

Emergency Management Legislation Summary

AB 747 Planning and Zoning: General Plan: Safety Element.

It requires the County General Plan Safety Element to be reviewed for the identification of evacuation route capacities during emergencies. This legislation involves the development of evacuation routes for all residents.

AB 2386: Office of Emergency Services: Disaster Council Plans.

It requires CalOES to review ten county emergency operations plans annually. This legislation now requires the state to review local emergency plans and institutes an approval process of local plans.

AB 580 Emergency Services: Vulnerable Populations

This bill requires CalOES to review emergency operations plans upon update and requires that considerations for vulnerable populations are included. Additionally, it establishes an Access & Functional Needs (AFN.) Office at CalOES that can assist in reviewing plans to ensure that vulnerable population considerations are met.

AB 2968: County Emergency Plans: Best Practices

Requires CalOES to establish best practices for developing emergency operations plans. Local plans must follow these guidelines.

SB 160: Cultural Competence

It requires the County to include cultural competence considerations in any EOP update. The County must develop a strategy for engaging culturally diverse communities in the planning process.

Authorizes the establishment of local community advisory boards for community engagement forums.

AB 2311: Emergency Services: Access and Functional Needs in Emergencies.

Requires integration of access and functional needs components in emergency management planning.

AB 2645 Local Emergency Plans: Integration of Access and Functional Needs: Community Resilience Centers

Requires evacuation, sheltering, and transportation planning to incorporate resiliency center locations. Requires the County to designate available locations to serve as respite centers during certain environmental emergencies.

AB 781 Accessibility to Emergency Information and Services: Emergency Shelters: Persons with Pets

Requires designation of pet-friendly shelters for the next EOP update.

Requires at least one pet-friendly location to be available when a shelter is open.

Requires one pet-friendly location for warming and cooling centers.

It requires the County to inform the public of the pet-friendly status of a shelter or other respite facility.

It requires the County to post pet preparedness information on the county website.

AB 1638 Local Government: Emergency Response Services: Use of Languages Other than English

Beginning January 1, 2025, any jurisdiction serving populations where 5% or more speak English less than "very well" according to the American Community Survey, shall provide emergency information in all languages spoken by 5% or more of the population. The state will randomly audit local agencies every three years to determine compliance with this regulation.

AB 477: Emergency Preparedness: Vulnerable Populations

It requires the County to include representatives from the Access and Functional Needs community to participate in all Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) updates.

AB 2238 Extreme Heat: Statewide Extreme Heat Ranking System

Requires the state to develop a statewide heat ranking system.

AB 1648 Disaster Preparedness: Local Government: Animal Natural Disaster Evacuation Plan

Requires the city or County that issues kennel licenses/permits to require an evacuation plan for each facility.

AB 1568 California Emergency Services Act: Office of Emergency Services: Donations System

Requires the state to establish a statewide donation system for private businesses and nonprofit organizations to share resources and donations with impacted communities.

ACR 112 California Emergency Preparedness Month

Establishes September as emergency preparedness month. Encourages local jurisdictions to participate and engage with their local communities.

SB 52 State of Emergency: Local Emergency: Planned Power Outage

Allows for a de-energization event to be considered for local proclamations.

AB 1565 Emergency Management Assistance Compact

Foundational emergency management law establishes emergency management mutual aid between states.

SB 341 Telecommunications Service: Outages

Requires telecommunications companies to create a map with outage information. Requires telecommunications companies to submit resiliency plans and 72-hour power backups for their devices.

SB 468 State of Emergency: Local Emergency: Electromagnetic Pulse Attack

Allows electromagnetic pulse attacks to be considered for local proclamations.

SB 978 Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery: Wildfire Debris Cleanup and Removal: Contracts

Requires CalRecycle to manage wildfire and debris cleanup/removal. Any business working in a local jurisdiction must submit documentation to the state to handle post-wildfire debris removal.

AB 2140: General Plans: Safety Element

Allows local jurisdictions to be eligible for increased disaster cost-share coverage if the LHMP is referenced in the General Plan Safety Element.