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Office of Emergency Services' Role in Disaster Response and Relief Efforts

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Office of Emergency Services (OES) Has Many Responsibilities Related to Disasters

- **Planning.** Prepares the state’s Hazard Mitigation Plan and Emergency Plan. Coordinates and supports other state and local disaster planning activities.
- **Communications.** Facilitates emergency warnings and public safety communications during disasters and other emergencies by supporting the earthquake early warning system, 9-1-1 system, and public safety radio system.
- **Response and Recovery.** Monitors and coordinates disaster response and recovery activities, including tasking other agencies with carrying out specific activities and coordinating mutual aid.
- **Administration of Disaster Assistance Funding.** Serves as a conduit for disaster assistance to state and local governments.
 - **State Funding.** Administers the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) program, which funds the repair of public infrastructure and reimbursements to local governments for costs associated with certain disaster response activities.
 - **Federal Funding.** Administers federal funding provided to state and local governments in the event of a large-scale disaster that triggers a federal disaster declaration. This assistance includes reimbursements for activities such as fire response, debris removal, and rebuilding of public infrastructure. The federal government also operates the Hazard Mitigation Grant (HMG) program, which funds projects that reduce the likelihood and severity of future disasters. (The federal government also has various programs that assist individuals and businesses.) Typically, the federal government covers 75 percent of eligible costs, and state and local governments pay the remaining 25 percent. However, cost shares can vary.



OES' Recent Disaster and Emergency Funding Augmentations^a

<i>(In Millions)</i>		
	Amount	Fund Source
2016-17		
California Disaster Assistance Act	\$30.0	GF
California Disaster Assistance Act (Drought)	22.2	GF
Emergency Operations and Critical Infrastructure Support	20.4 ^b	GF
Earthquake Early Warning	10.0	GF
Drought State Operations	4.5	GF
Subtotal	<u>(\$87.1)</u>	
2017-18		
California Disaster Assistance Act	\$28.4	GF
Prepositioning Mutual Aid Engines	25.0	GGRF
Emergency Water Tank Program Continuation	6.5	GF
Public Safety Communications Network Operations Center	5.6	GF
Public Assistance	3.5 ^b	GF
Nonprofit Security Grant Program	2.0	GF and AT
Red Mountain Communication Facility	1.9	GF
Dam Safety	1.9	GF
Colton Fire Engine	0.5	GF
Subtotal	<u>(\$75.3)</u>	
2018-19		
California Disaster Assistance Act	\$88.1 ^b	GF
Mutual Aid Fire Engines	25.0 ^b	GGRF
Prepositioning Mutual Aid Engines	25.0	GF
Earthquake Early Warning	15.8 ^b	GF
Red Mountain Communication Facility	15.4	GF
Public Safety Microwave Network	15.0 ^b	SETNA
9-1-1 Sustainment	11.5 ^b	SETNA
Disaster Recovery Program	11.2 ^b	FTF and GF
Emergency Water Tanks	3.5	GF
Regional Hazardous Materials Response	3.4 ^b	GF
Hazard Mitigation	3.2 ^b	FTF
Emergency Response Operations	1.6 ^b	GF
Technical Adjustment to Dam Safety	0.9 ^b	GF
Situation Awareness and Collaboration Tool	0.7 ^b	GF and R
Disaster Service Workers Program	0.7 ^b	GF
Nonprofit Security Grant Program	0.5	AT
Subtotal	<u>(\$221.4)</u>	
Total	<u>\$383.8</u>	

^a Does not include reappropriations or funds provided through the Disaster Response Emergency Operations Account.

^b Authorized funding in specified future years or on an ongoing basis.

AT = Anti-terrorism Fund; GGRF = Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund; GF = General Fund; FTF = Federal Trust Fund; SETNA = State Emergency Telephone Number Account; R = Reimbursement Authority.



Governor's 2019-20 Disaster and Emergency-Related Budget Proposals for OES

\$30 Million in 2018-19—Chapter 1, Statutes of 2019 (AB 72, Committee on Budget)

- **Public Education (\$20 Million).** General Fund support for grants to local entities to conduct a public education campaign on disaster-preparedness.
- **9-1-1 System and Broadband Network (\$10 Million).** Loan from the General Fund to the State Emergency Telephone Number Account (SETNA) to support the 9-1-1 system and its upgrade to a system known as Next Generation 9-1-1.

\$183 Million in 2019-20

- **Federal Trust Fund Authority Increase (\$60 Million).** Increased Federal Trust Fund authority in 2019-20 and ongoing to accept federal funds for the HMG program.
- **9-1-1 System and Broadband Network (\$51 Million).** \$50 million in 2019-20 from the General Fund to SETNA for continued support Next Generation 9-1-1, and \$1 million from SETNA in 2019-20 and ongoing to coordinate implementation of the First Responder Network Authority broadband network.
- **Mutual Aid Engines (\$25 Million).** General Fund support in 2019-20 and ongoing to preposition mutual aid fire engines when fire risks are high.
- **CDAAs (\$20 Million).** General Fund augmentation in 2019-20 for CDAAs.
- **Earthquake Early Warning (\$16 Million).** General Fund support in 2019-20 to complete the build-out of the state's earthquake early warning system.
- **Public Safety Radios (\$11 Million).** General Fund support for improvements to the public safety radio system. (Under the proposal, funding would increase to \$12 million annually from 2020-21 through 2023-24, then decline to \$3 million annually thereafter.)

