



HIGHLIGHTS

Winter storms and atmospheric rivers can cause widespread, repeated damage, often disrupting recovery efforts between events. A single storm can impact many regions, from snow loading incidents and Search & Rescue needs in the high country to increased foothill waterflow, debris, landslides, lowland flooding, and coastal erosion.

Preparation and coordination are essential for effective recovery and resilience. This edition offers recommendations to support your readiness efforts and provides tips on compliance at the front end, should your future recovery projects involve federal funding.

NEWS & KEY DATES

Oct 17-24

Flood Preparedness Week

Oct 21st

CalOES Statewide Continuity Planners Workshop

Oct 21-22

2nd Annual Tribal Emergency Management Conference

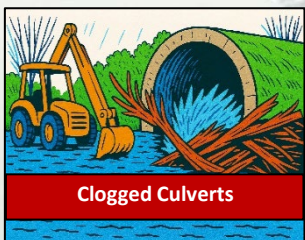
Nov 10th

Statewide Emergency Preparedness Coordination

Winter Is Coming: Are You Ready?



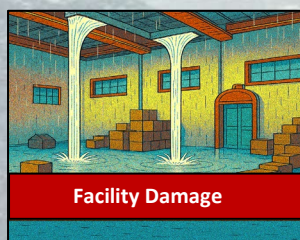
Extreme Snow



Clogged Culverts



Washed Out Roads



Facility Damage



Downed Trees & Power Lines

Best Practices for Winter Disaster Preparedness

Recovery

- ✓ Establish prepositioned contractors
- ✓ Update pre disaster MOUs (Fire, Police)
- ✓ Document pre disaster condition of facilities
- ✓ Review Recovery Compliance, EHP & Permits

Hazard Mitigation

- ✓ Identify potential hazards
- ✓ Review or prepare Hazard Mitigation Plan
- ✓ Assemble "as-built" facility drawings
- ✓ Know your "Codes & Standards"

RESOURCES



MOU Development Guide



PA Program & Policy Guide



Environmental Permit Guide



Hazard Mitigation Policy Guide



FEMA Codes & Standards FAQ

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

FAQ #1

How was I to know it would be a federally declared disaster?

You don't. But you do know it could be a disaster!

- Build a procurement policy "Go Bag"!
- Review processes you invoke during disasters.

FAQ #2

Are permits required for debris cleanup in or near a body of water?

Yes, Environmental and Water regulatory requirements must be met prior to performing work.

FAQ #3

Can we change the design of a damaged facility to improve its resilience?

Maybe, current Codes and Standards are included on any project and FEMA's 406 Public Assistance Funds allow you to improve your project *if it is cost effective*.