

Prevention, Recovery, Resiliency & Mitigation

Prepared and Resilient County

February and March Storms

OES recently organized two storm-specific coordination meetings with OA partners to ensure that all were prepared for the incoming storms. These coordination meetings are vital to successful storm response operations. They allow OA partners and County OES to share intelligence, stage resources, and address potential unmet needs in advance. Working with OA partners, OES distributed emergency resources to fire agencies on the coast and OA partners in the communities of Laytonville and Leggett. In conjunction with PG&E, OES was able to secure backup generators for sheltering sites in Laytonville and Leggett.

Evacuation Management County OES

In close coordination with the Sheriff's Office (MCSO) is preparing to roll out a new evacuation management software in mid-March of 2024. OES, MCSO, Sheriff's Office dispatchers, and Cal FIRE staff have been training on the new system. The County will be transitioning to the Genasys Protect platform (formerly Zonehaven Aware) which will streamline the evacuation process for law, fire, and emergency services personnel. This change will not affect the existing evacuation zones established for Mendocino County and is not connected to the emergency alerting systems that residents are accustomed to using (Nixle and MendoAlert). The primary public-facing change for residents will be seen on the mendoready.org website. The map found on the "Current Emergencies" landing page will change from a Google map to the Genasys Protect map. OES will organize an outreach and education campaign for the public.