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RECOVERY ROUNDTABLE
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Greetings from the Cal OES Recovery Directorate!

With the arrival of the 2024 storm season, we would like to share the second edition of the Cal OES Recovery Roundtable. With more than 20 million Californians under flood alerts at the end of January, it's more important than ever to share resources and best practices as we collectively prepare to respond to and recover from these more frequent and impactful weather events. Unity and collaboration form the bedrock upon which our communities can

rebuild and emerge stronger than ever before.

In the coming editions, we will spotlight successful collaborations, highlight emerging trends in emergency management, and showcase the exemplary work undertaken by local jurisdictions and state agencies alike. The Recovery Roundtable is not just a source of information; it is a testament to our shared commitment to building a more resilient and prepared California.

Yours in partnership,

The Cal OES Recovery team

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Focus on Recovery

Recovery Debris, Safety Assessment Program and Individual Assistance Staff to Maui County through EMAC

Cal OES deployed several teams through EMAC following the historic wildfires that impacted Maui in August 2023 including the Recovery Debris Team, Safety Assessment Program (SAP), and Individual Assistance (IA).



The **Debris Team** has deep experience in wildfire recovery which played a pivotal role securing sweeping approval from FEMA for a wildfire cleanup program, surpassing the scope of funding typically seen in such operations. The enrollment process is underway for the [Consolidated Debris Removal Program](#), marking a significant milestone in Maui's recovery journey.

The Maui Fire was the 5th deployment in the last 12 months for **SAP** and included 9 Caltrans engineers and 1 Cal OES coordinator. The team was on the ground within 48 hours of the request for 27 days working with Maui Building officials and local SAP certified Architects to perform safety evaluations on impacted infrastructure as quickly as possible to get citizens safely back into their homes and reopen businesses.

In a first for SAP missions, Maui and the FAA granted permission for use of drones that were provided by and operated by Caltrans SAP Evaluators! Drone footage provided

significant insight when assessing damage in neighborhoods with high levels of debris and major commercial, historic and multi-story structures that were inaccessible on foot (see drone photo below).

Recovery IA supported Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HIEMA) with case management for survivors on the island. They worked alongside HIEMA, FEMA and, Red Cross doing outreach to coordinate what survivors needed for NCS program approval. Cal OES IA also had the opportunity to assist out in the field at the various hotels working directly with survivors to help them with writing appeal letters, clarifying misunderstanding of what documents are needed and how applying for FEMA would help them to stay in the program.

For more information on the Maui wildfire recovery efforts including how to sign up for the Consolidated Debris Removal Program visit [MauiRecovers.org](https://mauirecovers.org).



San Diego and Ventura Counties January Storm- State of Emergency

Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency in San Diego and Ventura counties on January 23, 2024, to support recovery from winter storms in late December 2023 and January 2024.



Our Recovery team deployed staff to assist in preliminary damage assessments, as well as

the San Diego Local Assistance Center open January 28th-31st.

For current updates on open Local Assistance or Disaster Relief Centers see our [Winter Storms Disaster Recovery Center Viewer \(arcgis.com\)](#) always located on our Cal OES webpage [Individual Assistance | California Governor's Office of Emergency Services](#)



Tropical Storm Hilary Federal Declaration and Applicant Briefings

Tropical Storm Hilary was declared on November 21, 2023, DR-4750/CDAA 2023-07. The incident period was August 19-21, 2023.

Five counties were declared for Public Assistance including Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Riverside, and Siskiyou County. Applicant Briefings have been scheduled for the designated counties: [DR 4750 Tropical Storm Hilary Applicant Briefing Schedule](#)

- **The SBA declaration makes low-interest disaster loans available for certain private nonprofit organizations.** Private Non-Profit organizations that provide essential services of a governmental nature may file disaster loan applications.
- **Private nonprofit organizations in the declared counties of Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Riverside and Siskiyou are eligible to apply.**
- See Milestones and Deadlines section for additional information.

State Agency Partners Assistance Center Workshop

On Thursday, November 2, 2023, Cal OES convened with State Agency partners to conduct an after-action assessment, evaluating the performance and outcomes of Assistance Centers established to provide support to disaster survivors affected by the 2023 severe winter storms. Meeting participants engaged in constructive dialogue about best practices, lessons learned and improvement opportunities, all of which will be instrumental in refining future assistance center planning and operations.



Assistance Centers are established in disaster-impacted communities and are essential to ensuring governmental services reach impacted populations. These centers operate in collaboration with numerous state agency partners, Cal OES, local emergency services, social services, medical

services, transportation authorities, and non-governmental organizations. Assistance Centers have proven essential to supporting the initial steps towards individual and household recovery. Their success operation would not be possible without the continued partnership and contributions from our dedicated state agencies and local governments.

Resource Highlights

Cal OES Debris Operations Exercises Interagency Flood Response Plans

With winter weather in full effect, Cal OES Debris Operations partnered with the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to test flood debris removal plans based on lessons from previous floods. The exercise assessed the agencies' ability to manage debris removal for a catastrophic flood disaster, reviewing a draft contract scope, and addressing simulated challenges. Cal OES Debris Operations is ready to support Operational Areas by providing technical assistance or deploying Incident Management Teams in potential flooding scenarios. Additionally, a statewide webinar in December shared flood recovery best practices from Merced and Monterey County officials. Contact DebrisTaskForce@CalOES.ca.gov for more information or to request a webinar recording.



HCD CDBG-MIT Grants for 2017-2018 applications now accepted through 3/29/24!

The California Department of Housing & Community Development (HCD) is accepting applications for the Community



Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

NOFO for DR-4750 Hurricane Hilary

Local governments—including cities,

Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) [Planning and Public Services grant program](#) from the eleven California communities with major disaster declarations in 2017 and 2018. A total of \$19.9 million was allocated for planning projects and public services activities. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis but no later than March 29, 2024.

counties, special districts, state agencies, and Tribal governments (federally and non-federally recognized tribes)—are considered eligible HMGP subapplicants. Certain private nonprofits may also be eligible for HMGP funding (consistent with 44 CFR §206.221 and 206.434).

Interested subapplicants must submit a Notice of Interest (NOI) by 2/16/24 via the Engage Cal OES Portal prior to submitting a subapplication.

Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)

NOFO for Swift Current

The purpose of FMA Swift Current is to reduce or eliminate flood risk to NFIP-participating communities and repetitively flood damaged structures insured by the NFIP following a flood-related disaster event, and to enhance community flood resilience within NFIP-participating communities. It provides funding for mitigation opportunities immediately after a flood disaster event with the aim of delivering mitigation outcomes as quickly as possible.

This differs from the existing FMA grant opportunity, which has an annual grant cycle that funds a broader range of flood mitigation activities through a nationally competitive selection process. FMA Swift Current aims to streamline funding following a federal disaster declaration using flood insurance claims-based eligibility criteria, minimized application periods, and narrowed project type eligibility to Individual Flood Mitigation Projects that are Severe Repetitive Loss, Repetitive Loss and Substantially Damaged.



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Recovery Resources



Community Planning and Capacity Building RSF Resources

Do you have a Local Disaster Recovery Framework (LDRF) or Long-Term Recovery Plan (LTRP) to help your communities prepare to respond to and recover from disasters? These plans align with other local planning documents, including the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, to facilitate recovery coordination and resilient rebuilding efforts after a disaster. Please check out our newly developed recovery planning resources on [our website](#) for more information.



Economic Recovery Resources

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) released a “2023 Inflation Reduction Act Climate-Ready Workforce for Coastal States and Territories” Competition [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) to assist communities with forming partnerships that train workers and place them into jobs that enhance climate resilience. This competition is designed to meet the emerging and existing skills needs of employers while helping workers enter good jobs, so that together they may enhance climate resilience. The application deadline is February 13, 2024.

- Local Disaster Recovery Framework and Long-Term Recovery Plan Fact Sheet
- Long-term Recovery Planning Template
- Long-term Planning Guidance
- Local Disaster Recovery Framework Template – *coming soon!*
- Local Disaster Recovery Framework Guidance – *coming soon!*



2023 State Hazard Mitigation Plan (SHMP)

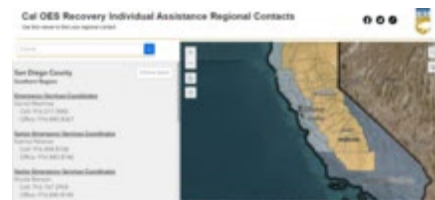
The 2023 SHMP details California's historical and current hazards, identifies mitigation strategies and actions to address those hazards, and provides guidance to local jurisdictions developing their own hazard mitigation plans. The Plan was developed in close collaboration with various federal, state, Tribal Nation, local, and non-governmental partners, as well as with members of the public. The SHMP represents the State's continued commitment to a comprehensive mitigation strategy centered on the reduction or elimination of hazard risks and disaster impacts resulting in reduced loss of life and property, faster disaster recovery, and a more resilient California.

To view the plan and find contact information for any questions, see our webpage:

[2023 Cal OES State Hazard Mitigation Plan](#)

Individual Assistance Contacts

Cal OES has released a new online [web app](#) tool on its website to aid local governments in the identification of regional contacts for the Individual Assistance program. This new tool simplifies the process of obtaining contact information for regional Individual Assistance program Emergency Services Coordinators (ESCs). Regional contacts can be located by using the County search feature on the left side of the [web app](#) or by simply clicking on a county directly on the map.



This [web app](#) serves as a valuable resource for local governments, fostering improved coordination and enhanced collaboration. Its introduction signifies a positive step towards greater efficiency and effectiveness in the sphere of government cooperation. Given the numerous challenges confronting local governments, the seamless and swift access to state government points of contact becomes a critical asset. With the advent of this new online [web app](#) tool, the future for intergovernmental cooperation appears more promising than ever.

Environmental Recovery Resources



Have a watershed impacted by a disaster? Here are some resources to check out:

- The [Flood After Fire Toolkit](#) offered by USACE contains great information on burn scars.
- The Natural Resources and Conservation Service through USDA offers technical and financial assistance for [Emergency Watershed Protection](#) and [Watershed and Flood Prevention](#).
- USDA Rural Development offers grants for [drinking](#) and [wastewater](#) protection.

Need assistance with permitting? The EHP team developed a questionnaire as a tool for applicants to see what regulatory agencies they need to contact for permitting purposes. Access the questionnaire here: [Permitting Questionnaire and Matching Tool](#)

For more information on watershed programs, contact the Cal OES Watershed team at Watershed@caloes.ca.gov. For more information on Environmental and Historic Preservation, contact recoveryehp@caloes.ca.gov

Hungry for More Resources?

The Cal OES Recovery Support Functions Unit produces recovery resource guides containing funding and technical assistance opportunities that can assist local communities with common disaster recovery challenges.



[Recovery Resources Guides](#)



Milestones and Deadlines

Safety Assessment Program (SAP)

Transition to Improved Platform and Digital Badges



[Active Evaluator Volunteer – Initial Outreach Jan 2024](#) was sent to all active SAP evaluators/volunteers during the week of January 15 – January 22nd, 2024.

Below are some highlights:

Cal OES SAP has begun the process of transitioning their database and credentialing system to the nationally recognized Veoci EM Operation Center platform. This innovative solution will propel SAP into the digital space of data and credentialing management. Upcoming features will include online profiles to manage your contact information, direct notification for deployment opportunities and digital housing of the SAP badges. It's anticipated that the transition will be complete **no later than end of March 2024**.

During this transition time, we have halted the creation of physical badges.

Individuals will still be able to complete their online refresher course and attend instructor led trainings. During this transition, a certificate of completion will be sent in lieu of a badge. When the new online system is live, you will receive your SAP badge digitally within your platform account.

Stay tuned for more updates as we get closer to finalizing our implementation and thank you for your patience/understanding during this transition.

Environmental Historic Preservation (EHP)

Nesting Bird Season- February 1st-September 15th

February 1st kicks off the beginning of nesting bird season. Applicants working from February 1st-September 15th should be aware and implement avoidance, minimization and monitoring measures and consult with [US Fish and Wildlife Service](#) and [CA Department of Fish and Wildlife](#) before beginning a project.

[Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918/U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service \(fws.gov\)](#)

[Environmental Review and Permitting](#)



Contact recoveryehp@caloes.ca.gov for more questions.

Hazard Mitigation

February 16, 2024-DR-4750 HMGP Notice of Interest due to Cal OES via the [Cal OES Engage Portal](#)

Register for [webinar February 6th](#) (see below in TRAININGS) for assistance!

Sign up for our [listserv](#) to receive funding updates, webinar invites, and other mitigation announcements.

Cal OES is pleased to provide technical assistance. We strongly encourage you to set up a project scoping call with our team to discuss your project idea by emailing HMA@caloes.ca.gov.

Thank you,

Cal OES Hazard Mitigation Section

Trainings

Hazard Mitigation DR-4750 Notice of Interest (NOI)

NOI due to Cal OES by February 16, 2024 -via the [Cal OES Engage Portal](#).

WEBINARS

1) DR-4750 HMGP Notice of Interest (NOI) Webinar-

When: Tuesday, February 6, 2024, 11 AM to 12:15 PM Pacific

Topics:

- HMGP eligibility / overview
- Key NOI sections
- How to complete the NOI
- NOI subapplication types
- Post NOI submission
- Next steps
- Q and A

To Register: [DR-4750 HMGP Notice of Interest \(NOI\) Webinar](#)

2) DR-4750 HMGP Office Hours Webinar-

When: Tuesday, February 13, 2024, 1 PM-2 PM Pacific

Topics:

- HMGP overview
- HMGP timeline
- Main components of the Cal OES Notice of Interest (NOI)
- Q and A

To Register: [Dr-4750 HMGP Office Hours Webinar](#)

Want to stay up to date on all Hazard Mitigation grants, programs, and funding opportunities? Click below to join the distribution list!

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Debris Team Supports Local Disaster Planning

To assist local governments better prepare for future disasters, the Cal OES Debris Operations Unit provides training on disaster debris management to interested local agencies. The training helps local agencies understand the roles and responsibilities in a disaster debris operation, the operational methods and considerations, important procurement rules, FEMA and Cal OES reimbursement requirements, and steps local government can take now to be better prepared for future debris-generating events, including wildfires, floods, and earthquakes. Trainings can be tailored based on areas of interest or local needs. Cal OES' debris team responds to several major disasters each year, including the flooding in Pajaro and Planada earlier this year, the 2021 Dixie and Caldor Fires, and the catastrophic 2018 Camp Fire, and can share lessons learned from real-life disaster operations. To schedule a meeting or training contact your regional debris coordinator:



1. Inland Region – Senior Coordinator Baylor Cartica (Cartica@CalOES.ca.gov)
2. Coastal Region – Senior Coordinator Kelsie McInnis (McInnis@CalOES.ca.gov)
3. Southern Region – Coordinator Jonathan Bell (Bell@CalOES.ca.gov)

Initial Damage Estimates (IDEs) and Proclamations

Want to learn more about how to proclaim and how data is collected to support a proclamation? We offer several trainings on this topic. Topics covered include:

The Emergency Services Act (ESA)
California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA)
Important Deadlines for Proclamations
IDEs and when they are due
Federal Highway Administration Emergency Relief (FHWA ER) Funding
And much more!



Training dates vary by county. For information on a training or how to sign up, please contact your county Cal OES Emergency Services Coordinator (ESC) or the Cal OES Recovery Disaster Analysis Unit (DAU) at Recoverydau@caloes.ca.gov

Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP)

EHP hosts training sessions devoted to a specific topic. Past sessions have included fish and game codes, clean water permitting, and presentations from regulatory agencies. To learn more and to sign up, please email: recoveryehp@caloes.ca.gov

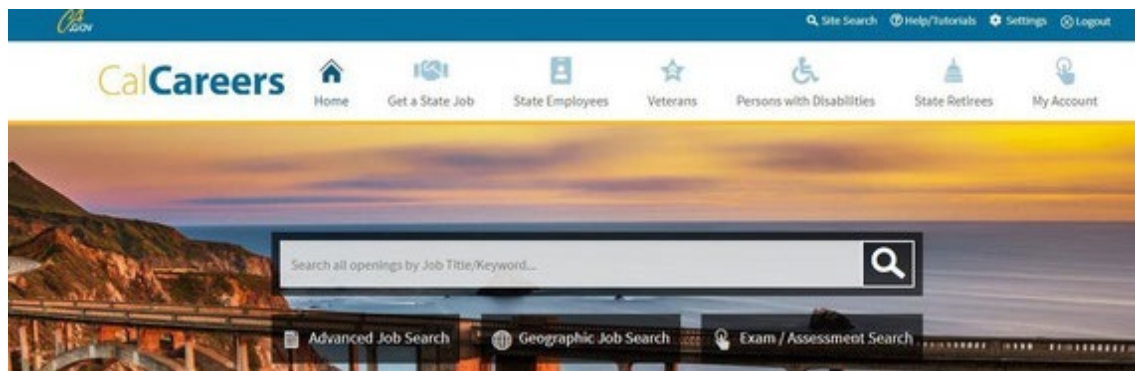


Watershed University

Watershed University is a free event that provides education and networking opportunities for California professionals in floodplain management, water management, emergency management and related fields. If you have questions about Watershed University or would like to join the mailing list, please email Watershed.University@water.ca.gov



Career Opportunities



Are you looking for an exciting and fast-paced career?

Join the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and be part of an organization that serves as a leader in emergency management and homeland security through dedicated service to all. We are looking for enthusiastic and motivated individuals to join our team. If you are interested in a challenging opportunity in a high-energy, team-oriented environment, you are encouraged to apply.

February Opportunities



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