



Office of Emergency Services CEO Report November 2025

About OES

Mendocino County Office of Emergency Services (OES) is the primary local coordination agency for emergencies and disasters affecting residents, public infrastructure, and government operations in the Mendocino County Operational Area (OA). The Mendocino County OA includes the county and its cities, towns, and special districts, in coordination with tribes.

Introduction

The Mendocino County Office of Emergency Services (OES) attended a regional meeting hosted by the Department of Water Resources regarding flooding. OES staff also gave a talk to the public and handed out preparedness materials at a wildfire and insurance forum in Willits. OES attended Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee meetings throughout the county as part of the plan update. OES staffed a booth at Pumpkinfest in Ukiah to spread the word about emergency preparedness. OES visited the Boys and Girls Club's Camp Mendocino and offered planning and preparedness insights to the staff. OES also provided input on the proposed Firco Road emergency ingress route for first responders.

DWR Flood Meeting

OES attended a Department of Water Resources (DWR) Flood meeting on October 9th to discuss and learn about the upcoming flood season and seasonal weather outlook. Presentations were given by DWR, CalFire, National Weather Service, California Conservation Corps, CalOES, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP) Meetings

OES attended Planning Committee meetings for the update of the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Meetings were held in the four cities- Ukiah, Willits, Fort Bragg, and Point Arena. In addition to representatives from those agencies, representatives from the County Office of Education, Noyo Harbor, Covelo Fire, Redwood Coast Fire, and other stakeholders attended the meetings. **(Meetings were held on 10/16/2025 & 10/17/2025)**

Wildfire and Insurance Forum



On 10/9/2025 the Office of Emergency Services hosted a booth and gave a presentation at the wildfire and insurance forum hosted by the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council at the new California Conservation Corps Facility in Willits. The meeting topics included wildland fire safety and insurance topics. OES spoke to approximately 200 people about the importance of early notifications and signing up for alerts and warnings. Evacuation procedures and tags were also discussed. OES staff distributed information sheets on how to get better prepared, how to sign up for alerts and warning messages, and how to find your evacuation zone.

Pumpkinfest



OES hosted a booth at Pumpkinfest on 10/18/2025 along with the contractor for the MJHMP. The OES team continues to strive to engage with the community and empower residents with the knowledge and tools they need to prepare for and respond to local emergencies of all types. This event provided an opportunity for the public to give feedback on the MJHMP as well as get informational materials on how to become better prepared.

Camp Mendocino Site Visit



OES staff recently accepted an invitation to visit Camp Mendocino, run by the Boys and Girls Club. OES staff had the opportunity to tour the facilities and recommend measures to increase emergency preparedness, planning, and coordination opportunities.

Brooktrails Access Road



OES, along with Cal Fire, Brooktrails Fire, Brooktrails Township, City of Willits, County Department of Transportation, and the Executive Office toured the Firco Road area to locate an access route for emergency responders. This route across private property would be for ingress, allowing for both lanes of Sherwood Road to be used for egress for citizens evacuating from Brooktrails.