



Office of Emergency Services CEO Report April 2026

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.

Operations Section Specific EOC Training



OES staff hosted an Operations Section specific training for 22 participants representing 9 different organizations who could respond to the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in the event of a disaster. The training was designed to provide a high-level overview and give EOC staff a deeper understanding of their role in an EOC activation.

Access and Functional Needs Committee Meeting



On March 16, 2026, the County held its inaugural Access and Functional Needs (AFN) Committee meeting. The meeting focused on integrating AFN considerations into core emergency management functions including evacuation, transportation, sheltering, and emergency communications. Additionally, the committee reviewed strategies for incorporating these essential needs into broader county emergency plans and public preparedness outreach.

Mendocino County Science and Engineering Fair



Mendocino County OES hosted a booth at the Mendocino County Science and Engineering Fair held at Mendocino College. OES staff distributed preparedness materials and helped residents sign up for emergency alerts and find their evacuation zones.

Fort Bragg Community Outreach- Tsunami Drill



In preparation for the March 25, 2026, North Coast Regional Tsunami Drill, OES staff visited the Ocean Lake Adult Mobile Home Park in Fort Bragg on March 23, 2026, to meet with residents face-to-face and inform them about the upcoming drill. OES staff went door-to-door sharing tips on tsunami safety, evacuation planning, and how to sign up for local emergency alerts.

North Coast Regional Tsunami Drill



The annual North Coast Regional Tsunami Communications Drill took place on March 25, 2026. The drill encouraged those who live or work in the tsunami hazard zone to practice evacuating the area. Representatives from Mendocino, Humboldt, and Del Norte counties, along with the National Weather Service and the Redwood Coast Tsunami Work Group, planned together for this drill. The drill included 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). Because this drill simulated a local source event, residents were encouraged to walk to higher ground.

California Statewide Tsunami Response Playbook Communications Exercise

Mendocino County OES participated in the Statewide Tsunami Response Communications exercise. This exercise simulated a trans-Pacific tsunami generated by a magnitude 9.0 earthquake off the coast of northern Chile. Throughout the exercise, OES engaged in multiple statewide coordination calls to monitor the scenario and refine county planning efforts. These updates allowed officials to utilize the Tsunami Response Playbook to make informed, data-driven decisions regarding simulated evacuation boundaries based on real-time data.

Fiscal Impacts

Grant Reimbursement: Approximately \$215,000 in reimbursement funding is affected by the federal government shutdown. CalOES is holding grant reimbursements until they are able to draw down funds from the Department of Homeland Security.

FY26-27 Budget: OES staff salaries are usually funded 50% through the Emergency Management Grant Program (EMPG). As of this report, CalOES still has not issued the award letter for FY26-27. As a result, the OES general fund budget ask for FY26-27 has increased to cover 100% of OES salaries.