZtU-M7v4AMyXtbIyBmyBleuN7lG_YYBETp_g_VYbbe2mU6NkLki6owTbJZvFSew5vNnbyx_QzGb2qxKGhL61iz1DMAGABeSkKlWU7McNTdftOPePXUeUakwm144NYQqKKwG9_UPBjEJd4LAd2ST_j2qzMhYHjIoGvin59UkgZL%26c%3DC1Mcqy71alKA94OseufBpXW0keVxVjKTofJIcWBtfC6YsrJ7neivog%3D%3D%26ch%3DBesALmWAlG4Cd4GJp5Svm-f1CkoEhxLwbyFfJX1EKdjL3SNMb7yXaQ%3D%3D&data=05%7C02%7Csasha.jones%40caloes.ca.gov%7C56dd1b292ce043bbdf1708dccdeb61d5%7Cebf268ae303647149f69c9fd0e9dc6b9%7C1%7C0%7C638611658081578510%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=jBmyUrhNpqCHb1PwkjkSWOpflJDy%2FbRzVpvFwLUbM2Q%3D&reserved=0) supports collaborative, science-based restoration projects that focus on priority landscapes on nonfederal rural forest land.
  + Applications due **November 15, 2024**
* The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program’s (HMGP) [Post Fire 2024 NOFO](https://www.caloes.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/Hazard-Mitigation/Documents/NOFO_HMGP-Post-Fire-2024-FM-5502.pdf) provides funding for counties to implement post-disaster mitigation activities that reduce risk to life, property, and infrastructure from wildfire. Counties eligible for 2024 HMGP Post Fire include Butte, Mariposa, Riverside, Kern, Tehama, Lake, San Bernardino, and Los Angeles.
  + Notice of Interest due **November 15, 2024**
  + Sub-application due **January 8, 2025**
* The California Transportation Commission’s (CTC) [Local Partnership Program (LPP) - Competitive](https://www.grants.ca.gov/grants/local-partnership-program-competitive/) provides funding for counties, cities, districts, and regional transportation agencies which have fees or taxes dedicated solely to transportation improvements. The LPP provides funding to local and regional agencies to improve aging infrastructure, road conditions, active transportation, transit, rail, and health and safety benefits.
  + Applications due **November 20, 2024**
* The EPA’s [Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program](https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/inflation-reduction-act-community-change-grants-program) is accepting applications on a rolling basis to support community-driven projects that build capacity for communities to tackle environmental and climate justice challenges, strengthen their climate resilience, and advance clean energy.
  + Applications due **November 21, 2024**
* The US Fish and Wildlife Service [National Fish Passage Program](https://www.fws.gov/program/national-fish-passage) restores rivers, protects wildlife, and rebuilds economies through technical assistance and funding. Improving fish passage is one of the most effective ways to help conserve vulnerable species, build safer infrastructure, and improve climate resilience.
  + Applications due **December 31, 2024**
* The US Department of Transportation’s (US DOT) [Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant](https://www.transportation.gov/RAISEgrants) provides funding to invest in road, rail, transit, and port projects that achieve national objectives and have a significant local/regional impact. The objective is to improve safety, economic strength and global competitiveness, equity, and climate and sustainability. **For information specific to 2025**, click here: [FY 2025 RAISE.pdf](https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/federal-liaison/documents/factsheets/raise-5-21-2024-a11y.pdf)
  + Applications due **January 13, 2025**
* [California Department of Transportation (CalTrans)](https://dot.ca.gov/programs/transportation-planning/division-of-transportation-planning/regional-and-community-planning/sustainable-transportation-planning-grants) released the Fiscal Year [(FY) 2025-26 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant](https://dot.ca.gov/programs/transportation-planning/division-of-transportation-planning/regional-and-community-planning/sustainable-transportation-planning-grants) Application Guide and Call for Applications.  A total of $37.7 million is available for transportation planning projects statewide. Grant Programs include Sustainable Communities Grants, Climate Adaptation Planning, and Strategic Partnerships Grants.
  + Applications due **January 22, 2025**

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

* The Federal Highway Administration’s (FHWA) [Technical Assistance and Local Support](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/technical_support.cfm#:~:text=The%20Resource%20Center%20is%20the%20primary%20source%20of%20technical)provides support to local public agencies for transportation planning, design, construction, preserving, and improving public roads and in the stewardship of Federal funds. Resources include lists of funding, webinars and trainings, and local and tribal technical assistance programs.
* The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) [Flood Risk Reduction, Surface Water, and Water Engineering](https://water.ca.gov/Work-With-Us/Technical-Assistance#:~:text=Technical%20Assistance.%20We%20provide%20technical%20guidance%20and) provides locally relevant technical assistance through regional offices to assist water management groups and the public by providing guidance including on groundwater and geology, land and water use, water quality, surface water, flood risk reduction, and engineering, design, and modeling.
* EPA’s [Water TA program](https://www.epa.gov/water-infrastructure/water-technical-assistance-waterta) provides technical assistance to communities to plan and design projects, obtain funding for drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater projects, and develop funding mechanisms and financial planning support. For more information, visit [Water Technical Assistance Programs](https://www.epa.gov/water-infrastructure/water-technical-assistance-programs).
* EPA’s [Financing Alternatives Comparison Tool (FACT)](https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf/financing-alternatives-comparison-tool) helps identify the most cost-effective method to fund a water infrastructure project. FACT produces a comprehensive analysis that compares financing options for the projects by incorporating financing, regulatory, and other important costs.
* The California State Library  ["Ready — Or Not" Cultural Heritage Disaster Preparedness Project](https://www.library.ca.gov/grants/ready-or-not/)  assists cultural heritage organizations evaluate risks to their collections and begin taking preparatory or remedial steps with free site visits and reports for qualifying organizations. Reports include recommendations for mitigating risks, taking emergency preparedness actions, and completing a disaster plan.
* The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) - Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) [Conservation Planning Program](https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/getting-assistance/conservation-technical-assistance/conservation-planning) provides assistance to assess and analyze natural resources issues related to soil, water, animals, plants, air, energy, and human interaction. Plans include customized tools and resources, including land use maps, soil information, inventory of resources, costs/benefits, schedule of recommended practices and maintenance, and engineering notes.
* [KSU Brownfields Grant Writing Tool](https://etools.ksutab.org/tools/tabez#/) Kansas State University offers an EPA Brownfields Grant application template tool to assist with writing applications for these highly competitive grants.

**EVENTS, TRAINING, WEBINARS, AND CONFERENCES**

* The Institute of Sustainable Infrastructure’s [2024 ISI Annual Conference](https://sustainableinfrastructure.org/2024conference/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) is the preeminent event for AEC industry professionals committed to fostering sustainable, equitable, and resilient civil infrastructure. This year’s theme, “Realizing the Vision,” is focused on bridging the gap between ambitious sustainability goals and tangible project outcomes. Infrastructure industry professionals will have the opportunity to engage in insightful discussions, view real-world case studies, and explore lessons learned from industry leaders who have met challenge with innovation while on the path to sustainable infrastructure.
  + **November 6, 2024**; 11:00 – 5:00 PM, online
  + **November 7, 2024**; 11:00 – 5:00 PM, online
* The Sierra Nevada Alliance Conservation Conference is hosting the [2024 Sierra Nevada Alliance Conservation Conference](https://sierranevadaalliance.org/sierra-nevada-alliance-conference/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery#1654195951497-1dd22a6e-2541) in South Lake Tahoe to deepen environmental conversations for the Sierra and move the needle on important initiatives. Presenters include naturalists, artists, outdoor enthusiasts, conservationists, agencies, nonprofits, tribal leaders, policy directors, environmental justice leaders, scientists, and friends of the Sierra.
  + **November 7, 2024**; 3:00 – 5:30 PM
  + **November 8, 2024**; 8:00 – 5:00 PM
* [The California Financing Coordinating Committee (CFCC) Funding Fair](https://www.cfcc.ca.gov/funding-fairs/) offers potential applicants the opportunity to meet with each agency to learn more about their available funding to help combine the resources of different agencies to advance infrastructure projects.
* **November 7, 2024;** 9:00 – 12:00 PM, online
* **November 13, 2024;** 9:00 – 12:00 PM, online
* The [US Department of Transportation's Climate Change Center](https://www.transportation.gov/priorities/climate-and-sustainability/webinars) is hosting a 2024 webinar series on climate change and transportation topics:
* **November 14, 2024** - Resilient Transportation Infrastructure: DOT’s Climate Adaptation Plan 2024-2027
  + From 2:00-3:00 PM ET
* **December 11, 2024** - Parking Reform as a climate strategy
  + From 2:00-3:00 PM ET
* The Public Policy Institute of California is holding the [Is California Ready for Climate Change?](https://www.ppic.org/event/is-california-ready-for-climate-change/) 2024 Annual Water Conference.
  + **November 14, 2024**; 11:30-1:30 PM
* Local jurisdictions looking to increase their Outdoor Recreation possibilities may be interested in the free webinar [Building a Trail-Friendly Community: Three Things You Can Start Today - American Trails](https://www.americantrails.org/training/building-a-trail-friendly-community-three-things-you-can-start-today).
  + **November 14, 2024**; 10:00-11:00 AM
* DWR’s [Road to Sustainability: SGMA 10-Year Anniversary Event](https://water.ca.gov/News/Events/2024/Nov-24/SGMA-10-Year-Anniversary): Hear from local groundwater sustainability agencies, community organizations, state leaders, and others about the progress made over the first 10 years of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), highlight challenges and lessons learned, and look ahead to advancing sustainable groundwater management.
* **November 18, 2024;** 8:30 – 4:00 PM
* The next [California Wildfire & Forest Resilience Task Force meeting](https://wildfiretaskforce.org/meetings/) will be held online and in person in Sacramento.
  + **December 13, 2024**; 9:00-12:30 PM
* Columbia Climate School National Center for Disaster Preparedness (NCDP) - [AWR-433-W: Climate Literacy for Emergency Managers - Climate Change & Equity](https://training.ncdpcourses.org/browse/wbt/climate-and-equity/courses/awr-433-w) NCDP offers this web-based training to provide a general overview of climate change and how it relates to emergency management. The course is sponsored by FEMA and counts toward their [Climate Adaptation and Hazard Mitigation Certificate](https://training.fema.gov/programs/climate-adaptation-certificate/).

**NEWS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

* **News:** [FEMA, Cal OES announce $42 million voluntary buyout program to Rancho Palos Verdes homeowners impacted by land movement.](https://www.cbsnews.com/losangeles/news/fema-cal-oes-announce-42-million-voluntary-buyout-program-to-rancho-palos-verdes-homeowners-impacted-by-land-movement/) State and city leaders on Monday announced a massive $42 million voluntary buyout program for Rancho Palos Verdes residents who have been impacted by the ongoing land movement in the area since 2023.
* **Report:** California 30X30 initiative recently released their 2024 report, [Pathways to 30 x 30 California Progress Report 2024](https://resources.ca.gov/-/media/CNRA-Website/Files/2024_30x30_Pathways_Progress_Report.pdf), highlighting the state’s progress toward its conservation goals and outlining next steps.
* **Testimony:** [Building Drought Resiliency for California’s Water Supply Systems – The Role of Permitting Reform](https://www.ppic.org/blog/testimony-building-drought-resiliency-for-californias-water-supply-systems-the-role-of-permitting-reform/). Prepared remarks of PPIC Water Policy Center senior fellow Ellen Hanak testifying at the Assembly Select Committee on Permitting Reform on October 16, 2024. Links to related initiatives and reports are provided.
* **Congratulations!:** [Biden-Harris Administration and FEMA Selects La Jolla Band of the Luiseño Indians | FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov/press-release/20240917/biden-harris-administration-and-fema-selects-la-jolla-band-luiseno-indians) On September 17, 2024 FEMA announced that funding through the [Safeguarding Tomorrow Revolving Loan Fund Program](https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/storm-rlf) will provide $5.1 million to La Jolla Band of the Luiseño Indians to strengthen critical infrastructure and enhance resilience to natural hazards and climate change. Projects will include road and flood drainage improvement, earthquake hazard mitigation, flood control planning, fuel reduction to prevent wildfires, and other initiatives outlined in their Tribal Hazard Mitigation Plan.

