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El Niño Resources

The Recovery Support Function (RSF) Division supports local jurisdictions by coordinating recovery initiatives and connecting communities with state, federal, and technical assistance resources before, during, and after disasters. In preparation for the anticipated El Niño season, RSF has developed a collection of fact sheets and resource guides covering flood preparedness, infrastructure recovery, drainage systems, mold remediation, and other recovery support programs.

Click here: www.caloes.ca.gov/RSF and select "El Niño Resources" to access available tools and guidance.

Cal OES Newsroom

Along with readiness tips on staying safe during disasters, Cal OES posts stories on a variety of subjects such as employee spotlights, resources and centers for current events, Governor's press releases, and much more! Subscribe to our news site and receive timely updates and resources.

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About The RSF Team

The RSF Unit was established in 2019 under the California Disaster Recovery Framework (CDRF). Each RSF is led by a State Coordinating Agency that works with Cal OES to provide support to local jurisdictions based on their recovery needs. Cal OES follows an Outcome Driven Recovery (ODR) model that integrates the RSFs into State disaster recovery programs including Hazard Mitigation, Individual Assistance, and Public Assistance as well as the Housing, Debris, and Debris Flow Task Forces. The RSFs also coordinate with the CA-ESFs to support the transition into recovery to ensure communities receive the support needed to develop and implement long-term recovery plans and projects.

CURRENT EVENTS & UPDATES

California Invests 2.7 Billion in Transportation Improvements

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) has approved $2.7 billion in funding for more than 150 new projects designed to improve travel times, increase multimodal options and strengthen the state's transportation assets against severe weather and other climate-related threats. These investments align with Governor Gavin Newsom's build more, faster agenda, delivering critical infrastructure upgrades and creating thousands of jobs across the state. Of the combined total, nearly $1.6 billion is funded by the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (IIJA) and another $542 million from California's Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

Englebright Dam's History Informs Future Flood Risk

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Sacramento District engineers used more than 80 years of documented dam performance, including four major overtopping events, along with geologic evidence and analytical methods to assess the potential for erosion of the dam's rock abutments during extreme floods. Their published article, "85 Years of Engineered Resilience," provides additional detail on the analytical methods, geologic evidence and performance history used in the assessment. Read Vellone and Rica's published article, "85 Years of Engineered Resilience," Here: 85 Years of Engineered Resilience

California's Natural Resources Budget at a Glance

The 2026-27 budget package provides a total of $19.7 billion from various fund sources—the General Fund, a number of special funds, bond funds, and federal funds—for the departments overseen by CNRA and CalEPA. This amount represents a 28 percent decline compared to total 2025-26 estimated expenditure levels. This year-to-year decrease is primarily due to significant one-time funding—from the General Fund, Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF), and Proposition 4—available for the departments within both agencies in 2025-26, including large amounts carried over from prior years. More detailed information can be found in the LAO's online report.

Arts Programs Bring New Visitors to California Parks



Aztec Dancer at Event at Wakamatsu Farm in El Dorado County.

California State Parks and Parks California conducted an evaluation that assessed program outcomes through surveys, interviews, listening sessions and document reviews. Results span 44 regional and local parks across 18 counties, with participants engaging in events ranging from traditional dance and live performance to murals, permanent installations, cultural celebrations and community storytelling. Among the most significant findings: 40% of event participants visited their local park for the first time, and 90% attended specifically because of an Arts in California Parks event. Half of all participants had never attended an arts or cultural event at that park location. Every participating grantee eliminated cost as a barrier by offering free or low-cost programs, and grantees collectively created or strengthened 458 community partnerships.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES

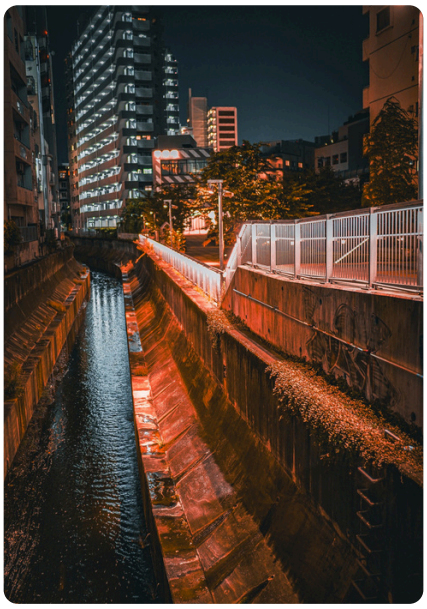
Dam Safety and Climate Resilience Local Assistance Grant
California Grants Portal



Application window opened September 2026

Senate Bill 122 added Part 4, Section 6700 to the Water Code to create a new program, the Dam Safety and Climate Resilience Local Assistance Program, within DWR for the purpose of providing state funding for repairs, rehabilitation, enhancements, and other dam safety projects at existing state jurisdictional dams and associated facilities that were in service prior to January 1, 2023.

CA Department of Water Resources
Urban Streams Restoration Program (USRP) Grants

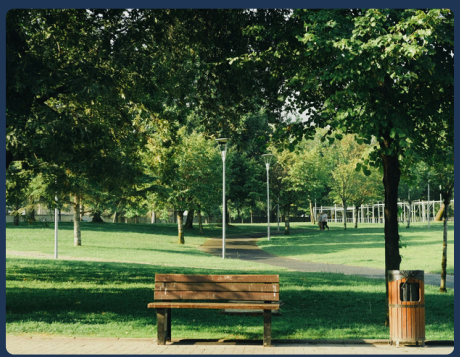


The USRP will begin accepting Concept Proposals on October 1, 2026, and will open the Full Application Solicitation for projets who were invited on January 4, 2027. USRP provides financial and technical assistance to local communities for projects that reduce flooding and erosion damage, restore, enhance, and/or protect the natural ecological values of streams and support community-led stewardship of urban creeks. The USRP funds local, community-based projects that improve the health, safety, and resilience of urban stream corridors.

CA Department of Parks and Recreation - Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program (SPP), Round 5 (Proposition 4):

Applications are due by December 17, 2026.

The SPP helps support the acquisition and development of new parks and the renovation or expansion of existing parks in critically underserved and climate-vulnerable communities.



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California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA)

CalHFA Disaster Rebuilding Assistance Program



The California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA) has launched the $100 million Disaster Rebuilding Assistance Program to help eligible homeowners access financing to rebuild homes damaged or destroyed by qualifying disasters, including the 2025 Los Angeles Wildfires.
The program supports low-and-moderate income homeowners by expanding access to construction and renovation financing through participating lenders. Financing tools include interest rate buydowns to help reduce borrowing costs and loan guarantees to encourage lenders to offer rebuilding loans.

Program Highlights:

- **Who may qualify:** Homeowners who owned and occupied the damaged property as their primary residence when the disaster occurred and who met income and program requirements.
- **Eligible Properties:** Single-family homes, condominiums, one-to-four-unit properties, accessory dwelling units, and qualifying manufactured homes permanently affixed to land owned by the borrower.
- **Occupancy Requirement:** Homeowners must intend to occupy the property as their primary residence within 60 days after the construction is completed.

How to apply: Contact a participating CalHFA-approved lender to discuss eligibility and available financing options.

Cal Assist Mortgage Fund - Applications closed November 2, 2026

USDA Rural Development: Resources for Rural Development and Recovery

From water systems and community facilities to housing and home repairs, USDA Rural Development offers funding tools to support rural communities. This Economic RSF federal partner recently joined the Monthly Statewide Partner Coordination Meeting to highlight agency programs and disaster assistance initiatives.
Explore these resources for project funding and disaster recovery:

- Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program Factsheet
- Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Factsheet
- Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants Factsheet
- USDA Rural Development Rural Housing Service Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program Fact Sheet
- Single Family Housing Repair Loans & Grants | Rural Development

For further information, please contact Bryan Anguiano, State Director, USDA Rural Development: bryan.anguiano@usda.gov

RSF PARTNER MEETINGS

Join a special presentation of the November Economic RSF Statewide Partner Coordination Meeting.

The event is for statewide partners, local jurisdictions, and business and community organizations:

El Nino Economic Preparedness Panel and Q&A

- Tuesday, November 10, 1:00-2:30pm
- Featured Panels:
  - Economic Preparedness for Business Resilience
  - Recovery Funding Tools and Resources
- **Panel Presenters Include**: CalOSBA's Outsmart Disaster, Department of Insurance, IBank. U.S. Economic Development Administration, U.S. Small Business Administration, and more

Those not rostered on the Economic RSF statewide monthly meeting list, please contact RSFConnect@caloes.ca.gov or click this link to join the meeting on November 10 Join Here



Long-Term Housing Recovery Partner Meeting: Thursday, December 10, 2026 | 2pm-3pm

Our November and December meetings will be combined into one special year-end meeting!

Planning is currently underway for our final meeting of 2026, where we look forward to reconnecting with partners, sharing recovery updates, and reflecting on the year's progress.

Additional details and meeting information will be shared soon.



Stay Connected!

Get the latest LTHR updates, meeting invitations, and recovery resources.

Email: RSFConnect@caloes.ca.gov

The **Infrastructure Systems and Natural & Cultural Resources RSFs** present a Bi-Monthly Meeting series, which is a joint effort between CNRA, GovOps, and Cal OES to share information, highlight funding opportunities, and engage our partners with subject matter experts to better prepare for, manage, and recovery from natural disasters that affect vital infrastructure such as water systems and roadways, and our natural and cultural resources such as historical places, waterways, and endangered species.



We will next virtually meet on Wednesday December 9, 2026 from 2-3pm, and please email rsfconnect@caloes.ca.gov to get an invitation if you are not already attending!