

RECOVERY ROUNDTABLE

JULY 2026 EDITION
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MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP

In this July 2026 edition of the Recovery Roundtable, we highlight the tremendous collaborative work underway across California to support communities recovering from recent disasters. You'll find updates on the EM-3646 California Chemical Incident in Garden Grove, including the opening of the Business Recovery Center and the recent SBA Economic Injury Disaster Declaration approval. We also share important news on the extension of financial assistance deadlines for FEMA's Individual Households Program, reflecting ongoing coordination among federal, state, and local partners to ensure survivors have the time and support they need.

This issue also features continued progress in long-term recovery efforts from the 2025 Los Angeles Wildfire and Straight-line Winds, including the impactful work of the Disaster Case Management Program, quarterly partner coordination updates, and the vital contributions of VOADs and Long-Term Recovery Groups statewide. Additional highlights include updates to the California Disaster Recovery Framework, resources for local jurisdictions developing their own recovery frameworks, and information on the newly released Recovery Monitoring Minute publication. We wrap up with important grant opportunities, preparedness resources, and current job openings for those interested in joining the emergency management community.

We appreciate your continued interest and support for California's recovery mission. Your engagement helps strengthen our statewide resilience and ensures we can better serve disaster-impacted communities today and in the future. As always, we encourage you to share this newsletter with partners who may benefit from staying connected to ongoing recovery efforts across the state.

-IRC Leadership

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RECOVERY HIGHLIGHTS



EM-3646 California Chemical Incident in Garden Grove

Recovery personnel were deployed in May & June 2026 to an Interim Operating Facility (IOF) established by Cal OES which served as a central coordination hub for recovery activities for the federally declared incident- EM-3646 to support the City of Garden Grove. The facility supported local, state and federal partner collaboration, situational awareness, public information efforts, environmental assessment operations, and resource management.

On June 11, 2026, coordinated efforts among federal, state, and local partners resulted in the successful approval of a Small Business Administration (SBA) Economic Injury Disaster Declaration #21644 for Orange County and the contiguous counties of Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego.

Partners also worked together to establish a Business Recovery Center (BRC) in the City of Garden Grove, with support from SBA and Orange County, to assist businesses and owners experiencing financial impacts from the 2026 EM-3646 California Chemical Incident.

The BRC began operations on Tuesday, June 16, at 8:00 a.m. and does not currently have a closure date.

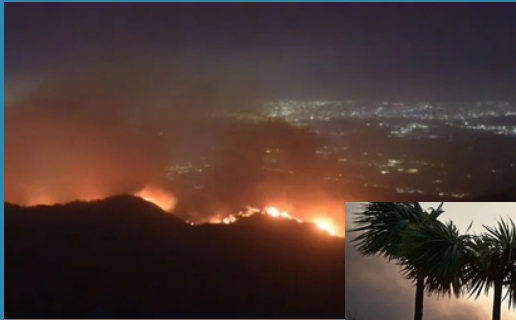
Business Recovery Center Location:

Euclid Office Building
First Floor
12966 Euclid St.
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Hours of operation are Mondays–Fridays, 0800 to 1900. Adjusted hours of operation beginning Monday, July 6, 2026, will be Mondays–Fridays, 0900 to 1800.

RECOVERY HIGHLIGHTS

2025 Los Angeles Wildfire & Straight-line Winds Updates (DR-4856)



Individual Assistance Households Program (IHP) Period of Assistance Extension Request Approved

On June 23, 2026, FEMA approved California's request to extend the financial period of assistance for IHP.

This extension was made possible through coordination between FEMA, state partners, and local agencies supporting long-term recovery.

As a result, the original deadline of July 9, 2026, has been extended to July 9, 2027, for homeowners and to October 9, 2026, for renters.

In addition, the U.S. Small Business Administration has authorized borrowers to draw down funds for up to 24 months from the date of their loan authorization agreement for all Home and Business Physical Disaster Loans.

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Disaster Case Management Program (DCMP) Continues to Meet Growing Demand

Over a year after the devastating 2025 Los Angeles fires, recovery efforts remain ongoing as the Disaster Case Management Program (DCMP) continues to support survivors with long-term recovery needs. The program is led by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), which oversees DCMP operations in close collaboration with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), local service providers, and a strong network of community-based partners.

Through the dedication of these partners and their coordinated efforts, the DCMP continues to deliver essential services that help survivors address unmet needs and navigate available recovery resources.

As of June 2026:

Case managers have contacted 19,817 survivors

Served a total of 7,647 survivors

1,217 survivors have developed Individualized Recovery Plans

4,581 survivors have been referred to the program

Leveraged an estimated \$63.6 million in recovery assistance

Successfully closed 1,160 cases

Program indicators reflect the significant impact made by CDSS, FEMA, local providers, and community partners, underscoring the value of coordinated, individualized support in helping survivors achieve meaningful and sustained recovery.

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Quarterly Assistance Center State Partner Meeting

State partners from across California convened for the first Quarterly Assistance Center State Partner Meeting, bringing together key agencies to strengthen coordination and enhance support for disaster survivors. This working group is designed to build a more unified and resilient foundation for future Local Assistance Centers (LACs) and State Recovery Centers (SRCs). The session reflected strong alignment among participating agencies and underscored the value of maintaining a regular forum for collaboration and shared learning.

Key Outcomes:

Workforce Support: State partners highlighted the importance of prioritizing frontline staff well-being during extended deployments, emphasizing structured breaks, flexibility, and access to mental-health resources.

Deployment Readiness: Agencies identified opportunities for earlier logistical coordination and clearer pre-deployment expectations to boost operational efficiency and improve staff experience during future LAC/SRC activations.

Training Priorities: Partners expressed strong interest in expanded training, including de-escalation, trauma-informed approaches, and onboarding for new personnel. There was also broad support for developing a multi-agency tabletop exercise to strengthen statewide preparedness.

State Program Insights: The Department of Motor Vehicles shared updates on their new digital identity verification tools, generating enthusiasm for future cross-agency briefings and demonstrations to support LAC/SRC operations.

Sustained Collaboration: Participants reaffirmed the importance of continuing Quarterly Meetings and encouraged ongoing opportunities for agencies to share best practices, showcase programs, and highlight resources that enhance statewide recovery capabilities.

The next Quarterly Assistance Center State Partner Meeting is planned for mid- to late-September.

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Statewide Voluntary and Long-Term Recovery Partner Update

Long-Term Recovery Groups (LTRGs), Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOADs), and nonprofit partners across California continue to play a central role in supporting survivors and driving long-term recovery following recent disasters.

California partners contributed to national discussions on post-disaster financial assistance, participating in the June Cash Coordination Coalition meeting focused on equitable, data-driven cash support. Monthly meetings will continue shaping national best practices.

VOAD leaders supported the April 211 California Disaster Readiness and Resilience Conference, strengthening coordination among statewide partners across all phases of disaster.

In May, voluntary organizations joined emergency management professionals at the National VOAD Conference, sharing emerging challenges, technologies, and successful approaches to survivor support with partners from 18 states.

Later in May, Cal OES leadership toured rebuilds in the Eaton burn scar led by Habitat for Humanity and HCRN, highlighting progress achieved through collaboration with LTRGs and philanthropic partners. A follow-up meeting with regional LTRG leaders and philanthropy teams further elevated lessons learned, ongoing needs, and survivor perspectives.

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GovOps Primary State Coordinating Agency for Infrastructure Systems

We are excited to share an important update regarding our Infrastructure Systems Primary State Coordinating Agency. The California Government Operations Agency has agreed to assume this role moving forward. Given the breadth and complexity of responsibilities required during disasters, GovOps is a strong and well-aligned choice for this function. As a result, Cal OES will no longer serve as the primary coordinating agency for infrastructure.



CRSFLG meeting held June 11, 2026

CA Recovery Support Functions Leadership Group (CRSFLG)

The RSF team participated in this month's CRSFLG meeting hosted by CA Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). Leadership discussed several key topics including:

- Los Angeles Wildfire Recovery
- FEMA Reform Efforts
- Administrative Orders (AOs)
- Additional emerging issues and program updates.

This executive level interagency collaborative meeting is designed to strengthen interagency alignment, share federal updates and program impacts, identify gaps, emerging issues, and future preparedness needs, and ensure strategic integration between RSFs.

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New Publication! Recovery Monitoring Minute

Recovery Quality Control & Monitoring (QCM) released their newest publication Volume I - Summer 2026 edition of their [Recovery Monitoring Minute](#) packed with information on maintaining compliance.

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Cal OES Quality Control & Monitoring (QCM) conducts compliance assessments of Subrecipient projects throughout the State. Projects found to have compliance deficiencies are issued a findings report, along with supporting citations. Cal OES QCM staff provide technical assistance to Subrecipients and assist with a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of their awards. Developing and implementing this plan reduces the occurrence of deficiencies over time, mitigates the potential of de-obligation of funds, and helps maintain Subrecipient eligibility for future emergency funding.

NEWS & KEY DATES

- July 9th** [Deadline for Temporary Housing Assistance for LA Wildfire Survivors](#)
- July 16th** [California Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council Meeting](#)
- July 21st** [2026 Cal OES-CAPIO Emergency Communications Academy](#)
- July 23rd** [FEMA Deadline for BRIC Grant Application](#)

2025 Hazard Mitigation Top Findings

No Clean Air Act & Federal Water Pollution Control Act Clause	19
No Byrd Anti-Lobbying Certification	16
No Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment Clause	14
No SAM.gov Check for Vendors or Contractors	10

2025 Public Assistance Top Findings

No Debarment or Suspension Clause	33
No SAM.gov Check for Vendors or Contractors	14
No Termination for Cause or Convenience Clause	15
No Byrd Anti-Lobbying Certification	13

BEST PRACTICES FOR FEMA COMPLIANCE

Compliant Timesheets Should Have:

**EMPLOYEE INFO**

**DAILY HOURS**

**PROJECT CODE**

**TASK DESCRIPTION**

**SIGNATURES**

**EQUIPMENT & MATERIALS**

**OVERTIME DIFFERENTIATION**

[For More QCM Information Click Here](#)

RECOVERY RESOURCES

CDRF Light Update

The Original California Disaster Recovery Framework (CDRF) was completed in 2019 to provide California with its own Recovery Framework in alignment with the NDRF.

Following the NDRF update in 2024, the CDRF is currently under review for a light update by September 2026, with a more strategic, further and complete revision done over the next 4-5 years.



Local Disaster Recovery Framework Toolkit

A Toolkit is under development by Cal OES Recovery to assist local jurisdictions with developing a Local Disaster Recovery Framework (LDRF). Developing an LDRF before a disaster supports local partner collaboration to assess disaster risk, determine local recovery concepts, evaluate recovery needs, and prepare for long-term planning post-disaster. The Toolkit will include:

- Pre-disaster recovery planning resources
- Plan alignment/integration guidance
- Sequence of recovery & helpful contacts/links
- Technical assistance/training for local partners
- Examples and more!

RECOVERY RESOURCES



(BRIC)

Link: [Search Results Detail | Grants.gov](#)

BRIC funding supports pre-disaster and hazard mitigation projects, such as school safe rooms, utility hardening, relocating critical facilities out of flood areas, and securing pump stations, aiming to save lives, protect property, and reduce the cost of future disaster response and recovery.

FEMA has published the Fiscal Years 2024-25 funding opportunity for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities program. The application period is open for 120 days and the deadline for submissions is July 23, 2026.

Eligible applicants and sub applicants must apply through the FEMA Grants Outcomes (FEMA GO) portal. The full Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is published on [Grants.gov](#).

Previous sub applications submitted for the initial BRIC funding opportunity published in January 2025 will not be reviewed. FEMA encourages applicants and sub applicants to review, update and resubmit new applications in accordance with this new Fiscal Years 2024-25 BRIC funding opportunity.

Deadline for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Fiscal Year 2024 & 2025 is July 23, 2026.

NOFO: [Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Program Funding Opportunity for Fiscal Years 2024-25](#)

[For More RSF Resources Click Here](#)

RECOVERY RESOURCES

CDPH (CA Department of Public Health) Preparedness:

[Employers: Protect Your Workers from Indoor Heat](#)

[Employers: Protect Your Workers from Outdoor Heat](#)

Water District Fact Sheet

Based on unmet needs identified by water districts across California, our Infrastructure and Natural and Cultural Resources Team collaborated to compile a comprehensive list of available resources. These include federal and state grant opportunities, low interest loan programs, and a variety of technical assistance options. You can access the complete list in our Water District Fact Sheet [here](#).

National Access and Functional Needs Virtual Symposium (July 7-8, 2026)

Join the 5th National AFN Symposium and move beyond theory into the frontline of inclusive resilience. This year's event is designed to empower emergency managers with the practical tools and strategic foresight needed to lead in an evolving landscape. This two-day virtual event will highlight strategies, lessons learned, and innovative approaches to advancing access and functional needs integration across preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation efforts.

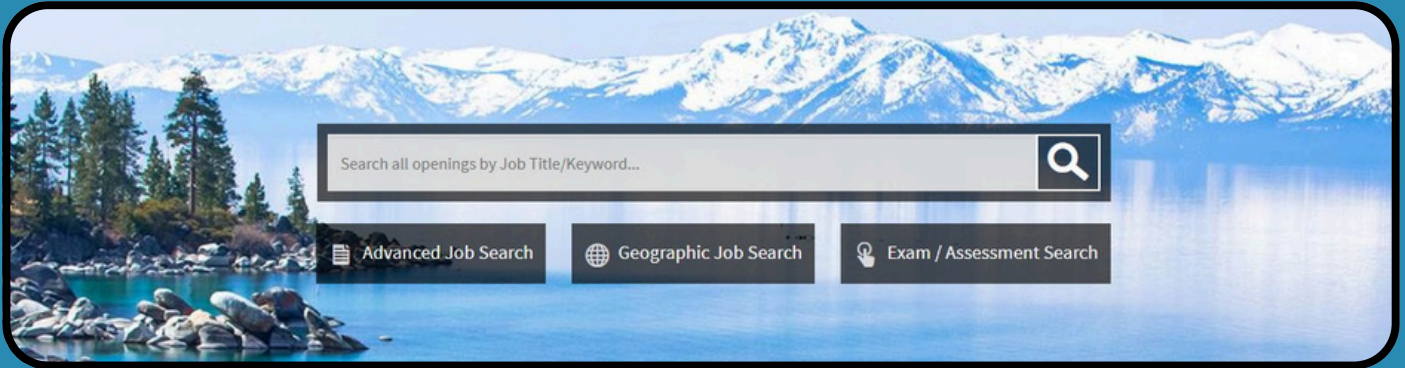
MILESTONES & DEADLINES

2025 Los Angeles Wildfire & Straight-line Winds IA Deadline Extended

FEMA has approved California's request to extend the **Individual Assistance Individual Households Program (IHP)**, establishing new deadlines of **October 9, 2026, for renters**
AND
July 9, 2027 for homeowners
seeking continued assistance.

This extension provides renters additional time to secure or maintain temporary housing and other eligible needs related to the disaster. Renters are encouraged to return to FEMA for potential assistance before the October 9 deadline to ensure they receive all support for which they may be eligible.

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.

[Current Job Openings!](#)

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