



REGION I & VI MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

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BACKGROUND



- The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency is responsible for coordinating emergency medical response to public health disasters or emergencies, like a pandemic, and has an integral role in responses to natural and other disasters, fires, floods, earthquakes, hazardous spills, and other catastrophes that may occur in San Diego County.



- To maximize available resources and ensure the most effective response, the County enters into cooperative agreements with other jurisdictions in the Southern California region to provide mutual assistance and share resources, such as equipment, supplies, and response staff, during a time of emergency response.



- The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) is responsible for protecting the health and safety and preserving the lives and property of the people of the State of California. In order to more effectively apply, administer, and coordinate mutual aid and other emergency-related activities, CalOES organized the state into six mutual aid regions.

REGION I & VI MUTUAL AID MAP



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REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE PROCESS



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- Region I & VI county requests assistance thru the Medical Health Operational Area (MHOAC) program to the Region I & VI Regional Disaster Medical Health Coordinator (RDMHC) program.

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- Region I & VI - Regional Disaster Medical Health program contact receives the request, coordinates and sends along to Region I & VI counties via the MHOAC program.

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- The individual Region I & VI County MHOAC's work with their local government services to see if they can fill the request and notify the RDHMC program if they are able to assist.

MUTUAL AID RESPONSE TO SANTA BARBARA COUNTY MUDSLIDES



- January 12, 2018, a mutual aid request via MHOAC program came through CDPH for assistance to Santa Barbara County with clean up of hazardous waste due to severe mudslides from recent rainstorms.
- The MHOAC program reached out to the Department of Environmental Health (DEH) to check on their availability to assist, and they were able to mobilize staff and vehicles to response to the mutual aid request.
- The MHOAC program along with the requesting county, assisted DEH with coordinating logistics including travel arraignments, vehicles needed, fuel, meals for staff, lodging and labor reimbursement.
- DEH sent six Environmental Health Specialists over a three-week period to assist.
- 34 staff from surrounding counties assisted including Kern, Los Angeles, San Diego, San Luis Obispo and Orange county.



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WHAT A DAY LOOKED LIKE...



DEH Participation - Hazardous Waste categorization



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ACTION REQUEST



- Authorization to approve a new California Mutual Aid Region I & VI, Inter-Region Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Medical and Health Disaster Services.
- This supports the countywide Live Well San Diego vision by ensuring timely and efficient response to emergency disasters in San Diego County, thereby promoting a healthy, safe and thriving region.



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There is no fiscal impact associated with executing the agreement.

- San Diego County
 - Is responsible for reimbursing all associated cost incurred by other counties providing aid for a San Diego County emergency.
 - Would receive reimbursement for any aid provided to other Region I & VI Counties.
 - No change in net General Fund cost.
 - No additional staff years.

