



Office of Emergency Services CEO Report September 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) coordinated oversight of several emergencies in the recent past. A tsunami advisory and fires in the Covelo, Laytonville, and Potter Valley areas were kept to minimal damage. OES assisted with a tabletop exercise of the Emergency Operations Center at the City of Ukiah. The update to the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP) commenced with kickoff meetings in all four cities of the county. OES attended a meeting of the Fire Chiefs Association reporting on the County EOC functional exercise and the upcoming update to the MJHMP. OES and other relevant stakeholders attended a meeting to identify, prioritize, and find funding for fire hazard mitigation projects in the greater Brooktrails area.

Kamchatka Tsunami Event

On July 29, 2025, an 8.8 earthquake off Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula triggered a tsunami advisory for most of the California coast including all coastal areas of Mendocino County. Tsunami waves struck the California coast near midnight and lasted until the Tsunami Advisory was lifted at 10:33 AM on July 30th. Tsunami inundation was measured between 1.5 feet along portions of the coast and over 3 feet in Point Arena. OES attended hourly statewide calls that provided updates to affected Operational Area Emergency Managers. OES also held an operational area call and provided hourly updates from the state calls to our coastal operational area partners.

Recent Fires

OES has been monitoring fire activity in the county. A few notable fires that have occurred are as follows:

- The Pond Fire: The fire burned approximately 25 acres in the Laytonville area and required an Evacuation Order.
- The Medicine Fire: The fire burned approximately 263 acres in the Covelo area and required an Evacuation Order.

- The Sawyer Fire: The Fire burned approximately 4 acres off Highway 20 near Potter Valley and required a temporary road closure.

OES staff continues to monitor for fire activity and stays prepared to activate the Emergency Operations Center when needed.

Regional Disaster Summit

OES staff attended the Listos California Ready Together Regional Disaster Summit. The summit aimed to support organizations doing critical community work and to provide participants with information and tools to strengthen connections and awareness around disaster readiness in the community.

EOC Exercise- City of Ukiah



On August 6th, OES attended a tabletop exercise hosted by the City of Ukiah. OES provided input, assistance, and mapping information as related to a wildfire scenario in the western hills that was moving into the city limits.

MJHMP Update Kickoff Meetings

On July 16th and 17th, OES attended Planning Committee kickoff 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, and other stakeholders attended the meetings.

OES continues to meet with the contractor, on a bi-weekly basis, as progress on the update to the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan continues.

Fire Chiefs Association Meeting

On July 9th, OES attended the Fire Chiefs Association Meeting in Mendocino. OES reported on the update to the MJHMP and encouraged fire agencies' participation to represent the needs of their communities.

OES also reported on the June 26th EOC functional exercise for a wildland fire in the Hopland area.

On September 10th, OES attended the Fire Chiefs Association Meeting in Gualala. OES delivered the grant-funded portable radio cache to the association, which had previously signed an MOU.

Flood Response Plan

OES staff met virtually with planning contractors regarding the creation of a flood response plan for the county.

Alert California Wildfire Cameras

OES staff have been granted access to the Alert California Camera Control System, a statewide network designed to support early wildfire detection and situational awareness. This access enables staff to receive AI-generated alerts when smoke is detected, review recent footage, and monitor fire activity. Additionally, staff are authorized to control movable cameras within their jurisdiction, enhancing their ability to assess conditions and coordinate response efforts.

Brooktrails Planning Meeting



OES attended a planning meeting to discuss fuels management projects in the Brooktrails area. The meeting was attended by OES, Mendocino County Fire Safe Council, Brooktrails Fire, Cal Fire, Ukiah Fire (Fuels Crew), the Brooktrails Community District, and the Sherwood Fire Safe Council. The goal of the meeting was to list, prioritize, and identify funding sources for fuel reduction projects in the community of Brooktrails.