

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

THE PLAN'S PRIMARY GOAL

A regional framework for responding to major emergencies and disasters in the San Diego County Operational Area. It describes the roles and responsibilities of all county departments and the relationship between the County and jurisdictions within the county.

BACKGROUND

- **Both County ordinance and the California Emergency Services Act require the County to maintain the Plan.**
- The Plan consists of the Basic Plan and 16 annexes that describe the emergency functions of response agencies and partner organizations.
- County OES coordinates the update of the Plan every four years. The Plan was last adopted by the Board of Supervisors in August 2022.
- The updated Plan maintains eligibility for future state and federal funding related to disaster preparedness, response, and recovery.

WHEN WE'D USE IT

Extraordinary emergency which may affect the Operational Area

Planned, coordinated response by **multiple agencies or jurisdictions**

Support jurisdictions **during incidents requiring County assistance**

IMPACT

- Support regional readiness to respond to a disaster
- Sustain an inclusive and equitable emergency management system

2025-2026 ENGAGEMENT

Apr 2025	Plan Kickoff
May - July 2025	First Stakeholder Review
Sept - Nov 2025	Initial Public Comment Period
Jan 2026	Public Meeting
Jan - Feb 2026	Comment Integration
March 2026	Final Draft Public Comment Period and Peer Review
June 2026	Unified Disaster Council Approval
Sept 2026	County Board of Supervisors Adoption

PARTNERS ENGAGED

1. **County Departments/Agencies**
2. **Jurisdictional Emergency Managers**
3. **Cal OES**
4. **Healthcare Disaster Coalition**
5. **Law Enforcement and Fire Services Personnel**
6. **People with Access and Functional Needs**
7. **Tribal Governments**
8. **Food System Stakeholders**
9. **Community-Based Organizations**
10. **General Public**

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KEY PLAN REVISIONS

Mass Casualty Incidents	Mass Care and Shelter Operations	Emergency Communications
Included a summary of the San Diego County Regional Protocol for Intentional Mass Casualty Incidents.	Described transportation for access and functional needs populations and alternative shelter options, clarified shelter management, incorporated pet-friendly requirements, and expanded on mass feeding.	Described redundant communication options for tribal governments and recognized tribal governments as independent Alert Authorities for their sovereign lands.
Emergency Public Information	Animal Services	Evacuation and Repopulation
Expanded on guidelines for emergency public information dissemination, alternative alert and warning notification methods, and communication channels.	Incorporated pet rescue requirements and procedures for sheltering of large animals and sick animals, updated animal decontamination and deceased animal disposal procedures, and established a response framework for foreign animal disease outbreak.	Expanded on decision-making processes, transportation options for access and functional needs populations, communication tools, tribal coordination, the County's Ag Pass program, and steps for the public to find their evacuation zone.

IMPLEMENTATION NEXT STEPS

1. **Incorporate** into or **reference** the Plan in other planning mechanisms.
2. **Incorporate** the latest State/Federal guidance.
3. **Conduct** training and exercises to test and evaluate the effectiveness of the Plan.
4. **Incorporate** lessons learned and after-action reviews from exercises or actual incidents.