

# City of Chula Vista Disaster Preparedness



# Background

California Emergency Services  
Act authorizes local jurisdictions  
to create a Disaster Council,  
Responsible for developing  
emergency plans

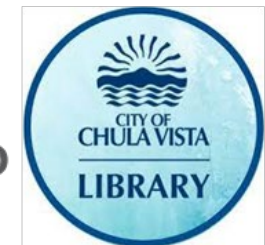
City of Chula Vista Municipal  
Code – Chapter 2.14 –  
Emergency Organization  
Department

Provides for the protection of  
persons and property in Chula  
Vista

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# Emergency Organization

- All public employees are considered Disaster Service Workers
  - *CA Government Code Section 3100-3109*
- Public, private, and community support and participation are critical to effective preparedness, response, and recovery efforts



# Local Hazards

- Wildfire
  - 30+ canyons and open space areas
  - Wildland-Urban Interface
- Earthquake
  - Several faults with potential to impact the city
- Flooding
  - Two reservoirs border the city, multiple inundation areas
- Extreme Weather
  - 2017 Winter Storms
  - 2022 Heat Wave



# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



**MAKE A PLAN**

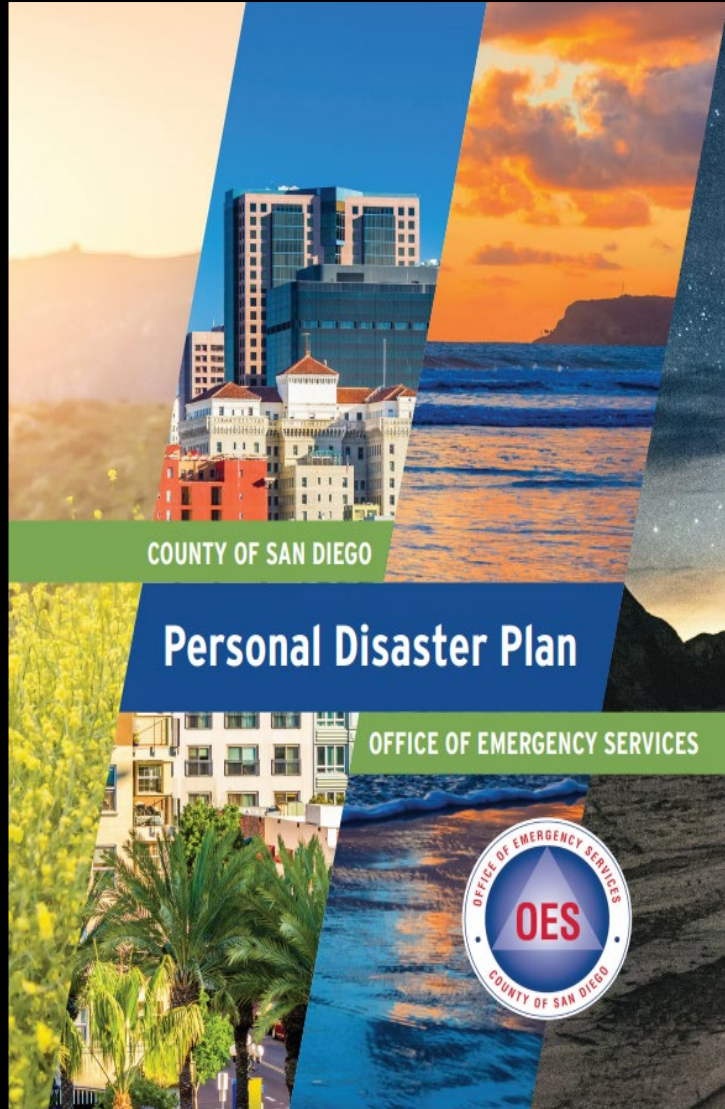


**BUILD A KIT**



**BE INFORMED**

# Make a Plan



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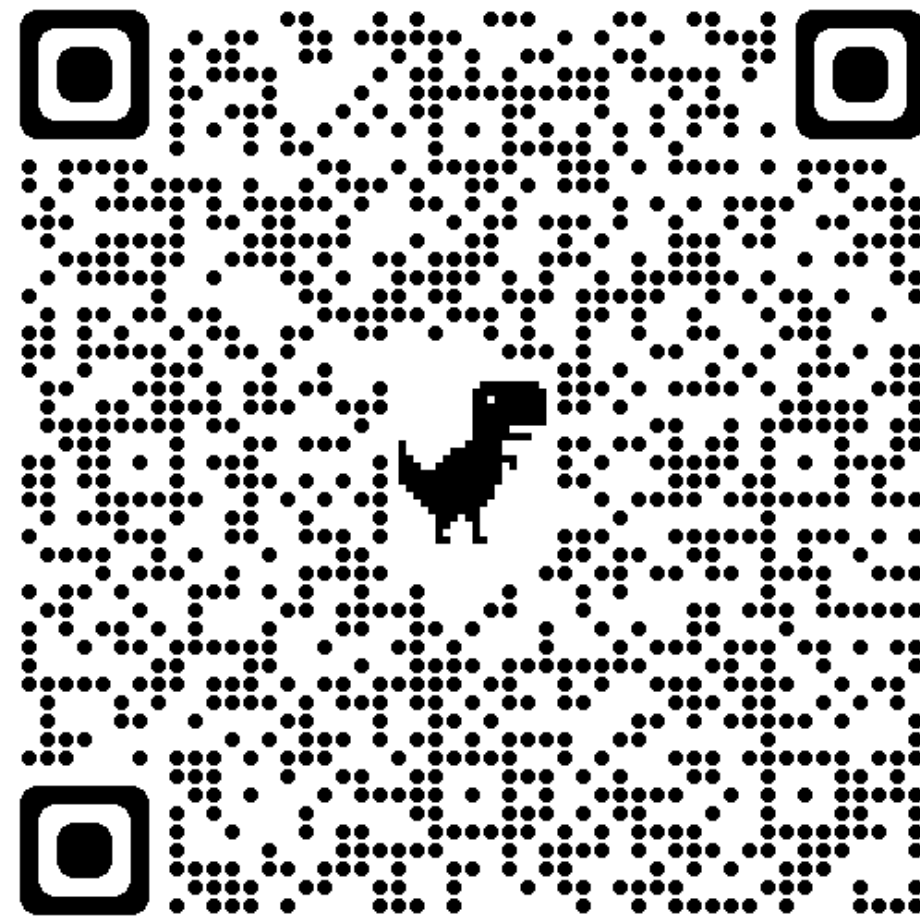


# Stay Informed





**ALERT**  
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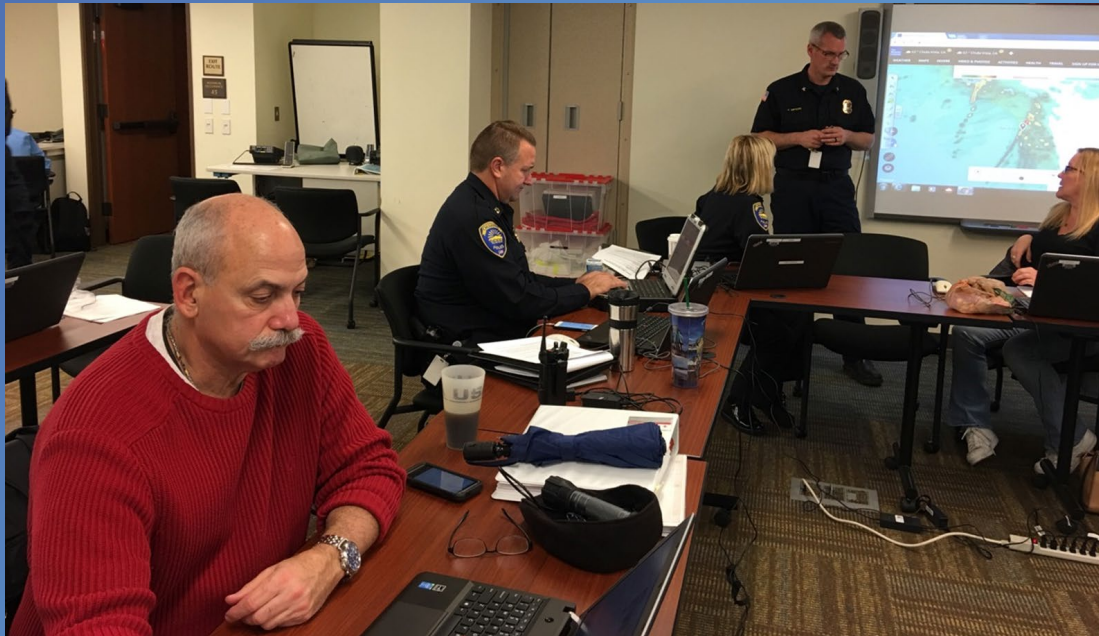




# Emergency Operations Center

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- Coordination of personnel and resources
- Effective, objective driven decision-making
- Reliable and accurate public information and warning



# Wildfires

- 10 Fire Stations
  - 2 additional Fire Stations coming online by 2025)
  - Personnel receive wildland firefighting training on an annual basis
- Type III Engine (Brush Rig)
  - Specially equipped for wildland firefighting
- Master Mutual Aid





# Wildfire Mitigation

- Hazardous Fuels Reduction Program
- Weed Abatement Program
- Defensible Space and Wildland Urban Interface Codes

# Extreme Weather

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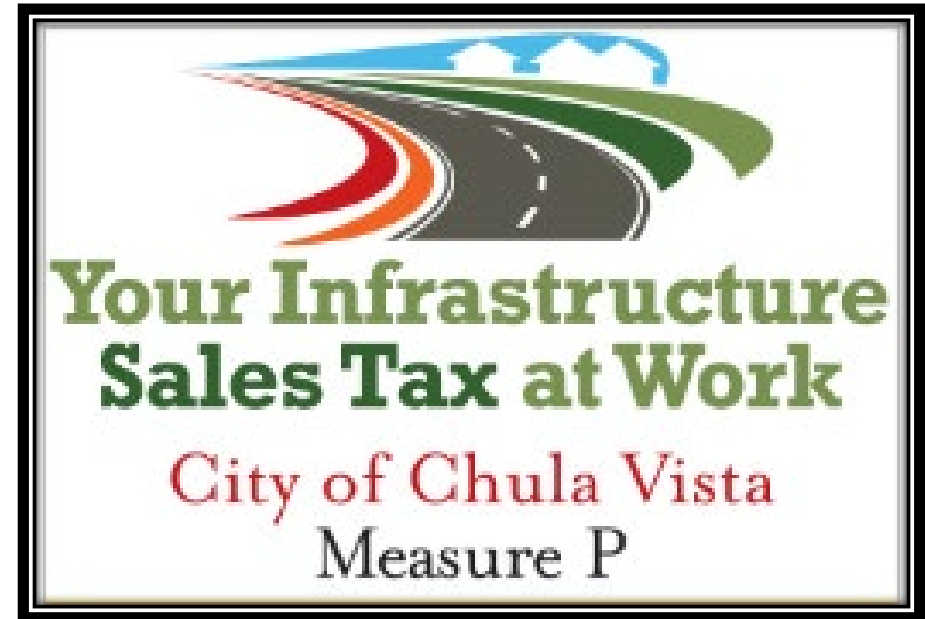
- Advanced Planning Using NWS Weather Forecasts
  - CVFD Weather Stations
- Public Works Stormwater Division
  - Works year-round to clear storm drain channels, culverts, and outfalls
- Sandbag Distribution
- Fire Department Swiftwater Rescue Personnel



# Measure P

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- Critical Infrastructure Repairs
  - Preventative maintenance; making repairs before systems fail
- Replacing Outdated Infrastructure
  - Corrugated metal pipes replaced with modern
  - Allow systems to perform as intended
- Complementary Repairs
  - Road conditions factor into drainage
  - Good roads ideal for first responders



## Emergency Response & Recovery Plan (ERRP)

For  
Sweetwater Authority

*A Public Water System/ Utility providing safe, reliable drinking  
water to portions of Chula Vista, National City, and Bonita in  
San Diego County, California*

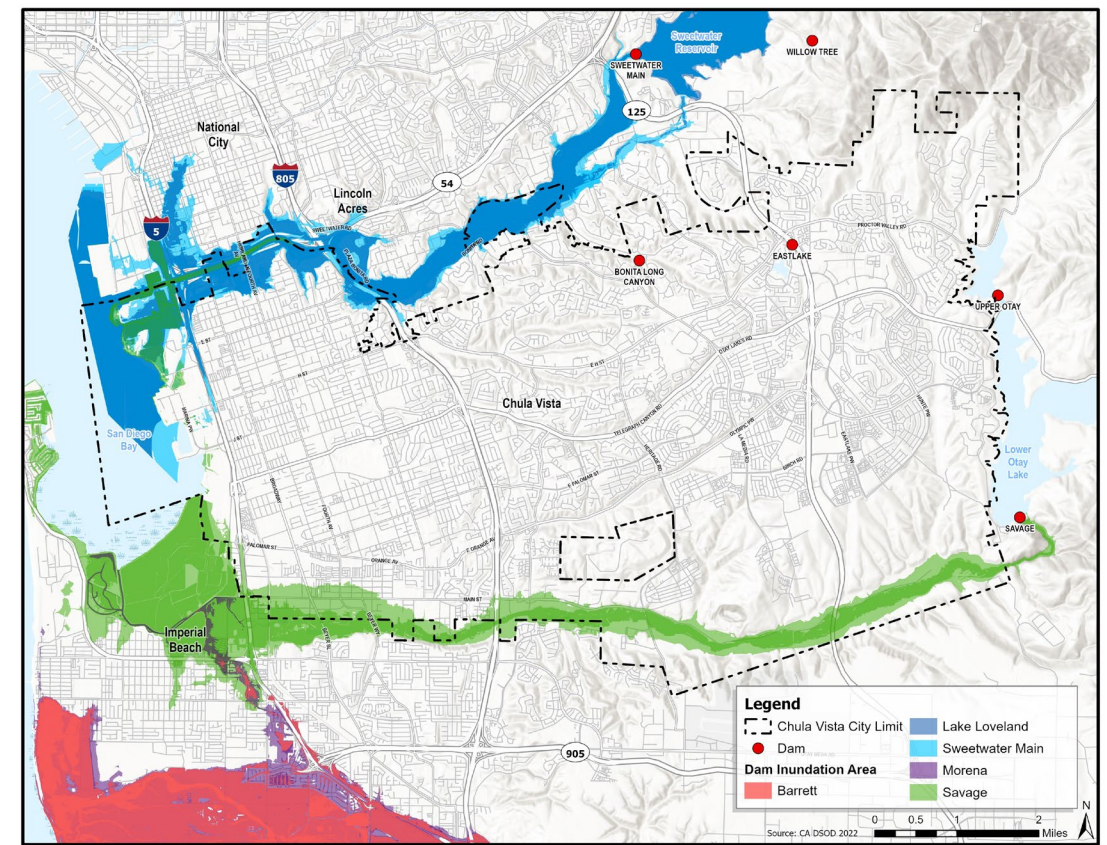
### Emergency Contact (24-hour contact):

Perdue Water Treatment Plant Operator On-Duty

Phone: 619-409-6800 or 619-479-4529

September 2020

*Last updated January 31, 2024*



# Dam Inundation

Coordinated planning and response operations  
using dam emergency response plans

## NEWS

# City of Chula Vista prepared in the event of a tsunami

by: [Salvador Rivera](#)

Posted: Jan 23, 2018 / 10:45 PM PST

Updated: Jan 23, 2018 / 10:45 PM PST



*Chula Vista's J St. Marina would likely be inundated in the event of a tsunami that reached San Diego.*

- Coordination effort between NOAA, Cal OES, and the California Geological Survey (CGS)
  - Development of tsunami inundation maps and response playbooks
  - Education material and evacuation route signage



# Shelters



Active agreements with the Red Cross to operate shelters within Chula Vista



City staff and volunteer groups trained as shelter workers



Interfaith Shelter Network - Seasonal Shelter Program

## Chula Vista Emergency Shelter Locations

| Site Name                                     | Intended Management Type |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Castle Park Middle School                     | ARC Managed              |
| Castle Park High School                       | ARC Managed              |
| Loma Verde Recreation Center                  | ARC Managed              |
| Parkway Community Center                      | ARC Managed              |
| Parkway Gymnasium                             | ARC Managed              |
| Chula Vista High School                       | ARC Managed              |
| La Roca Comunidad Cristiana Church            | ARC Partner              |
| Eastlake High School                          | ARC Managed              |
| Olympian High School                          | ARC Managed              |
| Rancho Del Rey Middle School                  | ARC Managed              |
| Otay Ranch High School                        | ARC Managed              |
| Eastlake Middle School                        | ARC Managed              |
| Hilltop High School                           | ARC Managed              |
| Chula Vista Middle School                     | ARC Managed              |
| Hilltop Middle School                         | ARC Managed              |
| Bonita Vista High School                      | ARC Managed              |
| Bonita Vista Middle School                    | ARC Managed              |
| Southwestern Community College                | ARC Managed              |
| Corpus Christi Catholic Church                | ARC Managed              |
| Montevalle Community Center                   | ARC Managed              |
| Norman Park Community Center                  | ARC Partner              |
| Salt Creek Community Park & Recreation Center | ARC Partner              |
| Veterans Park Recreation Center               | ARC Partner              |
| Otay Recreation Center                        | ARC Partner              |

## City of Chula Vista Cool Zones



| Location                                                          | Hours                                               | Pet Policy           |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Civic Center Library<br>365 F Street, Chula Vista CA 91910        | M-Th, 10am-8pm<br>Fri-Sat, 10am-5pm<br>Sun, 1pm-5pm | Service Animals Only |
| South Chula Vista Library<br>389 Orange Ave, Chula Vista CA 91911 | M-Th, 10am-8pm<br>Fri-Sat, 10am-5pm<br>Sun, 1pm-5pm | Service Animals Only |
| Otay Ranch Library<br>2015 Birch Rd., Chula Vista Ca 91915        | Mon-Sat, 11am-7pm<br>Sun, 12pm-6pm                  | Pets Allowed         |
| Norman Park Senior Center<br>270 F Street, Chula Vista CA 91910   | Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm<br>Sat, 8am-1pm<br>Sun, Closed     | Service Animals Only |



# Cool Zones



## Cool Zone Transportation

Northwest Chula Vista residents, age 55+, can utilize the Chula Vista Community Shuttle for free rides to the cool zones at the Civic Center Library or the Norman Park Senior Center

Additionally, people in San Diego County unable to get to a Cool Zone location without transportation assistance, such as older adults, people with disabilities, or people who are homebound, can call 2-1-1 to be connected to a transportation or rideshare service at no cost.



# Get Involved

- Chula Vista Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- Community Adversity Support Team (C.A.S.T)
- Chula Vista Fire Safe Council



Thank You!

**Chula Vista Fire Department CERT**

No matter what the circumstances, you keep on giving, rain or shine (or pandemic).

CERT partners with other teams at food drive, 1,000 families served.

