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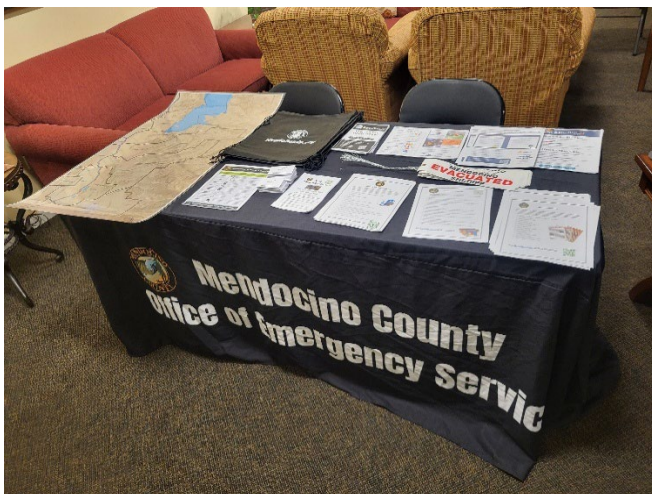
About OES

The Mendocino County Office of Emergency Services (OES) serves as the primary local coordination agency for emergencies and disasters affecting residents, public infrastructure, and government operations within the Mendocino County Operational Area (OA). This area includes the county, its cities, towns, special districts, and operates in cooperation with tribal partners. OES works to ensure that the county is prepared to respond efficiently and effectively to all hazards, from wildfires and earthquakes to winter storms and floods.

East Hills Evacuation Meeting

Mendocino County Prevention, Recovery, Resiliency, and Mitigation (PRRM) is working on a project with a contractor to develop potential emergency vehicle ingress/egress routes in the east hills of Ukiah. This is the first phase of the project that identifies potential routes. OES staff conducted a site walkthrough of potential routes with the contractor.

OES also hosted a table at the East Hills Evacuation Meeting held at the Ukiah Bible Church on 2-26-26. OES staff handed out preparedness material, clarified evacuation zones, and discussed how to register for alert and warning messages. Community preparedness is vital because it turns bystanders into participants active in their own safety, ensuring that when the alert and warning messages are sent, everyone knows exactly where to go and what to do.



Red Cross Annual Meeting

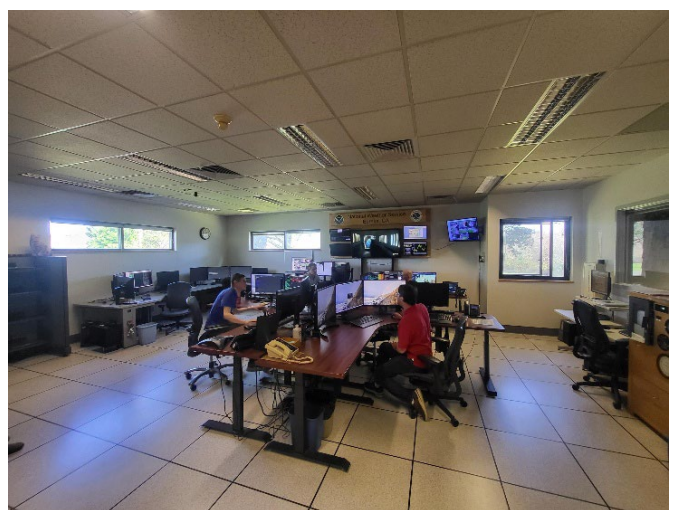
Mendocino County OES, Social Services, and the California Department of Social Services met with the Red Cross to discuss emergency shelter operations during disasters. Ongoing collaboration is a top priority to ensure the community is protected when it matters most.

Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Evacuation Planning Meeting

OES staff attended the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians CWPP meeting and provided input and suggestions for their CWPP Evacuation Plan.

NWS Open House

OES staff visited the National Weather Service in Eureka on February 27, 2026, for an open house. Touring the facility provided an opportunity for staff to look at the specialized equipment and meet personnel behind local weather forecasts integral to disaster preparedness and response.



RCTWG Meetings

The Redwood Coast Tsunami Working Group (RCTWG) has been hosting meetings for the upcoming Tsunami drill. Regional collaboration is vital to response efforts in tsunami events. Representatives from Mendocino, Humboldt, and Del Norte counties worked together on this drill. The annual regional drill will encourage those who live or work in the tsunami hazard zone to practice walking out of danger on March 25, 2026. The drill will

include a reverse 911 call, text, and email to residents signed up for MendoAlert in the coastal tsunami zone, activation of tsunami sirens (Mendocino County only), and radio and TV messages (Emergency Alert System).

Flood Plan Meetings

OES has commenced work on a Flood Response Plan for the County. A Core Planning Team has been identified, made up of County staff and Operational Area partners. With the assistance of a planning contractor, the structure and content of the plan is being developed.