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# California Emergency Services Act

## Government Code

### Chapter 7 of Division 1 of Title 2

## Article I - Purpose

### § 8550. Declaration of purpose and policy

The state has long recognized its responsibility to mitigate the effects of natural, manmade, or war-caused emergencies which result in conditions of disaster or in extreme peril to life, property, and the resources of the state, and generally to protect the health and safety and preserve the lives and property of the people of the state. To insure that preparations within the state will be adequate to deal with such emergencies, it is hereby found and declared to be necessary:

(a) To confer upon the Governor and upon the chief executives and governing bodies of political subdivisions of this state the emergency powers provided herein; and to provide for state assistance in the organization and maintenance of the emergency programs of such political subdivisions;

(b) To provide for a state agency to be known and referred to as the Office of Emergency Services, within the Governor's office; and to prescribe the powers and duties of the director of that office;

(c) To provide for the assignment of functions to state agencies to be performed during an emergency and for the coordination and direction of the emergency actions of such agencies;

(d) To provide for the rendering of mutual aid by the state government and all its departments and agencies and by the political subdivisions of this state in carrying out the purposes of this chapter;

(e) To authorize the establishment of such organizations and the taking of such actions as are necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

It is further declared to be the purpose of this chapter and the policy of this state that all emergency services functions of this state

be coordinated as far as possible with the comparable functions of its political subdivisions, of the federal government including its various departments and agencies, of other states, and of private agencies of every type, to the end that the most effective use may be made of all manpower, resources, and facilities for dealing with any emergency that may occur.

## **§ 8551. Citation of chapter**

This chapter may be cited as the “California Emergency Services Act.”

## **Article 2 – General Definitions**

### **§ 8555. Definitions as governing construction of chapter**

Unless the provision or context otherwise requires, the definitions contained in this article govern the construction of this chapter.

### **§ 8556. Governor**

“Governor” means the Governor or the person upon whom the powers and duties of the office of Governor have devolved pursuant to Section 10 of Article V of the California Constitution.

### **§ 8557. Other definitions**

(a) “Emergency Council” means the California Emergency Council.

(b) “State agency” means any department, division, independent establishment, or agency of the executive branch of the state government.

(c) “Political subdivision” includes any city, city and county, county, district, or other local governmental agency or public agency authorized by law.

(d) “Governing body” means the legislative body, trustees, or directors of a political subdivision.

(e) “Chief executive” means that individual authorized by law to act for the governing body of a political subdivision.

(f) “Disaster council” and “disaster service worker” have the meaning prescribed in Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 3201) of Part 1 of Division 4 of the Labor Code.

(g) “Public facility” means any facility of the state or a political

subdivision, which facility is owned, operated, or maintained, or any combination thereof, through moneys derived by taxation or assessment.

(h) “Sudden and severe energy shortage” means a rapid, unforeseen shortage of energy, resulting from, but not limited to, events such as an embargo, sabotage, the Year 2000 Problem, or natural disasters, and which has statewide, regional, or local impact.

(i) “Year 2000 Problem” has the same meaning as that set forth in subdivision (a) of Section 3269 of the Civil Code.

### **§ 8558. Conditions or degrees of emergency**

Three conditions or degrees of emergency are established by this chapter:

(a) “State of war emergency” means the condition which exists immediately, with or without a proclamation thereof by the Governor, whenever this state or nation is attacked by an enemy of the United States, or upon receipt by the state of a warning from the federal government indicating that such an enemy attack is probable or imminent.

(b) “State of emergency” means the duly proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by such conditions as air pollution, fire, flood, storm, epidemic, riot, drought, sudden and severe energy shortage, plant or animal infestation or disease, the Governor’s warning of an earthquake or volcanic prediction, or an earthquake, complications resulting from the Year 2000 Problem, or other conditions, other than conditions resulting from a labor controversy or conditions causing a “state of war emergency,” which, by reason of their magnitude, are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of any single county, city and county, or city and require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to combat, or with respect to regulated energy utilities, a sudden and severe energy shortage requires extraordinary measures beyond the authority vested in the California Public Utilities Commission.

(c) “Local emergency” means the duly proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of a county, city and county,

or city, caused by such conditions as air pollution, fire, flood, storm, epidemic, riot, drought, sudden and severe energy shortage, plant or animal infestation or disease, the Governor's warning of an earthquake or volcanic prediction, or an earthquake, complications resulting from the Year 2000 Problem, or other conditions, other than conditions resulting from a labor controversy, which are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of that political subdivision and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat, or with respect to regulated energy utilities, a sudden and severe energy shortage requires extraordinary measures beyond the authority vested in the California Public Utilities Commission.

### **§ 8559. Mutual aid region; operational area**

(a) A "mutual aid region" is a subdivision of the state emergency services organization, established to facilitate the coordination of mutual aid and other emergency operations within an area of the state consisting of two or more county operational areas.

(b) An "operational area" is an intermediate level of the state emergency services organization, consisting of a county and all political subdivisions within the county area.

### **§ 8560. Emergency plans; State Emergency Plan**

(a) "Emergency plans" means those official and approved documents which describe the principles and methods to be applied in carrying out emergency operations or rendering mutual aid during emergencies. These plans include such elements as continuity of government, the emergency services of governmental agencies, mobilization of resources, mutual aid, and public information.

(b) "State Emergency Plan" means the State of California Emergency Plan as approved by the Governor.

### **§ 8561. Master Mutual Aid Agreement**

"Master Mutual Aid Agreement" means the California Disaster and Civil Defense Master Mutual Aid Agreement, made and entered into by and between the State of California, its various departments and agencies, and the various political subdivisions of the state, to facilitate implementation of the purposes of this chapter.

## Article 3 – Powers of the Governor

### **§ 8565. Powers granted to Governor as additional to other powers**

The Governor shall have the powers granted by this article, which powers shall be in addition to any other powers granted to him by this chapter.

### **§ 8566. Expenditure of appropriations**

The Governor is empowered to expend any appropriation for support of the California Emergency Services Act to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

### **§ 8567. Orders and regulations; publicity and notice**

(a) The Governor may make, amend, and rescind orders and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter. The orders and regulations shall have the force and effect of law. Due consideration shall be given to the plans of the federal government in preparing the orders and regulations. The Governor shall cause widespread publicity and notice to be given to all such orders and regulations, or amendments or rescissions thereof.

(b) Orders and regulations, or amendments or rescissions thereof, issued during a state of war emergency or state of emergency shall be in writing and shall take effect immediately upon their issuance. Whenever the state of war emergency or state of emergency has been terminated, the orders and regulations shall be of no further force or effect.

(c) All orders and regulations relating to the use of funds pursuant to Article 16 (commencing with Section 8645) shall be prepared in advance of any commitment or expenditure of the funds. Other orders and regulations needed to carry out the provisions of this chapter shall, whenever practicable, be prepared in advance of a state of war emergency or state of emergency.

(d) All orders and regulations made in advance of a state of war emergency or state of emergency shall be in writing, shall be exempt from Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2, but shall be subject to the approval of the Emergency Council. As soon thereafter as possible they shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State and with the county clerk of each county.

**§ 8568. State Emergency Plan; where effective**

The State Emergency Plan shall be in effect in each political subdivision of the state, and the governing body of each political subdivision shall take such action as may be necessary to carry out the provisions thereof.

**§ 8569. Coordination of State Emergency Plan with other plans and programs**

The Governor shall coordinate the State Emergency Plan and those programs necessary for the mitigation of the effects of an emergency in this state; and he shall coordinate the preparation of plans and programs for the mitigation of the effects of an emergency by the political subdivisions of this state, such plans and programs to be integrated into and coordinated with the State Emergency Plan and the plans and programs of the federal government and of other states to the fullest possible extent.

**§ 8570. Power and authority of Governor to mitigate effect of emergency**

The Governor may, in accordance with the State Emergency Plan and programs for the mitigation of the effects of an emergency in this state:

- (a) Ascertain the requirements of the state or its political subdivisions for food, clothing, and other necessities of life in the event of an emergency.
- (b) Plan for, procure, and pre-position supplies, medicines, materials, and equipment.
- (c) Use and employ any of the property, services, and resources of the state as necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.
- (d) Provide for the approval of local emergency plans.
- (e) Provide for mobile support units.
- (f) Provide for use of public airports.
- (g) Institute training programs and public information programs.
- (h) Make surveys of the industries, resources, and facilities, both public and private, within the state, as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.
- (i) Plan for the use of any private facilities, services, and property

and, when necessary, and when in fact used, provide for payment for that use under the terms and conditions as may be agreed upon.

(j) Take all other preparatory steps, including the partial or full mobilization of emergency organizations in advance of an actual emergency; and order those test exercises needed to insure the furnishing of adequately trained and equipped personnel in time of need.

### **§ 8570.5. Guidance document for agriculture-related disasters**

The Office of Emergency Services shall develop a guidance document to the state emergency plan to specify the response of the state and its political subdivisions to agriculture-related disasters. This document shall be completed by January 2002 and shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

- (a) The roles and responsibilities of the county agricultural commissioners.
- (b) The roles and responsibilities of the Department of Agriculture and other relevant state agencies that are involved in the response to agriculture-related disasters.
- (c) Coordination of initial and ongoing crop damage assessments.
- (d) Disaster assistance between the time of the request for a federal disaster declaration and issuance of a federal declaration.
- (e) State assistance available if a requested federal declaration is not issued.
- (f) State assistance under a United States Department of Agriculture designation rather than a federal declaration.
- (g) State assistance for long-term unemployment in areas with high unemployment rates prior to an emergency.
- (h) Provision for the removal and elimination of extraordinary numbers of dead livestock for purposes of protecting public health and safety.
- (i) Strategies to assist in the development of an integrated and coordinated response by community-based organizations to the victims of agriculture-related disasters.
- (j) Procedures for the decontamination of individuals who have been or may have been exposed to hazardous materials, which may

vary depending on the hazards posed by a particular hazardous material. The report shall specify that individuals shall be assisted in a humanitarian manner.

(k) Integration of various local and state emergency response plans, including, but not limited to, plans that relate to hazardous materials, oil spills, public health emergencies, and general disasters.

### **§ 8571. *Suspension of regulatory statutes and agency rules during states of emergency***

During a state of war emergency or a state of emergency the Governor may suspend any regulatory statute, or statute prescribing the procedure for conduct of state business, or the orders, rules, or regulations of any state agency, including subdivision (d) of Section 1253 of the Unemployment Insurance Code, where the Governor determines and declares that strict compliance with any statute, order, rule, or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of the emergency.

### **§ 8572. *Commandeering or utilizing private property or personnel during state of emergency; exemption of newspapers, radio or television***

In the exercise of the emergency powers hereby vested in him during a state of war emergency or state of emergency, the Governor is authorized to commandeer or utilize any private property or personnel deemed by him necessary in carrying out the responsibilities hereby vested in him as Chief Executive of the state and shall pay the reasonable value thereof.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the Governor is not authorized to commandeer any newspaper, newspaper wire service, or radio or television station, but may, during a state of war emergency or state of emergency, and if no other means of communication are available, utilize any news wires services, and the state shall pay the reasonable value of such use. In so utilizing any such facilities, the Governor shall interfere as little as possible with their use for the transmission of news.

### **§ 8573. *Cooperation with President and federal agencies***

The Governor may cooperate with the President and the heads of the armed forces and other agencies of the United States, and with officers and agencies of other states, on matters pertaining to

emergencies; and he may take any steps he deems necessary to put into effect any rules, regulations, or suggestions made by such persons or agencies.

### **§ 8574. Provisions as not limiting power to proclaim state of insurrection or martial law**

None of the provisions of this chapter shall limit, modify, or abridge the powers vested in the Governor under the Constitution or statutes of the state by proclamation, to declare any county, city and county, or city, or any portion thereof to be in a state of insurrection or to proclaim the existence of martial law and to exercise all the powers vested in him thereunder independent of, or in conjunction with, any of the provisions of this chapter.

## **Article 3.5 – Oil Spills**

### **§ 8574.1. Establishment of contingency plan**

In addition to any other authority conferred upon the Governor by this chapter, the Governor shall establish a California oil spill contingency plan pursuant to this article.

### **§ 8574.2. Plan provisions**

Any plan established pursuant to this article shall provide for an integrated and effective state procedure to combat the results of major oil spills within the state. Such plan shall provide for specified state agencies to implement the plan.

### **§ 8574.3. Use of volunteer workers; workers' compensation**

State agencies granted authority to implement a plan adopted under this article may use volunteer workers. The volunteers shall be deemed employees of the state for the purpose of workers' compensation under Article 2 (commencing with Section 3350) of Chapter 2 of Part 1 of Division 4 of the Labor Code. Any payments for workers' compensation under this section shall be made from the account specified in Section 8574.4.

### **§ 8574.4. Accounting for and paying expenditures; liability; proceeds**

State agencies designated to implement the contingency plan shall account for all state expenditures made under the plan with respect to each oil spill. Expenditures accounted for under this section

from an oil spill in marine waters shall be paid from the Oil Spill Response Trust Fund created pursuant to Section 8670.46. All other expenditures accounted for under this section shall be paid from the State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account in the State Water Quality Control Fund provided for in Article 3 (commencing with Section 13440) of Chapter 6 of Division 7 of the Water Code. If the party responsible for the spill is identified, that party shall be liable for the expenditures accounted for under this section, in addition to any other liability which may be provided for by law, in an action brought by the Attorney General. The proceeds from any such action for a spill in marine waters shall be paid into the Oil Spill Response Trust Fund.

### **§ 8574.7. Marine oil spill contingency planning section**

The Governor shall require the administrator, in consultation with the State Interagency Oil Spill Committee and not in conflict with the National Contingency Plan, to amend the California oil spill contingency plan by adding a marine oil spill contingency planning section which provides for the best achievable protection of the coast and marine waters. The marine oil spill contingency planning section shall consist of all of the following elements:

(a) A state marine response element that specifies the hierarchy for state and local agency response to an oil spill. The element shall define the necessary tasks for oversight and control of cleanup and removal activities associated with a marine oil spill and shall specify each agency's particular responsibility in carrying out these tasks. The element shall also include an organizational chart of the state marine oil spill response organization and a definition of the resources, capabilities, and response assignments of each agency involved in cleanup and removal actions in a marine oil spill.

(b) A regional and local planning element which shall provide the framework for the involvement of regional and local agencies in the state effort to respond to a marine oil spill, and shall ensure the effective and efficient use of regional and local resources in all of the following:

- (1) Traffic and crowd control.
- (2) Firefighting.
- (3) Boating traffic control.

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(4) Radio and communications control and provision of access to equipment.

(5) Identification and use of available local and regional equipment or other resources suitable for use in cleanup and removal actions.

(6) Identification of private and volunteer resources or personnel with special or unique capabilities relating to marine oil spill cleanup and removal actions.

(7) Provision of medical emergency services.

(c) A coastal protection element which establishes the state standards for coastline protection. The administrator, in consultation with the State Interagency Oil Spill Committee, the Coast Guard and Navy, and the shipping industry, shall develop criteria for coastline protection. If appropriate, the administrator shall consult with representatives from the States of Alaska, Washington, and Oregon, the Province of British Columbia in Canada, and the Republic of Mexico. The criteria shall designate at least all of the following:

(1) Appropriate shipping lanes and navigational aids for tankers, barges, and other commercial vessels to reduce the likelihood of collisions between tankers, barges, and other commercial vessels. Designated shipping lanes shall be located off the coastline at a distance sufficient to significantly reduce the likelihood that disabled vessels will run aground along the coast of the state.

(2) Ship position reporting and communications requirements.

(3) Required predeployment of protective equipment for sensitive environmental areas along the coastline.

(4) Required emergency response vessels which are capable of preventing disabled tankers from running aground.

(5) Required emergency response vessels which are capable of commencing oil cleanup operations before spilled oil can reach the shoreline.

(6) An expedited decisionmaking process for dispersant use in coastal waters. Prior to adoption of the process, the administrator shall ensure that a comprehensive testing program is carried out for any dispersant proposed for use in California marine waters. The testing program shall evaluate toxicity and effectiveness of the dispersants.

(7) Required rehabilitation facilities for wildlife injured by spilled oil.

(8) An assessment of how activities that usually require a permit from a state or local agency may be expedited or issued by the administrator in the event of an oil spill.

(d) An environmentally and ecologically sensitive areas element which shall require the administrator, in conjunction with appropriate local agencies, to prepare and distribute to facilities and local and state agencies, regional maps depicting environmentally and ecologically sensitive areas in marine waters or along the coast. The maps shall designate those areas which have particularly high priority for protection against oil spills. The administrator shall specify protective requirements to be taken in the event of an oil spill for each environmentally and ecologically sensitive area.

(e) The administrator shall complete the marine oil spill contingency planning section by January 1, 1993. Any recommendations for action that cannot be financed or implemented pursuant to the existing authority of the administrator shall be reported to the Legislature along with recommendations for financing those actions.

(f) "Administrator," for purposes of this section, means the administrator appointed by the Governor pursuant to Section 8670.4.

### **§ 8574.8. Amended oil spill contingency plan**

The administrator shall submit to the Governor and the Legislature the amended California oil spill contingency plan required, pursuant to Section 8574.7, by January 1, 1993. The administrator shall thereafter submit revised plans every three years.

### **§ 8574.9. Membership of State Interagency Oil Spill Committee**

(a) The State Interagency Oil Spill Committee shall consist of all of the following persons:

(1) The administrator named by the Governor pursuant to Section 8670.4.

(2) The Chairperson of the State Lands Commission, or his or her designee.

(3) The Chairperson of the California Coastal Commission, or his or her designee.

(4) The Chairperson of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and

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Development Commission, or his or her designee. The chairperson of the commission shall only have voting and decisionmaking authority regarding matters under the jurisdiction of the commission.

(5) A designated representative from all of the following agencies:

(A) The Office of Emergency Services.

(B) The State Water Resources Control Board.

(C) The Department of Justice.

(D) The California Highway Patrol.

(E) The California National Guard.

(F) The Division of Oil and Gas in the Department of Conservation.

(G) The Department of Toxic Substances Control.

(H) The Department of Transportation.

(I) The Department of Parks and Recreation.

(J) The Department of Water Resources.

(K) The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

(L) The State Fire Marshal.

(M) The California regional water quality control boards (one representative).

(N) The Resources Agency.

(O) The California Environmental Protection Agency.

(P) The California Conservation Corps.

(Q) The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment.

(R) The Division of Occupational Safety and Health in the Department of Industrial Relations.

(b) The administrator shall be the chairperson of the committee. The administrator shall ensure that personnel serve as staff to the committee.

### **§ 8574.10. Review Subcommittee of State Interagency Oil Spill Committee**

(a) The Review Subcommittee of the State Interagency Oil Spill Committee is hereby established. As used in this chapter, "review subcommittee" means the Review Subcommittee of the State

Interagency Oil Spill Committee. The Director of Fish and Game, who shall serve as chair of the review subcommittee, the Executive Officer of the State Lands Commission, the Executive Director of the California Coastal Commission, the State Fire Marshal, the State Oil and Gas Supervisor, the Executive Director of the State Water Resources Control Board, and the Executive Director of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, or their designees, shall constitute the members of the review subcommittee. The representative of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission only shall have voting and decisionmaking authority regarding matters under the jurisdiction of the commission. The administrator may serve as the designee of the Director of Fish and Game.

(b) All regulations and guidelines adopted pursuant to Chapter 7.4 (commencing with Section 8670.1) and Division 7.8 (commencing with Section 8750) of the Public Resources Code, and amendments to the California oil spill contingency plan, shall, prior to adoption, be submitted to the review subcommittee for review and comment.

(c) Within 60 days from the date of receipt of regulations, guidelines, or amendments pursuant to subdivision (a), the review subcommittee shall review and submit comments to the submitting agency. Any recommendation of the review subcommittee shall be based on the standards of the Lempert-Keene-Seastrand Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act, consisting of the provisions specified in Section 8670.1. This comment period may overlap any other comment periods required by law or allowed by the administrator.

(d) The comments and recommendations of the review subcommittee shall not be binding on the submitting agency. Prior to adoption, and within 30 days from the date of receipt of a response from the review subcommittee, the submitting agency shall respond in writing to the review subcommittee concerning all of the findings and recommendations of the review subcommittee. The submitting agency may reject the recommendations of the review subcommittee only if the submitting agency determines that the action it chooses more effectively furthers the purposes of, and more effectively complies with, the Lempert-Keene-Seastrand Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act. Whenever the submitting agency departs from a finding or recommendation of the review subcommittee, the written response of the submitting agency shall state its rationale for concluding that its

action more effectively furthers the purposes of, and more effectively complies with, that act. Any public hearing that is required by this chapter or any other statute shall be held after the submitting agency has filed a response to the review subcommittee.

### **Article 3.7 – Toxic Disasters**

#### **§ 8574.16. Establishment of contingency plan**

The Governor shall establish a state toxic disaster contingency plan pursuant to this article.

#### **§ 8574.17. Agency implementation; management authority; central notification and reporting system**

(a) A state toxic disaster contingency plan established pursuant to this article shall provide for an integrated and effective state procedure to respond to the occurrence of toxic disasters within the state. The plan shall provide for the designation of a lead agency to direct strategy to ameliorate the effects of a toxic disaster, for specified state agencies to implement the plan, for interagency coordination of the training conducted by state agencies pursuant to the plan, and for on-scene coordination of response actions.

Notwithstanding any provision of the plan, the authority for the management of the scene of an on-highway toxic spill or disaster shall be vested in the appropriate law enforcement agency having primary traffic investigative authority on the highway where the incident occurs or in a local fire protection agency as provided by Section 2454 of the Vehicle Code. During the preparation of the toxic disaster contingency plan, the Office of Emergency Services shall adopt the recommendations of the Department of the California Highway Patrol in developing response and on-scene procedures for toxic disasters which occur upon the highways, based upon previous studies for such procedures, insofar as the procedures are not inconsistent with the overall plan for initial notification of toxic disasters by public agencies and for after-incident evaluation and reporting.

(b) The Office of Emergency Services shall establish a central notification and reporting system to facilitate operation of the state toxic disaster response procedures designated by the toxic disaster contingency plan.

**§ 8574.18. Toxic disaster; listing of toxic substances; toxic substances**

(a) For purposes of this article, a “toxic disaster” means an occurrence where toxic substances are dispersed in the environment in such a manner as to cause, or potentially cause, injury or death to a significant number of persons or significant harm to the natural environment, as determined by the implementing state agency, through direct or indirect contact with such toxic substances.

(b) The toxic disaster contingency plan shall provide a listing of the kinds of toxic substances which pose potential hazards to human health and the environment and which could be the subject of a toxic disaster.

For purposes of this article, “toxic substances” means, for highway transportation purposes, substances and materials designated as hazardous by the United States Department of Transportation for purposes of Parts 172, 173, and 177 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

**Article 3.8 – Hazardous Substances Emergency Response Training**

**§ 8574.19. Legislative findings and declarations**

(a) The Legislature hereby finds and declares that, in order to protect the public health and safety and the environment, and to reduce personal injury and property loss resulting from the sudden release of hazardous substances into the environment, it is necessary to establish a single, coordinated, and standardized hazardous substances incident response training and education plan for firefighters and law enforcement, emergency rescue, and environmental health personnel. A standardized hazardous substances incident response training and education program is necessary to ensure a coordinated emergency response capability throughout the state, and to eliminate duplicative and inconsistent hazardous substances emergency response training and education programs.

(b) In enacting this article, the Legislature recognizes that it is necessary to designate a single state agency to be responsible for the development of minimum standards relative to course content and subject matter for training and education of hazardous substance

incident response personnel in order to avoid duplication of effort and inconsistent applications of safety procedures and protocols. The Legislature does not intend, by enacting this article, to preempt or nullify any hazardous substance incident response procedures and protocols which take into account existing conditions peculiar to a locality or region.

(c) For purposes of this article, “program” means the California Hazardous Substances Incident Response Training and Education Program established pursuant to Section 8574.20.

### **§ 8574.20. Establishment of program**

Not later than 18 months after the effective date of this article, the Office of Emergency Services shall establish and manage the California Hazardous Substances Incident Response Training and Education Program to provide approved classes in hazardous substance response, taught by trained instructors, and to certify students who have completed these classes. To carry out this program, the Office of Emergency Services shall do all of the following:

(a) Adopt regulations necessary to implement the program.

(b) Establish a training and education program by developing the curriculum to be used in the program in colleges, academies, the California Specialized Training Institute, and other educational institutions, as specified in Section 8574.21.

(c) Establish recommended minimum standards for training emergency response personnel and instructors, including, but not limited to, fire, police, and environmental health personnel.

(d) Make available a training and education program in the use of hazardous substances emergency rescue, safety, and monitoring equipment, on a voluntary basis, at the California Specialized Training Institute.

(e) Train and certify instructors at the California Specialized Training Institute according to standards and procedures developed by the curriculum development advisory committee, as specified in Section 8574.21.

(f) Approve classes, as meeting the requirements of the program, if the classes meet the curriculum developed by the Office of Emergency Services pursuant to Section 8574.21 and the instructor received

training and certification at the California Specialized Training Institute, as specified in subdivision (e).

(g) Certify students who have successfully completed a class approved as meeting the requirements of the program.

(h) Review and revise, as necessary, the program.

(i) Establish and collect admission fees and other fees that may be necessary to be charged for advanced or specialized training given at the California Specialized Training Institute. These fees shall be used to offset costs incurred pursuant to this article.

### **§ 8574.21. Program curriculum; advisory committee; effect of certification**

(a) The Office of Emergency Services shall develop the curriculum to be used in classes that meet the program requirements and shall adopt standards and procedures for training instructors at the California Specialized Training Institute.

(b) The curriculum for the training and education program established pursuant to this article shall include all of the following aspects of hazardous substance incident response actions:

(1) First responder training.

(2) On-scene manager training.

(3) Hazardous substance incident response training for management personnel.

(4) Hazardous materials specialist training that equals or exceeds the standards of the National Fire Protection Association.

(5) Environmental monitoring.

(6) Hazardous substance release investigations.

(7) Hazardous substance incident response activities at ports.

(c) The Office of Emergency Services shall establish a curriculum development advisory committee, which shall consist of a representative from each of the following agencies or organizations:

(1) The Office of Emergency Services.

(2) The Office of the State Fire Marshal.

(3) The Department of Toxic Substances Control.

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- (4) The Department of Fish and Game.
- (5) The State Water Resources Control Board.
- (6) The Department of the California Highway Patrol.
- (7) The California Police Chiefs' Association.
- (8) The California Fire Chiefs' Association.
- (9) The Commission on Police Officer Standards and Training.
- (10) The California District Attorneys' Association.
- (11) The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.
- (12) The Emergency Medical Services Authority.
- (13) The Department of Transportation.
- (14) The Environmental Protection Agency.
- (15) The Chemical Industry Council of California.
- (16) The California Manufacturers Association.
- (17) The California Conference of Local Health Officers.
- (18) The University of California.
- (19) The California State Fireman's Association.
- (20) The California State University.
- (21) The California Professional Firefighters
- (22) The California Association of Highway Patrolmen.
- (23) The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment.

(d) The curriculum development advisory committee shall advise the Office of Emergency Services on the development of course curricula and the standards and procedures specified in subdivision (a). In advising the Office of Emergency Services, the committee shall do the following:

- (1) Assist, and cooperate with, representatives of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges in developing the course curricula.
- (2) Ensure that the curriculum developed pursuant to this section is accredited by the State Board of Fire Services.
- (3) Define equivalent training and experience considered as meeting

the initial training requirements as specified in subdivision (a) that existing employees might have already received from actual experience or formal education undertaken, and which would qualify as meeting the requirements established pursuant to this article.

(e) The representative from the Office of Emergency Services shall serve as the chairperson of the curriculum development advisory committee.

(f) After the course curricula and standards are established pursuant to subdivision (a), the curriculum development advisory committee shall meet at least once each year to review the program and advise the Office of Emergency Services on any required revisions.

(g) The Office of Emergency Services shall make the curriculum development advisory committee a subcommittee of the Curriculum Advisory Board of the California Specialized Training Institute.

(h) This article does not affect the authority of the State Fire Marshal granted pursuant to Section 13142.4 or 13159 of the Health and Safety Code.

(i) Upon completion of instructor training and certification pursuant to subdivision (e) of Section 8574.20 by any employee of the Department of the California Highway Patrol, the Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol may deem any training programs taught by that employee to be equivalent to any training program meeting the requirements established pursuant to this article.

### **§ 8574.22. Staff**

The Office of Emergency Services may hire professional and clerical staff pursuant to the State Civil Service Act (Part 2 (commencing with Section 18500) of Division 5 of Title 2). However, any person employed pursuant to this section shall be employed only at the California Specialized Training Institute.

### **§ 8574.23. Report to Legislature**

Not later than 18 months after the effective date of this article, the Office of Emergency Services shall submit a report to the Legislature concerning the implementation of this article, including the locations of any classes and any recommendations for future legislative or administrative action.

## Article 4 – California Emergency Council

### § 8575. *Creation and membership*

There is hereby created a California Emergency Council, to consist of the following:

- (a) The Governor, or an alternate appointed by him;
- (b) The Lieutenant Governor, or an alternate appointed by him;
- (c) The Attorney General, or an alternate appointed by him;

(d) One representative of the city governments of the state and one representative of the county governments of the state, to be appointed by the Governor and to serve at his pleasure, provided these members shall be from different counties;

(e) One representative of the American National Red Cross, to be appointed by the Governor;

(f) One representative of the city or county fire services of the state and one representative of the city or county law enforcement services of the state, to be appointed by the Governor and to serve at his pleasure, provided these members shall be from different counties.

The President pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly shall meet with and participate in the work of the Emergency Council to the same extent as members of the council appointed by the Governor, excepting when such participation is constitutionally incompatible with their respective positions as Members of the Legislature.

If the President pro Tempore of the Senate does not desire to serve on the Emergency Council, the Senate Rules Committee may appoint a Member of the Senate to serve in his stead. If the Speaker of the Assembly does not desire to serve on the Emergency Council, he may appoint a Member of the Assembly to serve in his stead.

### § 8576. *Governor as ex officio chairman*

The Governor shall be ex officio Chairman of the Emergency Council.

### § 8577. *Compensation and expenses*

Neither the members of the Emergency Council nor the Members of the Legislature shall receive compensation for their services

under this chapter, but they shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in connection with their duties hereunder.

### **§ 8578. Meetings; notice**

The Emergency Council shall meet upon call of the Governor, not less frequently than annually. Except during a state of war emergency or a state of emergency, notice of such meeting shall be given to each member not less than 15 days prior to the day selected by the Governor for the meeting of the Emergency Council.

### **§ 8579. Council as advisory body to Governor in times of emergency; powers and duties**

It shall be the duty of the Emergency Council, and it is hereby empowered, to act as an advisory body to the Governor in times of emergency and with reference thereto in order to minimize the effects of such occurrences by recommending ameliorative action.

The powers and duties of the Emergency Council shall include the following:

- (a) To consider, recommend, and approve orders and regulations which are within the province of the Governor to promulgate;
- (b) To consider and recommend to the Governor for approval the boundaries of such mutual aid regions of the state as may be designated;
- (c) To recommend to the Governor the assignment of any responsibility, service, or activity relative to emergencies or emergency planning to a state agency having duties related to such responsibility, service, or activity;
- (d) To consider and recommend the creation by the Governor of advisory committees in order to make civilian participation and cooperation in emergency planning and activities available to the state;
- (e) To consider and recommend the expenditures of moneys appropriated for any of the objectives or purposes of this chapter;
- (f) To consider and recommend to the Governor for approval a State Emergency Plan built around mutual aid and the integration into such plan of the several state agencies whose resources are necessary in coping with emergencies;
- (g) To certify the accredited status of local disaster councils;

(h) To encourage the development and maintenance of emergency plans based on mutual aid, whereunder political subdivisions may most effectively protect life and property and mitigate other effects of emergencies;

(i) To evaluate and report to the Governor on state communications systems with particular regard to their adequacy in case of emergency.

### **§ 8580. *Establishment of classes of disaster service workers and scope of duties; workers' compensation***

The Emergency Council shall establish by rule and regulation various classes of disaster service workers and the scope of the duties of each class. The Emergency Council shall also adopt rules and regulations prescribing the manner in which disaster service workers of each class are to be registered. All of the rules and regulations shall be designed to facilitate the payment of workers' compensation.

### **§ 8581. *Certification of accredited status of local disaster councils; reports by Governor***

At any time when the Emergency Council is not meeting the Governor may certify the accredited status of local disaster councils, subject to the requirements of Section 8612. Such certification shall be final for all purposes, subject to the power of the Emergency Council to set aside such certification and exercise the authority granted to it by this chapter.

At each meeting of the Emergency Council, the Governor shall report to it any action taken by him pursuant to this section subsequent to its last meeting.

### **§ 8582. *Establishment of committee of agency heads to aid council***

Nothing herein shall operate to prevent the Governor from establishing a committee or board composed of heads of state agencies, should he deem it necessary to aid him or the Emergency Council or both in obtaining information or advice, assisting in developing or carrying out plans, or otherwise acting in accomplishment of the purposes of this chapter.

## Article 4.5 – Urban Heavy Rescue Act

### § 8584. Citation of article

This article shall be known and may be cited as the Urban Heavy Rescue Act of 1988.

### § 8584.1. Acquisition and maintenance of urban heavy rescue units

(a) It is the intent of the Legislature that the state have an urban heavy rescue capability in the event of a major earthquake. It is also the intent of the Legislature that the Office of Emergency Services and the State Fire Marshal's Office pursue the necessary funding to carry out this article through the normal budget process.

(b) The Fire and Rescue Division of the Office of Emergency Services shall acquire and maintain urban heavy rescue units and transportable caches of search and rescue gear, including hand tools and protective gear. The division shall position the units and caches to ensure a rapid response of personnel and equipment anywhere in the state, and ensure that a unit will be available on the scene within one hour of a major earthquake.

(c) The State Fire Marshal's Office shall coordinate the training of personnel in the use of the units and equipment in cooperation with the Office of Emergency Services.

## Article 5 – Office of Emergency Services

### § 8585. State civil defense agency; director of OES; appointment and salary

There is in the office of the Governor the Office of Emergency Services, which office is the State Civil Defense Agency. The Director of the Office of Emergency Services, who shall also be the State Director of Civil Defense and the State Director of Emergency Planning, shall be in charge of the Office of Emergency Services and shall have all the rights and powers of a head of a department as provided by the Government Code.

The Director of the Office of Emergency Services shall be appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Senate, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Governor shall also appoint a Deputy Director of the Office of Emergency Services who shall serve at the

pleasure of the Governor. The Director and Deputy Director of the Disaster Office on the effective date of this section shall continue to serve as the Director and Deputy Director, respectively, of the Office of Emergency Services until their successors are appointed and qualified.

The Director of the Office of Emergency Services shall receive an annual salary as provided for by Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 11550) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

### **§ 8586. Assignment of powers by Governor; appointment of employees**

The Governor shall assign all or part of his powers and duties under this chapter to the Office of Emergency Services.

The Director of the Office of Emergency Services shall appoint pursuant to the State Civil Service Act such employees as are needed.

### **§ 8587. Coordination of emergency activities of state agencies; delegation of powers**

During a state of war emergency, a state of emergency, or a local emergency, the director shall coordinate the emergency activities of all state agencies in connection with such emergency, and every state agency and officer shall cooperate with the director in rendering all possible assistance in carrying out the provisions of this chapter.

In addition to the powers herein designated, the Governor may delegate any of the powers vested in him under this chapter to the Director of the Office of Emergency Services except the power to make, amend, and rescind orders and regulations, and the power to proclaim a state of emergency.

### **§ 8587.5. Application for federal funding of signal emitters and sensors research study; report on findings**

(a) The Department of Transportation shall, in cooperation with interested cities with Traffic Signal Override Systems, apply to the United States Secretary of Transportation for federal funding to conduct a research program in one or more cities to test the effectiveness of the installation of signal emitters and sensors in emergency response vehicles in reducing accidents and injuries.

(b) The project shall study the reduction in accidents and injuries involving emergency response vehicles in the program areas, shall,

if possible, assess any reduction in response times by emergency response vehicles in the program areas, and may study other valuable data as deemed appropriate.

(c) The application shall seek full federal funding for the project, including the evaluation component. If the United States Secretary of Transportation requires a nonfederal share of funding, the participating local governments shall pay this share equally.

(d) The department shall apply for federal funding within six months of the effective date of this section unless good cause exists to apply later or not to apply.

(e) Within six months after the study has been completed, the department shall submit a written report of its findings to the Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, the Senate Committee on Transportation, the Assembly Committee on Budget, and the Assembly Committee on Transportation.

### **§ 8587.7. *Development and distribution of pamphlet on nonstructural earthquake hazards***

(a) The Office of Emergency Services, in cooperation with the State Department of Education, the Department of General Services, and the Seismic Safety Commission, shall develop an educational pamphlet for use by grades K-14 personnel to identify and mitigate the risks posed by nonstructural earthquake hazards.

(b) The office shall print and distribute the pamphlet to the governing board of each school district and community college district in the state, along with a copy of the current edition of the office's school emergency response publication. The office shall also make the pamphlet or the current edition of the office's school emergency response publication available to a private elementary or secondary school upon request.

(c) The office, as soon as feasible, shall make the pamphlet and the current edition of the office's school emergency response publication available by electronic means, including, but not limited to, the Internet.

### **§ 8588. *Proclamation of state of emergency; ratification by Governor***

Whenever conditions exist within any region or regions of the state which warrant the proclamation by the Governor of a state of

emergency and the Governor has not acted under the provisions of Section 8625, by reason of the fact that he has been inaccessible, the Director of the Office of Emergency Services may proclaim the existence of a state of emergency in the name of the Governor as to any region or regions of the state. Whenever the Director of the Office of Emergency Services has so proclaimed a state of emergency, such action shall be ratified by the Governor as soon as he becomes accessible, and in the event the Governor does not ratify the action he shall immediately terminate the state of emergency as proclaimed by the Director of the Office of Emergency Services.

### **§ 8588.1. Public and private sector disaster preparation collaboration; Disaster Resistant Communities Account created**

(a) The Legislature finds and declares that this state can only truly be prepared for the next disaster if the public and private sector collaborate.

(b) The Office of Emergency Services may, as appropriate, include private businesses and nonprofit organizations within its responsibilities to prepare the state for disasters under this chapter. All participation by businesses and nonprofit associations in this program shall be voluntary.

(c) The office may do any of the following:

(1) Provide guidance to business and nonprofit organizations representing business interests on how to integrate private sector emergency preparedness measures into governmental disaster planning programs.

(2) Conduct outreach programs to encourage business to work with governments and community associations to better prepare the community and their employees to survive and recover from disasters.

(3) Develop systems so that government, businesses, and employees can exchange information during disasters to protect themselves and their families.

(4) Develop programs so that businesses and government can work cooperatively to advance technology that will protect the public during disasters.

(d) The office may share facilities and systems for the purposes of subdivision (b) with the private sector to the extent the cost for their

use are reimbursed by the private sector.

(e) Proprietary information or information protected by state or federal privacy laws, shall not be disclosed under this program.

(f) Notwithstanding Section 11005, donations and private grants may be accepted by the office and shall not be subject to Section 11005.

(g) The Disaster Resistant Communities Account is hereby created in the General Fund. Upon appropriation by the Legislature, the Director of the Office of Emergency Services may expend the money in the account for the costs associated within this section.

(h) Any new activity undertaken by the office under this section shall be contingent upon the receipt of donations to the Disaster Resistant Communities Account.

### **§ 8588.3. Legislative findings and declarations; transfer of California Specialized Training Institute to Office of Emergency Services**

(a) The Legislature finds and declares that it is the responsibility of the State of California to protect and preserve the right of its citizens to a safe and peaceful existence. To accomplish this goal and to minimize the destructive impact of disasters and other massive emergencies, the actions of numerous public agencies must be coordinated to effectively manage all four phases of emergency activity: preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery. In order to ensure that the state's response to disasters or massive emergencies is effective, specialized training is necessary.

(b) The California Specialized Training Institute of the office of the Adjutant General is hereby transferred to the Office of Emergency Services. The institute shall assist the Governor in providing, pursuant to subdivision (f) of Section 8570, training to state agencies, cities, and counties in their planning and preparation for disasters.

(c) The Director of the Office of Emergency Services may solicit, receive, and administer funds or property from federal, state, or other public agency sources for the support and operation of the institute.

(d) The Director of the Office of Emergency Services may solicit and receive firearms, other weaponry, explosive materials, chemical agents, and other items confiscated by or otherwise in the possession of law enforcement officers as donations to the institute if he or she deems

them to be appropriate for the institute's training purposes.

(e) Any moneys received by the Director of the Office of Emergency Services from charges or fees imposed in connection with the operation of the institute shall be deposited in the General Fund.

### **§ 8588.4. Risk assessment of California Transportation system; report**

(a) The California Highway Patrol in cooperation with the Office of Emergency Services and the California National Guard and in consultation with the United States Coast Guard and all relevant federal, state, and local transportation and law enforcement agencies, shall perform a risk assessment of California's transportation system. The scope of this assessment shall include, but not be limited to, the transportation infrastructure within the scope of the California Highway Patrol's responsibilities. The assessment may not necessarily involve an inspection or examination of each individual facility and service but rather an overview of any risk that may exist within California's transportation system. For each potential threat or security deficiency identified in the risk assessment, there shall be included one or more recommended measures to mitigate those risks.

(b) The California Highway Patrol shall submit a confidential report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the Speaker of the Assembly, the President pro Tempore of the Senate, the minority leader of the Assembly, and the minority leader of the Senate not later than January 1, 2003.

### **§ 8588.5. Promotion of increase in number of trained disaster search dog teams**

To promote an increase in the number of trained disaster search dog teams, the Office of Emergency Services shall do all of the following:

(a) Provide instruction to California disaster dog trainers in Swiss techniques.

(b) Work to secure authorization to conduct training for disaster search dog teams at existing facilities operated by the California National Guard and the Department of Transportation on the grounds of Camp San Luis Obispo.

(c) Engage in recruiting activities for the purpose of increasing the number of disaster search dog teams in southern California.

(d) Reimburse disaster search dog handlers and instructors for the costs of their travel and that of their dogs to training facilities within California.

### **§ 8588.7. Mobile communication translators**

(a) The Office of Emergency Services shall procure mobile communication translators to enable mutual-aid emergency response agencies to communicate effectively while operating on incompatible frequencies.

(b) Translators shall be located in the San Francisco Bay area and the Los Angeles metropolitan area, made ready for use by local public safety officials by the Office of Emergency Services, and provided to the appropriate state-established mutual-aid region pursuant to Section 8600.

(c) The Office of Emergency Services shall implement this section only to the extent that funds are appropriated to the office for this purpose in the Budget Act or in other legislation.

### **§ 8588.8. Emergency reporting for Year 2000 problems**

The Office of Emergency Services shall serve as the central agency in state government for the emergency reporting of all disasters and sudden and severe energy shortages related to, or potentially related to, the Year 2000 Problem and shall coordinate the notification of the appropriate state and local administering agencies that may be required to respond to those situations as they arise.

### **§ 8588.10. Emergency response training advisory committee**

(a) The Emergency Response Training Advisory Committee shall be established pursuant to subdivision (d). The committee shall recommend the criteria for terrorism awareness curriculum content to meet the training needs of state and local emergency response personnel and volunteers. In addition, the committee shall identify any additional training that would be useful and appropriate but that may not be generally available in California, and shall make recommendations pertaining to any need for training oversight agencies for first responder disciplines to expedite their curriculum approval processes.

(b) Basic terrorism awareness training shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

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(1) An overview of conventional, chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear threats.

(2) Threat and hazard recognition, with an emphasis on ability to determine local vulnerabilities.

(3) Understanding the structure and function of an incident command system.

(4) Initial response actions, including preliminary assessment, notifications, resource needs, and safety considerations.

(5) Coordination with other emergency service first responders.

(6) Gathering, verifying, assessing, and communicating incident information.

(7) Understanding mass casualty implications and decontamination requirements.

(8) Balancing lifesaving activities with evidence preservation.

(9) General awareness and additional training for each of the first responder categories specific to each discipline.

(c)(1) The Legislature finds and declares that training on terrorism awareness for first responders is of critical importance to the people of California.

(2) Every agency responsible for development of terrorism awareness training and every agency that employs or uses first responders shall give a high priority to the completion of that training.

(d) The Emergency Response Training Advisory Committee is hereby created, which shall be chaired by the Governor's security advisor and shall consist of the following members, or their representatives:

(1) The Governor's security advisor.

(2) The Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol.

(3) The Executive Director of the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training.

(4) The State Fire Marshal.

(5) The Director of Health Services.

(6) The Director of Emergency Services.

(7) The Director of the Emergency Medical Services Authority.

(8) The Chairperson of the California Fire Fighter Joint Apprenticeship Committee.

(9) The Attorney General.

(10) Nine representatives, appointed by the Governor, comprised of all of the following:

(A) One police chief from the California Police Chiefs Association.

(B) One county sheriff from the California State Sheriffs' Association.

(C) One representative of port security agencies.

(D) Two fire chiefs, one from the California Fire Chiefs Association and one from the California Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association.

(E) Two firefighters, one from a statewide organization that represents career firefighters and one from a statewide organization that represents both career and volunteer firefighters.

(F) Two law enforcement labor representatives, one from a state organization and one from a local organization.

**§ 8588.11. Fire service specific instruction recommended by emergency response training advisory committee**

(a) The Office of Emergency Services shall contract with the California Fire Fighter Joint Apprenticeship Program to develop a fire service specific course of instruction on the responsibilities of first responders to terrorism incidents. The course shall include the criteria for the curriculum content recommended by the Emergency Response Training Advisory Committee established pursuant to Section 8588.10 to address the training needs of both of the following:

(1) Firefighters in conformance with the standards established by the State Fire Marshal.

(2) Paramedics and other emergency medical services fire personnel in conformance with the standards established by the State Emergency Medical Services Authority.

(b) The course of instruction shall be developed in consultation with individuals knowledgeable about consequence management that addresses the topics of containing and mitigating the impact of a terrorist incident, including, but not limited to, a terrorist act using hazardous materials, as well as weapons of mass destruction, including any chemical warfare agent, weaponized biological agent, or nuclear

or radiological agent, as those terms are defined in Section 11417 of the Penal Code, by techniques including, but not limited to, rescue, firefighting, casualty treatment, and hazardous materials response and recovery.

(c) The contract shall provide for the delivery of training by the California Fire Fighter Joint Apprenticeship Program through reimbursement contracts with the state, local, and regional fire agencies who may, in turn, contract with educational institutions.

(d) To maximize the availability and delivery of training, the California Fire Fighter Joint Apprenticeship Program shall develop a course of instruction to train the trainers in the presentation of the first responder training of consequence management for fire service personnel.

### **§ 8589. Use of state and local fair properties**

The Office of Emergency Services shall be permitted such use of all state and local fair properties as conditions require.

### **§ 8589.1. State Computer Emergency Data Exchange Program; participating agency; legislative intent**

(a) The Office of Emergency Services shall plan to establish the State Computer Emergency Data Exchange Program (SCEDEP) which shall be responsible for collection and dissemination of essential data for emergency management.

(b) Participating agencies in SCEDEP shall include the Department of Water Resources, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of the California Highway Patrol, Department of Transportation, Emergency Medical Services Agency, the State Fire Marshal, and any other state agency which collects critical data and information which affects emergency response.

(c) It is the intent of the Legislature that the State Computer Emergency Data Exchange Program facilitate communication between state agencies and that emergency information be readily accessible to city and county emergency services offices. The Office of Emergency Services shall develop policies and procedures governing the collection and dissemination of emergency information and shall recommend or design the appropriate software and programs necessary for emergency communications with city and county emergency services offices.

**§ 8589.2. Hazardous material mutual aid, Plan for**

The Office of Emergency Services, in consultation with the California Highway Patrol and other state and local agencies, shall establish a statewide plan for the delivery of hazardous material mutual aid.

Within 180 days of the adoption of a plan by the Office of Emergency Services, an entity will only be considered a candidate for training or equipment funds provided by the state for hazardous material emergency response when that entity is a signatory to the plan established under this section.

(a) For the purpose of this chapter “hazardous material emergency response” includes, but is not limited to, assessment, isolation, stabilization, containment, removal, evacuation, neutralization, transportation, rescue procedures, or other activities necessary to ensure the public safety during a hazardous materials emergency.

(b) For the purpose of this chapter, “hazardous material” will be defined as in Section 25501 of the Health and Safety Code.

(c) Entities providing hazardous material emergency response services under this chapter shall be exempt from the fee restriction of Section 6103.

**§ 8589.3. Disclosure; obligations of seller or agent of seller of property in special flood hazard area**

(a) A person who is acting as an agent for a transferor of real property that is located within a special flood hazard area (any type Zone “A” or “V”) designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or the transferor if he or she is acting without an agent, shall disclose to any prospective transferee the fact that the property is located within a special flood hazard area.

(b) Disclosure is required pursuant to this section only when one of the following conditions is met:

(1) The transferor, or the transferor’s agent, has actual knowledge that the property is within a special flood hazard area.

(2) The local jurisdiction has compiled a list, by parcel, of properties that are within the special flood hazard area and a notice has been posted at the offices of the county recorder, county assessor, and county planning agency that identifies the location of the parcel list.

(c) In all transactions that are subject to Section 1103 of the Civil

Code, the disclosure required by subdivision (a) of this section shall be provided by either of the following means:

(1) The Local Option Real Estate Disclosure Statement as provided in Section 1102.6a of the Civil Code.

(2) The Natural Hazard Disclosure Statement as provided in Section 1103.2 of the Civil Code.

(d) For purposes of the disclosure required by this section, the following persons shall not be deemed agents of the transferor:

(1) Persons specified in Section 1103.11 of the Civil Code.

(2) Persons acting under a power of sale regulated by Section 2924 of the Civil Code.

(e) Section 1103.13 of the Civil Code shall apply to this section.

(f) The specification of items for disclosure in this section does not limit or abridge any obligation for disclosure created by any other provision of law or that may exist in order to avoid fraud, misrepresentation, or deceit in the transfer transaction.

(g) A notice shall be posted at the offices of the county recorder, county assessor, and county planning agency that identifies the location of the special flood hazard area map, any relevant Letters of Map Revision from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and any parcel list compiled by the local jurisdiction.

### **§ 8589.4. Disclosure by seller or agent for seller of property in area of potential flooding**

(a) A person who is acting as an agent for a transferor of real property that is located within an area of potential flooding shown on an inundation map designated pursuant to Section 8589.5, or the transferor if he or she is acting without an agent, shall disclose to any prospective transferee the fact that the property is located within an area of potential flooding.

(b) Disclosure is required pursuant to this section only when one of the following conditions is met:

(1) The transferor, or the transferor's agent, has actual knowledge that the property is within an inundation area.

(2) The local jurisdiction has compiled a list, by parcel, of properties that are within the inundation area and a notice has been posted

at the offices of the county recorder, county assessor, and county planning agency that identifies the location of the parcel list.

(c) In all transactions that are subject to Section 1103 of the Civil Code, the disclosure required by subdivision (a) of this section shall be provided by either of the following means:

(1) The Local Option Real Estate Disclosure Statement as provided in Section 1102.6a of the Civil Code.

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(1) Persons specified in Section 1103.11 of the Civil Code.

(2) Persons acting under a power of sale regulated by Section 2924 of the Civil Code.

(e) Section 1103.13 of the Civil Code shall apply to this section.

(f) The specification of items for disclosure in this section does not limit or abridge any obligation for disclosure created by any other provision of law or that may exist in order to avoid fraud, misrepresentation, or deceit in the transfer transaction.

**§ 8589.5. *Time period for preparing and submitting inundation maps; review of maps; revisions; copies kept on file; adoption of emergency procedures by local public safety agencies; waiver of inundation map requirement; notice of map and its location***

(a) Inundation maps showing the areas of potential flooding in the event of sudden or total failure of any dam, the partial or total failure of which the Office of Emergency Services determines, after consultation with the Department of Water Resources, would result in death or personal injury, shall be prepared and submitted as provided in this subdivision within six months after the effective date of this section, unless previously submitted or unless the time for submission of those maps is extended for reasonable cause by the Office of Emergency Services. The local governmental organization, utility, or other public or private owner of any dam so designated shall submit to the Office of Emergency Services one map that shall delineate potential flood zones that could result in the event of dam failure when the reservoir is at full capacity, or if the local governmental

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organization, utility, or other public or private owner of any dam shall determine it to be desirable, he or she shall submit three maps that shall delineate potential flood zones that could result in the event of dam failure when the reservoir is at full capacity, at median-storage level, and at normally low-storage level. After submission of copies of the map or maps, the Office of Emergency Services shall review the map or maps, and shall return any map or maps that do not meet the requirements of this subdivision, together with recommendations relative to conforming to the requirements. Maps rejected by the Office of Emergency Services shall be revised to conform to those recommendations and resubmitted. The Office of Emergency Services shall keep on file those maps that conform to the provisions of this subdivision. Maps approved pursuant to this subdivision shall also be kept on file with the Department of Water Resources. The owner of a dam shall submit final copies of those maps to the Office of Emergency Services that shall immediately submit identical copies to the appropriate public safety agency of any city, county, or city and county likely to be affected.

(b)(1) Based upon a review of inundation maps submitted pursuant to subdivision (a) or based upon information gained by an onsite inspection and consultation with the affected local jurisdiction when the requirement for an inundation map is waived pursuant to subdivision (d), the Office of Emergency Services shall designate areas within which death or personal injury would, in its determination, result from the partial or total failure of a dam. The appropriate public safety agencies of any city, county, or city and county, the territory of which includes any of those areas, may adopt emergency procedures for the evacuation and control of populated areas below those dams. The Office of Emergency Services shall review the procedures to determine whether adequate public safety measures exist for the evacuation and control of populated areas below the dams, and shall make recommendations with regard to the adequacy of those procedures to the concerned public safety agency. In conducting the review, the Office of Emergency Services shall consult with appropriate state and local agencies.

(2) Emergency procedures specified in this subdivision shall conform to local needs, and may be required to include any of the following elements or any other appropriate element, in the discretion of the Office of Emergency Services:

- (A) Delineation of the area to be evacuated.
- (B) Routes to be used.
- (C) Traffic control measures.
- (D) Shelters to be activated for the care of the evacuees.
- (E) Methods for the movement of people without their own transportation.
- (F) Identification of particular areas or facilities in the flood zones that will not require evacuation because of their location on high ground or similar circumstances.

(G) Identification and development of special procedures for the evacuation and care of people from unique institutions.

(H) Procedures for the perimeter and interior security of the area, including such things as passes, identification requirements, and antilooting patrols.

(I) Procedures for the lifting of the evacuation and reentry of the area.

(J) Details as to which organizations are responsible for the functions described in this paragraph and the material and personnel resources required.

(3) It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage each agency that prepares emergency procedures to establish a procedure for their review every two years.

(c) "Dam," as used in this section, has the same meaning as specified in Sections 6002, 6003, and 6004 of the Water Code.

(d) Where both of the following conditions exist, the Office of Emergency Services may waive the requirement for an inundation map:

(1) Where the effects of potential inundation in terms of death or personal injury, as determined through onsite inspection by the Office of Emergency Services in consultation with the affected local jurisdictions, can be ascertained without an inundation map.

(2) Where adequate evacuation procedures can be developed without benefit of an inundation map.

(e) If development should occur in any exempted area after a waiver has been granted, the local jurisdiction shall notify the Office

of Emergency Services of that development. All waivers shall be reevaluated every two years by the Office of Emergency Services.

(f) A notice may be posted at the offices of the county recorder, county assessor, and county planning agency that identifies the location of the map, and of any information received by the county subsequent to the receipt of the map regarding changes to inundation areas within the county.

### **§ 8589.6. Development of model guidelines for local disaster registry programs**

(a) The Office of Emergency Services shall develop model guidelines for local government agencies and community-based organizations planning to develop a disaster registry program. Adoption of the model guidelines shall be voluntary. Local governmental agencies or community-based organizations wishing to establish a disaster registry program may consult with the Office of Emergency Services for further guidance.

(b) The guidelines required by subdivision (a) shall address, at a minimum, all of the following issues:

(1) A purpose statement specifying that the intent of the registry is not to provide immediate assistance during a local, state, or national disaster, to those who are registered, but to encourage that those registered will receive a phone call or visit from neighborhood disaster volunteers or other organizations specified in the final local plan as soon as possible after the disaster in order to check on their well-being and ask if they need assistance. This statement shall also specify that persons registered should be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours.

(2) A list of persons eligible for the registry. This list shall include, but not be limited to, disabled persons, including those with developmental disabilities, the elderly, those for whom English is not a first language, persons who are unskilled or deficient in the English language, long-term health care facilities, residential community care facilities, and residential care facilities for the elderly.

(3) A statement specifying that the party responsible for responding to those registered will not be held liable for not responding.

(4) A plan for ensuring that hard data is available if computers shut down.

(5) A recommendation for those persons or organizations that would be appropriate to respond to persons on the disaster registry, and a plan for training the responsible party.

(6) A plan for community outreach to encourage those eligible to participate.

(7) A plan for distribution of preparedness materials to those eligible to participate in the disaster registry.

(8) Recommendations and assistance for obtaining federal and state moneys to establish a disaster registry.

(9) A recommendation that organizations currently providing services to persons who are eligible for the disaster registry program be encouraged to alter their information form to include a space on the form where the person has the option of registering for the program. By checking the box and giving approval to be registered for the program the person waives confidentiality rights. Despite this waiver of confidentiality rights, local government agencies and community-based organizations planning to develop a disaster registry are encouraged to do everything possible to maintain the confidentiality of their registries. Organizations that currently have lists of people who would be eligible to register for the program should be encouraged to share this information with persons establishing a disaster registry.

### **§ 8589.7. Emergency reporting of hazardous material spills or releases**

(a) In carrying out its responsibilities pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 8574.17, the Office of Emergency Services shall serve as the central point in state government for the emergency reporting of spills, unauthorized releases, or other accidental releases of hazardous materials and shall coordinate the notification of the appropriate state and local administering agencies that may be required to respond to those spills, unauthorized releases, or other accidental releases. The Office of Emergency Services is the only state agency required to make the notification required by subdivision (b).

(b) Upon receipt of a report concerning a spill, unauthorized release, or other accidental release involving hazardous materials, as defined in Section 25501 of the Health and Safety Code, or concerning a rupture of, or an explosion or fire involving, a pipeline reportable pursuant to

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Section 51018, the Office of Emergency Services shall immediately inform the following agencies of the incident:

(1) For an oil spill reportable pursuant to Section 8670.25.5, the Office of Emergency Services shall inform the administrator for oil spill response, the State Lands Commission, the California Coastal Commission, and the California regional water quality control board having jurisdiction over the location of the discharged oil.

(2) For a rupture, explosion, or fire involving a pipeline reportable pursuant to Section 51018, the Office of Emergency Services shall inform the State Fire Marshal.

(3) For a discharge in or on any waters of the state of a hazardous substance or sewage spill reportable pursuant to Section 13271 of the Water Code, the Office of Emergency Services shall inform the appropriate California regional water quality control board.

(4) For a spill or other release of petroleum reportable pursuant to Section 25270.8 of the Health and Safety Code, the Office of Emergency Services shall inform the local administering agency that has jurisdiction over the spill or release.

(5) For a crude oil spill reportable pursuant to Section 3233 of the Public Resources Code, the Office of Emergency Services shall inform the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources and the appropriate California regional water quality control board.

(c) This section does not relieve a person who is responsible for an incident specified in subdivision (b) from the duty to make an emergency notification to a local agency, or the 911 emergency system, under any other law.

(d) A person who is subject to Section 25507 of the Health and Safety Code shall immediately report all releases or threatened releases pursuant to that section to the appropriate local administering agency and each local administering agency shall notify the Office of Emergency Services and businesses in their jurisdiction of the appropriate emergency telephone number that can be used for emergency notification to the administering agency on a 24-hour basis. The administering agency shall notify other local agencies of releases or threatened releases within their jurisdiction, as appropriate.

(e) No facility, owner, operator, or other person required to report an incident specified in subdivision (b) to the Office of Emergency

Services shall be liable for any failure of the Office of Emergency Services to make a notification required by this section or to accurately transmit the information reported.

### **Article 5.5 – State Assistance for Fire Equipment Act**

#### **§ 8589.8. Citation of article**

This article shall be known and may be cited as the State Assistance for Fire Equipment Act.

#### **§ 8589.9. Legislative findings and declarations; legislative intent**

The Legislature finds and declares that there is a growing need to find new ways to acquire firefighting apparatus and equipment for use by local agencies. Local agencies, particularly those which serve rural areas, have had and are likely to continue to have, difficulty acquiring firefighting apparatus and equipment. The Legislature further finds and declares that this situation presents a statewide problem for the protection of the public safety.

In enacting this article, the Legislature intends to create new ways for the Office of Emergency Services to help local agencies acquire firefighting apparatus and equipment. Through the identification of available apparatus and equipment, the acquisition of new and used apparatus and equipment, the refurbishing and resale of used apparatus and equipment, and assisting the financing of resales, the Office of Emergency Services will help local agencies meet public safety needs.

#### **§ 8589.10. Definitions**

(a) “Acquire” means acquisition by purchase, grant, gift, or any other lawful means.

(b) “Director” means the Director of the Office of Emergency Services.

(c) “Firefighting apparatus and equipment” means any vehicle and its associated equipment which is designed and intended for use primarily for firefighting. “Firefighting apparatus and equipment” does not include vehicles which are designed and intended for use primarily for emergency medical services, rescue services, communications and command operations, or hazardous materials operations.

(d) “Indirect expenses” means those items which are identified as indirect costs in the federal Office of Management and Budget Circular A-87 on January 1, 1985.

(e) “Local agency” means any city, county, special district, or any joint powers agency composed exclusively of those agencies, which provides fire suppression services. “Local agency” also includes a fire company organized pursuant to Part 4 (commencing with Section 14825) of Division 12 of the Health and Safety Code.

(f) “Office” means the Office of Emergency Services.

(g) “Rural area” means territory which is outside of any urbanized area designated by the United States Bureau of the Census from the 1980 federal census.

### **§ 8589.11. Acquisition of firefighting apparatus for resale; repair or refurbishing**

The office may acquire new or used firefighting apparatus and equipment for resale to local agencies. If the apparatus or equipment is in a used condition, the office may contract with the Prison Industry Authority to repair or refurbish the apparatus or equipment to acceptable fire service standards before resale. The resale price shall recover the office’s cost of acquisition, repairing, refurbishing, and associated indirect expenses.

### **§ 8589.12. Determination of need by Department of General Services; release of apparatus or equipment; price**

If a state agency, including the office, proposes to make firefighting apparatus or equipment which is currently owned and operated by the state available to the office for use under this article, the Department of General Services shall determine whether there is any immediate need by any state agency for the apparatus or equipment. If there is no immediate need, the Department of General Services shall release the apparatus or equipment to the office. If the office acquires firefighting apparatus or equipment from another state agency, the office shall pay the fair market value of the apparatus or equipment, as determined by the Department of General Services, unless the agency agrees to a lesser payment.

### **§ 8589.13. Contract with local agency serving rural area**

(a) The office may contract with a local agency which serves a

rural area for the resale of new or used firefighting apparatus and equipment.

(b) If the contract provides for the local agency to pay the resale price in more than one installment, the local agency shall pay interest at a rate specified in the contract, which shall not exceed 1 percent less than the rate earned by the Pooled Money Investment Board. The term of a contract for resale shall not exceed five years.

(c) If the contract provides for the local agency to obtain another loan from another source, the office may insure the other loan.

### **§ 8589.14. Information system for identifying available apparatus or equipment**

The office shall operate an information system which is capable of identifying firefighting apparatus and equipment which is available for acquisition, and local agencies which are interested in acquiring apparatus and equipment.

### **§ 8589.15. Contract with Prison Industry Authority**

The office may contract with the Prison Industry Authority to perform any of the responsibilities or services required or authorized by this article.

### **§ 8589.16. State Assistance for Fire Equipment Account**

There is hereby created in the General Fund the State Assistance for Fire Equipment Account, which, notwithstanding Section 13340, is continuously appropriated to the office for the purposes of Sections 8589.11 and 8589.13. All proceeds from the resale of firefighting apparatus and equipment shall be paid to the account. The office shall manage the account so that it is self-sustaining by the 1992-93 fiscal year.

### **§ 8589.17. Availability of apparatus and equipment to other local agencies**

Every contract with a local agency for the resale of firefighting apparatus and equipment shall specify that the local agency shall make the apparatus or equipment available to other local agencies in the same county as part of a mutual aid agreement. The apparatus or equipment shall be available for mutual aid responses for the length of the term of the contract with the office.

**§ 8589.18. Default by local agency**

If a local agency defaults on a contract for the resale of firefighting apparatus and equipment, the office may either renegotiate the contract or take possession of the apparatus or equipment for subsequent resale to another local agency.

**§ 8589.19. Adoption of rules and regulations**

(a) After consultation with the Office of Emergency Services Fire Advisory Committee, the director shall adopt rules and regulations governing the operation of the programs created by this article pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3.

(b) The rules and regulations adopted pursuant to subdivision (a) shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

(1) The specific types of firefighting apparatus and equipment which may be acquired, rehabilitated, and resold.

(2) The amount and terms of resale contracts.

(3) The time, format, and manner in which local agencies may apply for resale contracts.

(4) Priorities for assisting local agencies which shall give preference to local agencies which meet all of the following:

(A) Demonstrated need for primary response firefighting apparatus and equipment.

(B) Will be adequately able to operate and maintain the firefighting apparatus and equipment.

(C) Have already used other means of financing the firefighting apparatus and equipment.

**§ 8589.20. Interagency cooperation**

All state agencies, boards, and commissions shall cooperate with the office in implementing the programs created by this article.

**§ 8589.21. Responsibility of director for programs**

The director shall be responsible for the programs created by this article which, except as provided by Sections 8589.12 and 8589.15, shall not be subject to the requirements of the State Equipment

Council or the Office of Fleet Administration of the Department of General Services.

### **§ 8589.22. Report to Legislature**

The director shall report to the Legislature every two years, commencing January 1, 1990, regarding the status of the programs created by this article.

## **Article 5.7 – Firefighting Thermal Imaging Equipment Act of 2001**

### **§ 8590. Citation of article**

This article shall be known and may be cited as the Firefighting Thermal Imaging Equipment Act of 2001.

### **§ 8590.1. Definitions**

As used in this article:

(a) “Director” means the Director of the Office of Emergency Services.

(b) “Local agency” means any city, county, city and county, fire district, special district, or joint powers agency that provides fire suppression services. “Local agency” also includes a fire company organized pursuant to Part 4 (commencing with Section 14825) of Division 12 of the Health and Safety Code.

(c) “Office” means the Office of Emergency Services.

(d) “State agency” means any state agency providing residential or institutional fire protection, including, but not limited to, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

### **§ 8590.2. Establishment of program**

There is established in the office a thermal imaging equipment purchasing program under which the office shall acquire firefighting thermal imaging equipment on behalf of local and state agencies that are interested in obtaining this equipment.

### **§ 8590.3. Director duties**

In administering the purchasing program, the director shall do all of the following:

(a) No later than 45 days after the effective date of this article, establish an advisory committee, which shall be comprised of representatives of organizations including, but not limited to, the California Fire Chiefs Association, the Fire Districts Association of California, the California Professional Firefighters, the CDF Firefighters, and the California State Firefighters Association, Inc. The committee shall meet no later than 30 days after all members are appointed.

(b) Consult with the advisory committee regarding equipment specifications and other matters relating to the acquisition of thermal imaging equipment, and require the advisory committee to formulate specifications no later than 120 days after its initial meeting.

(c) Notify all local and state agencies about the purchasing program, including the opportunity to purchase additional units at the contract price, and determine whether those agencies are interested in obtaining thermal imaging equipment.

(d) Purchase thermal imaging equipment at the lowest possible price from a reliable vendor that meets specified requirements. It is the intent of the Legislature that the director enter into a multiyear contract for this purpose no later than 180 days after the committee formulates specifications pursuant to subdivision (b).

(e) Include a provision in the vendor contract allowing any local or state agency to purchase additional units directly from the vendor at the contract price.

(f) Any local agency that elects to participate in the thermal imaging equipment purchasing program shall pay one-half of the contract price for each piece of equipment purchased on its behalf by the state.

### **§ 8590.4. Funding; distribution of equipment**

(a) The director shall seek funding for the program from the private sector, grant programs, and other appropriate sources.

(b) The director, after consultation with the advisory commission, shall distribute equipment purchased under the program in order to maximize its utilization by firefighters based on consideration of the following factors:

- (1) Ability to share or move the equipment to fire locations.
- (2) Availability of existing thermal imaging equipment.

(3) Geography.

(4) Need based on frequency of fires.

### **§ 8591. Recognition of committees established by private sector or public agencies**

Nothing herein shall operate to prevent the Governor or the Director of the Office of Emergency Services from formally recognizing committees or boards established by or with segments of the private sector, or public agencies or both the private sector and public agencies which control facilities, resources, or the provision of services essential to the mitigation of the effects of an emergency or recovery therefrom, or from assigning administrative authority or responsibility to such committees or boards or to members thereof with respect to the provision and effective utilization of such resources to meet needs resulting from an emergency.

### **§ 8592. Citation of article**

This article shall be known and may be cited as the Public Safety Communication Act of 2002.

#### **§ 8592.1. Definitions**

For purposes of this article, the following terms have the following meanings:

(a) “Public safety spectrum” means the spectrum allocated by the Federal Communications Commission for operation of interoperable and general use radio communication systems for public safety purposes within the state.

(b) “Committee” means the Public Safety Radio Strategic Planning Committee, which was established in December 1994 in recognition of the need to improve existing public radio systems and to develop interoperability among public safety departments, and between state public safety departments and local or federal entities and which consists of representatives of the following state entities:

- (1) The California Highway Patrol.
- (2) The Department of Transportation.
- (3) The Department of Corrections.
- (4) The Department of Parks and Recreation.
- (5) The Department of Fish and Game.

- (6) The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.
- (7) The Department of Justice.
- (8) The Department of Water Resources.
- (9) The Office of Emergency Services.
- (10) The Emergency Medical Services Authority.
- (11) The Department of the Youth Authority.
- (12) The Department of General Services.
- (13) The Office of Homeland Security.

**§ 8592.2. *Developing and implementing a statewide integrated public safety communication system that facilitates interoperability among state agencies***

(a) The committee shall have primary responsibility in state government for developing and implementing a statewide integrated public safety communication system that facilitates interoperability among state public safety departments listed in subdivision (b) of Section 8592.1 and coordinates other shared uses of the public safety spectrum consistent with decisions and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission. In order to facilitate effective use of the public safety spectrum, the committee shall consult with any regional planning committee or other federal, state, or local entity with responsibility for developing, operating, or monitoring interoperability of the public safety spectrum.

(b) The committee shall elect from among its members a chair with responsibility for leadership in implementing this article.

**§ 8592.3. *Consultation with specified organizations; memorandum of understanding***

(a) The committee shall consult with the following organizations and entities:

- (1) California State Peace Officers Association.
- (2) California Police Chiefs Association.
- (3) California State Sheriffs' Association.
- (4) California Professional Firefighters.
- (5) California Fire Chiefs Association.

- (6) California State Association of Counties.
- (7) League of California Cities.
- (8) California State Firefighters Association.
- (9) California Coalition of Law Enforcement Associations.
- (10) California Correctional Peace Officers Association.
- (11) CDF Firefighters.
- (12) California Union of Safety Employees.
- (13) The Military Department.

(b) Each organization or entity listed in subdivision (a) may designate a representative to work with the committee to develop agreements for interoperability or other shared use of the public safety spectrum between the state public safety departments listed in subdivision (b) of Section 8592.1 and local or federal agencies that operate a communication system on the public safety spectrum and that have capacity and technical ability for interoperability or other shared use.

(c) The committee shall develop a model memorandum of understanding that sets forth general terms for interoperability or other shared uses among jurisdictions, which may be modified as necessary for a particular agreement entered into pursuant to subdivision (b).

(d) A local agency may not be required to adopt the model memorandum of understanding developed pursuant to subdivision (c).

### **§§ 8592.4. *Determination of need for new or upgraded equipment***

(a) The committee shall determine which state public safety departments listed in subdivision (b) of Section 8592.1 need new or upgraded communication equipment and shall establish a program for equipment purchase. In establishing this program, the committee shall recommend the purchase of equipment that will enable state agencies to commence conforming to accepted industry standards for interoperability specified in subdivision (a) of Section 8592.5.

(b) This section may not be construed to mandate that a state or local governmental agency affected thereby is required to compromise its immediate mission or ability to function and carry out its existing responsibilities.

**§ 8592.5. Purchased public safety radio equipment to comply with prescribed standards**

(a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), a state department that purchases public safety radio communication equipment shall ensure that the equipment purchased complies with applicable provisions of the following:

(1) The common system standards for digital public safety radio communications commonly referred to as the “Project 25 Standard,” as that standard may be amended, revised, or added to in the future jointly by the Associated Public-Safety Communications Officials, Inc., National Association of State Telecommunications Directors and agencies of the Federal Government, commonly referred to as “APCO/NASTD/FED.”

(2) The operational and functional requirements delineated in the Statement of Requirements for Public Safety Wireless Communications and Interoperability developed by the SAFECOM Program under the United States Department of Homeland Security.

(b) Subdivision (a) shall not apply to either of the following:

(1) Purchases of equipment to operate with existing state or local communications systems where the latest applicable standard will not be compatible, as verified by the Telecommunications Division of the Department of General Services.

(2) Purchases of equipment for existing statewide low-band public safety communications systems.

(c) This section may not be construed to require an affected state governmental agency to compromise its immediate mission or ability to function and carry out its existing responsibilities.

**§ 8592.6. Report to Legislature**

(a) The committee shall report to the Legislature by January 1 of each year on the committee’s progress in implementing this article.

(b) The report will include a complete listing of purchases by state departments of public safety radio communications equipment, for which a waiver of subdivision (a) of Section 8592.5 was granted by the committee.

## **Article 6.5 – Accessibility to Emergency Services Information**

### **§ 8593. *Duty of Office of Emergency Services to improve communication with deaf and hearing-impaired persons during emergencies***

The Office of Emergency Services shall work with advocacy groups representing the deaf and hearing impaired, including, but not limited to, the California Association of the Deaf and the Coalition of Deaf Access Providers, California television broadcasters, city and county emergency services coordinators, and, as appropriate, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Communications Commission, to improve communication with deaf and hearing-impaired persons during emergencies, including the use of open captioning by California television broadcasters when transmitting emergency information.

#### **§ 8593.1. *Feasibility of Digital Emergency Broadcast System network***

The Office of Emergency Services shall investigate the feasibility of, and the funding requirements for, establishing a “Digital Emergency Broadcast System” network, to be used by local and state government agencies for the provision of warnings and instructions in digital or printed form to California broadcast outlets for relay to the public both orally and visually, through television, and orally, through radio, during emergencies.

#### **§ 8593.2. *Feasibility of toll-free hotline, including TDD accessibility***

The Office of Emergency Services shall investigate the feasibility of establishing a toll-free 800 telephone hotline, including TDD (telecommunications device for the deaf) accessibility, which would be accessible to the public, including deaf, hearing impaired, and non-English speaking persons, for use during nonemergency and emergency periods to respond to inquiries about emergency preparedness and disaster status.

#### **§ 8593.4. *Study and report on emergency notification systems***

(a) The Office of Emergency Services shall conduct a study of the emergency notification systems at California television and radio broadcast stations to determine the ability of these stations to notify

the public of emergency situations 24 hours a day.

(b) The office shall report its findings and any recommendations for improving the system to the Legislature no later than July 1, 2003.

### **§ 8594. Activation of the Emergency Alert System**

(a) If an abduction has been reported to a law enforcement agency and the agency determines that a child 17 years of age or younger, or an individual with a proven mental or physical disability, has been abducted and is in imminent danger of serious bodily injury or death, and there is information available that, if disseminated to the general public, could assist in the safe recovery of the victim, the agency, through a person authorized to activate the Emergency Alert System, shall, absent extenuating investigative needs, request activation of the Emergency Alert System within the appropriate local area. Law enforcement agencies shall only request activation of the Emergency Alert System for an abduction if these requirements are met. The Emergency Alert System is not intended to be used for abductions resulting from custody disputes that are not reasonably believed to endanger the life or physical health of a child.

The California Highway Patrol, if requested by a law enforcement agency, shall activate the system.

(b) The California Highway Patrol, in consultation with the Department of Justice, as well as a representative from the California State Sheriffs' Association, the California Police Chiefs' Association, and the California Peace Officers' Association, shall develop policies and procedures providing instruction specifying how law enforcement agencies, broadcasters participating in the Emergency Alert System, and any other intermediate emergency agencies that may institute activation of the Emergency Alert System, and, where appropriate, other supplemental warning systems, shall proceed after a qualifying abduction has been reported to a law enforcement agency. Those policies and procedures shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Procedures for transfer of information regarding the abducted victim and abduction from the law enforcement agency to the broadcasters;

(2) Specification of the event code or codes that should be used if the Emergency Alert System is activated to report a qualifying child abduction;

(3) Recommended language for an abduction alert;

(4) Specification of information that must be included by the reporting law enforcement agency, including which agency a person with information relating to the abduction should contact and how the person should contact the agency; and

(5) Recommendations on the extent of the geographical area to which a child abduction emergency alert should be broadcast.

(c) The California Highway Patrol, in consultation with the Department of Justice, shall review the Amber Plan as adopted by other states and Orange County's Child Abduction Regional Emergency Alert Program for guidance in developing appropriate policies and procedures for use of the Emergency Alert System and, where appropriate, other supplemental warning systems to report qualifying abductions.

(d) The California Highway Patrol, in conjunction with the Department of Justice, shall develop a comprehensive child abduction education system to educate children in the state on the appropriate behavior to deter abduction. The California Highway Patrol shall convene a group consisting of a representative from the California State Sheriffs' Association, the California Police Chiefs' Association, and the California Peace Officers' Association, representatives of advocacy groups, and the Department of Education to assist in the development of a plan.

## Article 7 – Other State Agencies

### **§ 8595. *Assignment of emergency activities to state agency***

The Governor may assign to a state agency any activity concerned with the mitigation of the effects of an emergency of a nature related to the existing powers and duties of such agency, including interstate activities, and it shall thereupon become the duty of such agency to undertake and carry out such activity on behalf of the state.

### **§ 8596. *Assistance and cooperation of state agencies and employees; disposal of debris on private property***

(a) Each department, division, bureau, board, commission, officer, and employee of this state shall render all possible assistance to the Governor and to the Director of the Office of Emergency Services in carrying out the provisions of this chapter.

(b) In providing such assistance, state agencies shall cooperate to the fullest possible extent with each other and with political subdivisions, relief agencies, and the American National Red Cross, but nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed to limit or in any way affect the responsibilities of the American National Red Cross under the federal act approved January 5, 1905 (33 Stat. 599), as amended.

(c) State personnel, equipment, and facilities may be used to clear and dispose of debris on private property only after the Governor finds: (1) that such use is for a state purpose; (2) that such use is in the public interest, serving the general welfare of the state; and (3) that such personnel, equipment, and facilities are already in the emergency area.

### **§ 8597. *Classes of state employees deemed peace officers during emergency***

Whenever a state of emergency is proclaimed to exist within any region or area, or whenever a state of war emergency exists, the following classes of state employees who are within the region or area proclaimed or who may be assigned to duty therein shall be peace officers and shall have the full powers and duties of those officers for all purposes as provided by Section 830.1 of the Penal Code, and shall perform those duties and exercise any powers which are appropriate or which may be directed by their superior officers:

(a) All peace officers of the Department of the California Highway Patrol.

(b) All deputies of the Department of Fish and Game who have been appointed to enforce the provisions of the Fish and Game Code pursuant to Section 851 of that code.

(c) The Director of Forestry and Fire Protection and the classes of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection who are designated by the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection as having the powers of peace officers pursuant to Section 4156 of the Public Resources Code.

(d) Peace officers who are state employees within the provision of Section 830.5 of the Penal Code.

### **§ 8598. *Officers assisting in law enforcement during local emergency as vested with powers of peace officers***

Whenever a local emergency exists within a region or area of the

state and the Department of the California Highway Patrol or the Department of Corrections or the Department of the Youth Authority employing any peace officer within Section 830.5 of the Penal Code is requested by properly constituted local authorities to assist local law enforcement, the officers assigned to assist within the designated regions or areas shall have the full powers of peace officers within the meaning of Section 830.1 of the Penal Code and shall perform those duties and exercise those powers as are appropriate or as may be directed by their superior officers.

### **Article 7.5 – Statewide Natural Disaster Volunteer Corps Program**

#### **§ 8599. Plan to utilize volunteer resources during state of emergency**

The Office of Emergency Services shall develop a plan for state and local governmental agencies to utilize volunteer resources during a state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor. The office shall consult with appropriate state and local governmental agencies and volunteer organizations in the development of this plan.

#### **§ 8599.2. Plan specifications**

The plan required by Section 8599 shall address, at a minimum, all of the following issues:

- (a) A formal system for the utilization of volunteer resources by state and local governmental agencies during a proclaimed state of emergency.
- (b) A definition of volunteer resources.
- (c) The identification and listing of volunteer resources in California.
- (d) An education program for volunteer resources on the needs and use of volunteers by state and local governmental agencies during a proclaimed state of emergency.
- (e) An education program for state and local governmental agencies on the availability and utilization of volunteer resources during a proclaimed state of emergency.
- (f) The coordination of volunteer resources during a proclaimed state of emergency.

(g) Definition and identification of volunteer skills and resources typically required by state and local governmental agencies during a proclaimed state of emergency.

(h) A volunteer resources emergency management system for responding to needs of state and local governmental agencies during a proclaimed state of emergency.

(i) A notification procedure of volunteer resources for participation in the plan.

(j) Communication needs of volunteer resources responding during a proclaimed state of emergency.

(k) Predisaster agreements for utilization of volunteer resources by state and local governments during a proclaimed state of emergency.

### **Article 8 – Mutual Aid Regions**

#### **§ 8600. Division of state into mutual aid regions**

The Governor with the advice of the Emergency Council is hereby authorized and empowered to divide the state into mutual aid regions for the more effective application, administration, and coordination of mutual aid and other emergency-related activities.

### **Article 8.5 - Urban Search and Rescue Emergency Response Advisory Committee**

#### **§ 8601. Establishment of committee; members; preparation of report**

(a) Using existing budgetary resources, the Seismic Safety Commission, in consultation with the Director of Emergency Services, shall establish an urban search and rescue emergency response advisory committee, which, in addition to the commission, may include representatives of organizations including, but not limited to, at the commission chairperson's discretion, the California Fire Chiefs Association, the Fire Districts Association of California, the California Professional Firefighters, the California Department of Forestry Firefighters, the California State Firefighters Association, Inc., the California Police Chiefs' Association, the California Police Officers Association, the California State Sheriffs' Association, and the Peace Officer Research Association of California.

(b) The advisory committee shall prepare and submit to the commission chairperson, on or before September 1, 2003, a strategy, plan, and recommendations for addressing the resource needs of emergency response urban search and rescue units.

### **Article 9 – Operational Areas**

#### ***8605. Designation of counties as operational areas; use for coordination of emergency activities and as communications link***

Each county is designated as an operational area. In a state of war emergency each operational area shall serve as a link in the system of communications and coordination between the state's emergency operating centers and the operating centers of the political subdivisions comprising the operational area.

The governing bodies of each county and of the political subdivisions in the county may organize and structure their operational area.

An operational area may be used by the county and the political subdivisions comprising the operational area for the coordination of emergency activities and to serve as a link in the communications system during a state of emergency or a local emergency.

### **Article 9.5 – Disaster Preparedness**

#### **§ 8607. Standardized emergency management system (SEMS)**

(a) By December 1, 1993, the Office of Emergency Services, in coordination with all interested state agencies with designated response roles in the state emergency plan and interested local emergency management agencies shall jointly establish by regulation a standardized emergency management system for use by all emergency response agencies. The public water systems identified in Section 8607.2 may review and comment on these regulations prior to adoption. This system shall be applicable, but not limited to, those emergencies or disasters referenced in the state emergency plan. The standardized emergency management system shall include all of the following systems as a framework for responding to and managing emergencies and disasters involving multiple jurisdictions or multiple agency responses:

(1) The Incident Command Systems adapted from the systems originally developed by the FIRESCOPE Program, including those currently in use by state agencies.

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(2) The multiagency coordination system as developed by the FIRESCOPE Program.

(3) The mutual aid agreement, as defined in Section 8561, and related mutual aid systems such as those used in law enforcement, fire service, and coroners operations.

(4) The operational area concept, as defined in Section 8559.

(b) Individual agencies' roles and responsibilities agreed upon and contained in existing laws or the state emergency plan are not superseded by this article.

(c) By December 1, 1994, the Office of Emergency Services, in coordination with the State Fire Marshal's Office, the Department of the California Highway Patrol, the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training, the Emergency Medical Services Authority, and all other interested state agencies with designated response roles in the state emergency plan, shall jointly develop an approved course of instruction for use in training all emergency response personnel, consisting of the concepts and procedures associated with the standardized emergency management system described in subdivision (a).

(d) By December 1, 1996, all state agencies shall use the standardized emergency management system as adopted pursuant to subdivision (a), to coordinate multiple jurisdiction or multiple agency emergency and disaster operations.

(e) (1) By December 1, 1996, each local agency, in order to be eligible for any funding of response-related costs under disaster assistance programs, shall use the standardized emergency management system as adopted pursuant to subdivision (a) to coordinate multiple jurisdiction or multiple agency operations.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), local agencies shall be eligible for repair, renovation, or any other nonpersonnel costs resulting from an emergency.

(f) The office shall, in cooperation with involved state and local agencies, complete an after-action report within 120 days after each declared disaster. This report shall review public safety response and disaster recovery activities and shall be made available to all interested public safety and emergency management organizations.

**§ 8607.1. Legislative intent; statewide uniform color coding of fire hydrants; uniform fire hydrant coupling sizes**

(a) It is the intent of the Legislature that a statewide system for fire hydrants be adopted so that all firefighters can respond to emergencies calling for the use of water at any location in the state. Without this statewide standardized system, the lives of firefighters and those they serve would be put in serious jeopardy in a mutual aid fire response effort stretching across city and county boundaries.

(b) By January 1, 1994, the State Fire Marshal shall establish a statewide uniform color coding of fire hydrants. In determining the color coding of fire hydrants, the State Fire Marshal shall consider the national system of coding developed by the National Fire Protection Association as Standard 291 in Chapter 2 on Fire Flow Testing and Marking of Hydrants. The uniform color coding shall not preempt local agencies from adding additional markings.

(c) Compliance with the uniform color coding requirements of subdivision (b) shall be undertaken by each agency that currently maintains fire hydrants throughout the state as part of its ongoing maintenance program for its fire hydrants. Alternatively, an agency may comply with the uniform color coding requirements by installing one or more reflector buttons in a mid-street location directly adjacent to the fire hydrant in the appropriate color that would otherwise be required for the hydrant and a curb marking as near to the hydrant as practicable in that same color.

(d) By July 1, 1994, the State Fire Marshal shall develop and adopt regulations establishing statewide uniform fire hydrant coupling sizes. The regulations adopted pursuant to this section shall include provisions that permit the use of an adapter mounted on the hydrant as a means of achieving uniformity. In determining uniform fire hydrant coupling sizes, the State Fire Marshal shall consider any system developed by the National Fire Protection Association, the National Fire Academy, or the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

(e) By December 1, 1996, each local agency, city, county, city and county, or special district in order to be eligible for any funding of mutual aid fire response related costs under disaster assistance programs, shall comply with regulations adopted pursuant to this section. Compliance may be met if at least one coupling on the hydrant is of the uniform size.

(f) Subdivision (d) shall not be applicable to the City and County of San Francisco due to the existing water system.

### **§ 8607.2. Plans**

(a) All public water systems, as defined in subdivision (f) of Section 116275 of the Health and Safety Code, with 10,000 or more service connections shall review and revise their disaster preparedness plans in conjunction with related agencies, including, but not limited to, local fire departments and the office to ensure that the plans are sufficient to address possible disaster scenarios. These plans should examine and review pumping station and distribution facility operations during an emergency, water pressure at both pumping stations and hydrants, and whether there is sufficient water reserve levels and alternative emergency power, including, but not limited to, onsite backup generators and portable generators.

(b) All public water systems, as defined in subdivision (f) of Section 116275 of the Health and Safety Code, with 10,000 or more service connections following a declared state of emergency shall furnish an assessment of their emergency response and recommendations to the Legislature within six months after each disaster, as well as implementing the recommendations in a timely manner.

(c) By December 1, 1996, the Office of Emergency Services shall establish appropriate and insofar as practical, emergency response and recovery plans, including mutual aid plans, in coordination with public water systems, as defined in subdivision (f) of Section 116275 of the Health and Safety Code, with 10,000 or more service connections.

## **Article 9.8 – Year 2000 Problem and Disaster Preparedness (Volunteer Workers)**

### **§ 8609. Volunteer workers**

State agencies granted authority by the Governor, the Business Continuity Task Force, the Emergency Preparedness Task Force, or the Executive Committee established by Executive Order D-3-99 to implement any type of disaster, contingency, or business continuity plan may use volunteer workers. The volunteers shall be deemed disaster service workers for the purpose of workers' compensation under Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 3600) of Part 1 of Division 4 of the Labor Code.

### **§ 8609.1. Identification of disaster officials**

Any disaster preparedness or response official may be specifically identified by name and title in any disaster, contingency, or business continuity plan developed pursuant to Executive Order D-3-99 if such a plan incorporates aspects of any contingency plan previously developed regarding potential oil spills or toxic disasters pursuant to Article 3.5 (commencing with Section 8574.1) and Article 3.7 (commencing with Section 8574.16).

### **§ 8609.2. On-scene procedures for Year 2000**

(a) The authority for the management of the scene of an on-highway Year 2000 Problem disaster shall be vested in the appropriate law enforcement agency having primary traffic investigative authority on the highway where the incident occurs or in a local fire protection agency, as provided by Section 2454 of the Vehicle Code unless otherwise specified by a disaster, contingency, or business continuity plan developed pursuant to Executive Order D-3-99.

(b) Pursuant to subdivision (a), the Department of the California Highway Patrol shall develop response and on-scene procedures for Year 2000 Problem disasters that occur upon the highways based upon previous studies for these procedures, insofar as the procedures are not inconsistent with the overall plan for initial notification of disasters by public agencies and for after-incident evaluation and reporting.

(c) Plans developed pursuant to this section shall be made available to local governments and public safety officials upon request.

## **Article 10 – Local Disaster Councils**

### **§ 8610. Creation by ordinance; plan development**

Counties, cities and counties, and cities may create disaster councils by ordinance. A disaster council shall develop plans for meeting any condition constituting a local emergency or state of emergency, including, but not limited to, earthquakes, natural or manmade disasters specific to that jurisdiction, or state of war emergency; such plans shall provide for the effective mobilization of all of the resources within the political subdivision, both public and private. The disaster council shall supply a copy of any plans developed pursuant to this section to the Office of Emergency Services. The governing body of a

county, city and county, or city may, in the ordinance or by resolution adopted pursuant to the ordinance, provide for the organization, powers and duties, divisions, services, and staff of the emergency organization. The governing body of a county, city and county, or city may, by ordinance or resolution, authorize public officers, employees, and registered volunteers to command the aid of citizens when necessary in the execution of their duties during a state of war emergency, a state of emergency, or a local emergency.

Counties, cities and counties, and cities may enact ordinances and resolutions and either establish rules and regulations or authorize disaster councils to recommend to the director of the local emergency organization rules and regulations for dealing with local emergencies that can be adequately dealt with locally; and further may act to carry out mutual aid on a voluntary basis and, to this end, may enter into agreements.

### **§ 8610.3. Legislative findings and declarations**

The Legislature hereby finds and declares as follows:

(a) The Office of Emergency Services, in consultation with the State Department of Health Services and affected counties, investigated the consequences of a serious nuclear powerplant accident for each of the nuclear powerplants in California with a generating capacity of 50 megawatts or more.

(b) This study culminated in the establishment of emergency planning zones for nuclear powerplant emergency preparedness.

(c) All state and local government nuclear powerplant emergency response plans have been revised to reflect the information provided in the study.

### **§ 8610.5. (Inoperative July 1, 2009; repealed January 1, 2010) Utilities to pay share of costs**

(a) For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) "Department" means the State Department of Health Services.

(2) "Office" means the Office of Emergency Services.

(b) (1) State and local costs to carry out activities pursuant to this section and Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 114650) of Part 9 of Division 104 of the Health and Safety Code that are not reimbursed by federal funds shall be borne by utilities operating nuclear

powerplants with a generating capacity of 50 megawatts or more.

(2) The Public Utilities Commission shall develop and transmit to the office an equitable method of assessing the utilities operating the powerplants for their reasonable pro rata share of state agency costs specified in paragraph (1).

(3) Each local government involved shall submit a statement of its costs specified in paragraph (1), as required, to the office.

(4) Upon each utility's notification by the office, from time to time, of the amount of its share of the actual or anticipated state and local agency costs, the utility shall pay this amount to the Controller for deposit in the Nuclear Planning Assessment Special Account, which is continued in existence, for allocation by the Controller, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to carry out activities pursuant to this section and Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 114650) of Part 9 of Division 104 of the Health and Safety Code. The Controller shall pay from this account the state and local costs relative to carrying out this section and Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 114650) of Part 9 of Division 104 of the Health and Safety Code, upon certification thereof by the office.

(5) Upon appropriation by the Legislature, the Controller may disburse up to 80 percent of a fiscal year allocation from the Nuclear Planning Assessment Special Account, in advance, for anticipated local expenses, as certified by the office pursuant to paragraph (4). The office shall review program expenditures related to the balance of funds in the account and the Controller shall pay the portion, or the entire balance, of the account, based upon those approved expenditures.

(c) (1) The total annual disbursement of state costs from the utilities operating the nuclear powerplants within the state for activities pursuant to this section and Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 114650) of Part 9 of Division 104 of the Health and Safety Code, shall not exceed the lesser of the actual costs or the maximum funding levels previously established by Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 114650) of Part 9 of Division 104 of the Health and Safety Code, as that chapter read on January 1, 1998, subject to subdivisions (e) and (f), to be shared equally among the utilities.

(2) Of the initial annual amount of one million three hundred forty thousand dollars (\$ 1,340,000) for the 1999-2000 fiscal year, the

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sum of eight hundred three thousand dollars (\$ 803,000) shall be for support of the office for activities pursuant to this section and Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 114650) of Part 9 of Division 104 of the Health and Safety Code, and the sum of five hundred thirty-seven thousand dollars (\$ 537,000) shall be for support of the department for activities pursuant to this section and Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 114650) of Part 9 of Division 104 of the Health and Safety Code.

(d) (1) The total annual disbursement for each fiscal year, commencing July 1, 1999, of local costs from the utilities shall not exceed the lesser of the actual costs or the maximum funding levels, on a site basis, previously established on a per reactor basis by Section 1 of Chapter 1607 of the Statutes of 1988, in support of activities pursuant to this section and Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 114650) of Part 9 of Division 104 of the Health and Safety Code. The maximum initial annual amount available for disbursement for local costs, subject to subdivisions (e) and (f), shall be eight hundred fifty-one thousand dollars (\$ 851,000) for the Diablo Canyon site and one million seventy-three thousand dollars (\$ 1,073,000) for the San Onofre site.

(2) The amounts paid by the utilities under this section shall be allowed for ratemaking purposes by the Public Utilities Commission.

(e) The amounts available for disbursement for state and local costs as specified in this section shall be adjusted and compounded each fiscal year by the percentage increase in the California Consumer Price Index of the previous calendar year.

(f) Through the date specified in subdivision (g), the amounts available for disbursement for state and local costs as specified in this section shall be cumulative biennially. Any unexpended funds from a year when the state and local governments conduct a full participation exercise, as defined in Section 350.2 of Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations, that is not evaluated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, shall be carried over to the year when the state and local governments conduct such an exercise that is evaluated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

(g) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2009, and, as of January 1, 2010, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, which becomes effective on or before July 1, 2009, deletes or extends the

dates on which it becomes inoperative and is repealed.

(h) Upon inoperation of this section, any amounts remaining in the special account shall be refunded pro rata to the utilities contributing thereto.

### **§ 8611. Test exercises; assistance by private citizens**

Counties, cities and counties, and cities may provide for the calling of test exercises, either singularly or jointly, whenever, in the opinion of such political subdivisions, such test exercises are needed; provided, however, that with respect to any such test exercise no one shall have the power to command the assistance of any private citizen, and the failure of a citizen to obey any order or regulation pertaining to a test exercise shall not constitute a violation of any law.

### **§ 8612. Certification of disaster councils**

Any disaster council which both agrees to follow the rules and regulations established by the Emergency Council pursuant to the provisions of Section 8580 and substantially complies with such rules and regulations shall be certified by the Emergency Council. Upon such certification, and not before, the disaster council becomes an accredited disaster council.

### **§ 8613. Revocation of certification for noncompliance with rules and regulations**

Should an accredited disaster council fail to comply with the rules and regulations of the Emergency Council in any material degree, the Emergency Council may revoke its certification and, upon the act of revocation, the disaster council shall lose its accredited status. It may again become an accredited disaster council in the same manner as is provided for a disaster council which has not previously been accredited.

### **§ 8614. Political subdivisions and local employees to render assistance in carrying out provisions of chapter; ordinances to continue in effect**

(a) Each department, division, bureau, board, commission, officer, and employee of each political subdivision of the state shall render all possible assistance to the Governor and to the Director of the Office of Emergency Services in carrying out the provisions of this chapter.

(b) The emergency power which may be vested in a local public official during a state of war emergency or a state of emergency shall be subject or subordinate to the powers herein vested in the Governor when exercised by the Governor.

(c) Ordinances, orders, and regulations of a political subdivision shall continue in effect during a state of war emergency or a state of emergency except as to any provision suspended or superseded by an order or regulation issued by the Governor.

## Article II – Mutual Aid

### **§ 8615. Legislative purpose**

It is the purpose of the Legislature in enacting this article to facilitate the rendering of aid to areas stricken by an emergency and to make unnecessary the execution of written agreements customarily entered into by public agencies exercising joint powers. Emergency plans duly adopted and approved as provided by the Governor shall be effective as satisfying the requirement for mutual aid operational plans provided in the Master Mutual Aid Agreement.

### **§ 8616. Outside aid**

During any state of war emergency or state of emergency when the need arises for outside aid in any county, city and county, or city, such aid shall be rendered in accordance with approved emergency plans.

It shall be the duty of public officials to cooperate to the fullest possible extent in carrying out such plans.

### **§ 8617. Exercise of mutual aid powers in nonemergency periods**

In periods other than a state of war emergency, a state of emergency, or a local emergency, state agencies and political subdivisions have authority to exercise mutual aid powers in accordance with the Master Mutual Aid Agreement and local ordinances, resolutions, agreements, or plans therefor.

### **§ 8618. Local officials to remain in charge at incident requiring mutual aid**

Unless otherwise expressly provided by the parties, the responsible local official in whose jurisdiction an incident requiring mutual aid has occurred shall remain in charge at such incident, including the

direction of personnel and equipment provided him through mutual aid.

### **§ 8619. Reciprocal aid agreements with other states or federal government; consultation with local officials**

The Governor may on behalf of this state enter into reciprocal aid agreements or compacts, mutual aid plans, or other interstate arrangements for the protection of life and property with other states and the federal government, either on a statewide basis or a political subdivision basis. Prior to committing the personnel, equipment, or facilities of any political subdivision of this state, the Governor shall consult with the chief executive or governing body of such political subdivision. Such mutual aid arrangements may include the furnishing or exchange, on such terms and conditions as are deemed necessary, of supplies, equipment, facilities, personnel, and services.

## **Article 12 – State of War Emergency**

### **§ 8620. Powers of Governor**

During a state of war emergency the Governor shall have complete authority over all agencies of the state government and the right to exercise within the area or regions designated all police power vested in the state by the Constitution and laws of the State of California in order to effectuate the purposes of this chapter. In exercise thereof he shall promulgate, issue, and enforce such orders and regulations as he deems necessary for the protection of life and property, in accordance with the provisions of Section 8567.

### **§ 8621. Compliance with orders and regulations by public officers and employees**

During a state of war emergency every department, commission, agency, board, officer, and employee of the state government and of every political subdivision, county, city and county, or city, public district, and public corporation of or in the state is required to comply with the lawful orders and regulations of the Governor made or given within the limits of his authority as provided for herein. Every such officer or employee who refuses or willfully neglects to obey any such order or regulation of the Governor, or who willfully resists, delays, or obstructs the Governor in the discharge of any of his functions hereunder, is guilty of a misdemeanor. In the event that any such officer

or employee shall refuse or willfully neglect to obey any such order or regulation, the Governor may by his order temporarily suspend him from the performance of any and all the rights, obligations, and duties of his office or position for the remainder of the period of the state of war emergency, and the Governor may thereupon designate the person who shall carry on the rights, obligations, and duties of the office or position for the duration of such suspension.

### **§ 8622. Exercise of powers outside territorial limits of state**

During a state of war emergency, the Governor, any state agency, or any agency acting under the authority of this chapter may exercise outside the territorial limits of this state any of the powers conferred upon him or it by or pursuant to this chapter.

### **§ 8623. Rendition of emergency aid by professionals or other skilled persons licensed or certificated by other states**

During a state of war emergency, any person holding a license, certificate, or other permit issued by any state evidencing the meeting of the qualifications of such state for professional, mechanical, or other skills, may render aid involving such skill to meet the emergency as fully as if such license, certificate, or other permit had been issued in this state if a substantially similar license, certificate, or other permit is issued in this state to applicants possessing the same professional, mechanical, or other skills.

### **§ 8624. Emergency Council meetings; termination of Governor's emergency powers**

(a) Whenever it appears that a state of war emergency will continue for more than seven days, the Governor shall call a meeting of the Emergency Council not later than the seventh day.

(b) All of the powers granted the Governor by this chapter with respect to a state of war emergency shall terminate when:

(1) The state of war emergency has been terminated by proclamation of the Governor or by concurrent resolution of the Legislature declaring it at end; or

(2) The Governor has failed to call a meeting of the Emergency Council within the period prescribed in subdivision (a) of this section; or

(3) The Governor has not within 30 days after the beginning of

such state of war emergency issued a call for a special session of the Legislature for the purpose of legislating on subjects relating to such state of war emergency, except when the Legislature is already convened with power to legislate on such subjects.

### **Article 13 – State of Emergency**

#### **§ 8625. Proclamation by Governor**

The Governor is hereby empowered to proclaim a state of emergency in an area affected or likely to be affected thereby when:

(a) He finds that circumstances described in subdivision (b) of Section 8558 exist; and either

(b) He is requested to do so (1) in the case of a city by the mayor or chief executive, (2) in the case of a county by the chairman of the board of supervisors or the county administrative officer; or

(c) He finds that local authority is inadequate to cope with the emergency.

#### **§ 8626. Proclamation to be in writing; effective date; filing; publicity and notice**

Such proclamation shall be in writing and shall take effect immediately upon its issuance. As soon thereafter as possible such proclamation shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State. The Governor shall cause widespread publicity and notice to be given such proclamation.

#### **§ 8627. Powers of Governor**

During a state of emergency the Governor shall, to the extent he deems necessary, have complete authority over all agencies of the state government and the right to exercise within the area designated all police power vested in the state by the Constitution and laws of the State of California in order to effectuate the purposes of this chapter. In exercise thereof, he shall promulgate, issue, and enforce such orders and regulations as he deems necessary, in accordance with the provisions of Section 8567.

#### **§ 8627.5. Suspension of nonsafety related restrictions on delivery of emergency necessities during state of emergency**

(a) The Governor may make, amend, or rescind orders and

regulations during a state of emergency that temporarily suspend any state, county, city, or special district statute, ordinance, regulation, or rule imposing nonsafety related restrictions on the delivery of food products, pharmaceuticals, and other emergency necessities distributed through retail or institutional channels, including, but not limited to, hospitals, jails, restaurants, and schools. The Governor shall cause widespread publicity and notice to be given to all of these orders and regulations, or amendments and rescissions thereof.

(b) The orders and regulations shall be in writing and take effect immediately on issuance. The temporary suspension of any statute, ordinance, regulation, or rule shall remain in effect until the order or regulation is rescinded by the Governor, the Governor proclaims the termination of the state of emergency, or for a period of 60 days, whichever occurs first.

### **§ 8628. Utilization and employment of state personnel, equipment and facilities; supplemental services; Expenditures**

During a state of emergency the Governor may direct all agencies of the state government to utilize and employ state personnel, equipment, and facilities for the performance of any and all activities designed to prevent or alleviate actual and threatened damage due to the emergency; and he may direct such agencies to provide supplemental services and equipment to political subdivisions to restore any services which must be restored in order to provide for the health and safety of the citizens of the affected area. Any agency so directed by the Governor may expend any of the moneys which have been appropriated to it in performing such activities, irrespective of the particular purpose for which the money was appropriated.

### **§ 8629. Termination of state of emergency; termination of emergency powers**

The Governor shall proclaim the termination of a state of emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant. All of the powers granted the Governor by this chapter with respect to a state of emergency shall terminate when the state of emergency has been terminated by proclamation of the Governor or by concurrent resolution of the Legislature declaring it at an end.

## Article 14 – Local Emergency

### **§ 8630. Proclamation by local governing body; duration; review**

(a) A local emergency may be proclaimed only by the governing body of a city, county, or city and county, or by an official designated by ordinance adopted by that governing body.

(b) Whenever a local emergency is proclaimed by an official designated by ordinance, the local emergency shall not remain in effect for a period in excess of seven days unless it has been ratified by the governing body.

(c) (1) The governing body shall review, at its regularly scheduled meetings until the local emergency is terminated, the need for continuing the local emergency. However, in no event shall a review take place more than 21 days after the previous review.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), if the governing body meets weekly, it shall review the need for continuing the local emergency at least every 14 days, until the local emergency is terminated.

(d) The governing body shall proclaim the termination of the local emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.

### **§ 8631. Provision of mutual aid by political subdivisions**

In periods of local emergency, political subdivisions have full power to provide mutual aid to any affected area in accordance with local ordinances, resolutions, emergency plans, or agreements therefor.

### **§ 8632. Provision of mutual aid by state agencies**

State agencies may provide mutual aid, including personnel, equipment, and other available resources, to assist political subdivisions during a local emergency or in accordance with mutual aid agreements or at the direction of the Governor.

### **§ 8633. Costs incurred in executing mutual aid agreements as charge against state**

In the absence of a state of war emergency or state of emergency, the cost of extraordinary services incurred by political subdivisions in executing mutual aid agreements shall constitute a legal charge against the state when approved by the Governor in accordance with orders and regulations promulgated as prescribed in Section 8567.

### **§ 8634. *Promulgation of orders and regulations; curfew***

During a local emergency the governing body of a political subdivision, or officials designated thereby, may promulgate orders and regulations necessary to provide for the protection of life and property, including orders or regulations imposing a curfew within designated boundaries where necessary to preserve the public order and safety. Such orders and regulations and amendments and rescissions thereof shall be in writing and shall be given widespread publicity and notice.

The authorization granted by this chapter to impose a curfew shall not be construed as restricting in any manner the existing authority of counties and cities and any city and county to impose pursuant to the police power a curfew for any other lawful purpose.

## **Article 15 – Preservation of Local Government**

### **§ 8635. *Need for local governments to preserve law and order and to continue and restore local services in case of enemy attack***

The Legislature recognizes that if this state or nation were attacked by an enemy of the United States, many areas in California might be subjected to the effects of an enemy attack and some or all of these areas could be severely damaged. During such attacks and in the reconstruction period following such attacks, law and order must be preserved and so far as possible government services must be continued or restored. This can best be done by civil government. To help to preserve law and order and to continue to restore local services, it is essential that the local units of government continue to function.

In enacting this article the Legislature finds and declares that the preservation of local government in the event of enemy attack or in the event of a state of emergency or a local emergency is a matter of statewide concern. The interdependence of political subdivisions requires that, for their mutual preservation and for the protection of all the citizens of the State of California, all political subdivisions have the power to take the minimum precautions set forth in this article. The purpose of this article is to furnish a means by which the continued functioning of political subdivisions will be assured. Should any part of this article be in conflict with or inconsistent with any

other part of this chapter, the provisions of this article shall control.

Nothing in this article shall prevent a city or county existing under a charter from amending said charter to provide for the preservation and continuation of its government in the event of a state of war emergency.

### **§ 8636. Unavailable officer**

As used in this article, “unavailable” means that an officer is either killed, missing, or so seriously injured as to be unable to attend meetings and otherwise perform his duties. Any question as to whether a particular officer is unavailable shall be settled by the governing body of the political subdivision or any remaining available members of said body (including standby officers who are serving on such governing body).

### **§ 8637. Succession of department heads**

Each political subdivision may provide for the succession of officers who head departments having duties in the maintenance of law and order or in the furnishing of public services relating to health and safety.

### **§ 8638. Standby officers**

To provide for the continuance of the legislative and executive departments of the political subdivision during a state of war emergency or a state of emergency or a local emergency the governing body thereof shall have the power to appoint the following standby officers:

(a) Three for each member of the governing body.

(b) Three for the chief executive, if he is not a member of the governing body.

In case a standby office becomes vacant because of removal, death, resignation, or other cause, the governing body shall have the power to appoint another person to fill said office.

Standby officers shall be designated Nos. 1, 2, and 3 as the case may be.

### **§ 8639. Investigation of qualifications of standby officers**

The qualifications of each standby officer should be carefully investigated, and the governing body may request the Director of

the Office of Emergency Services to aid in the investigation of any prospective appointee. No examination or investigation shall be made without the consent of the prospective appointee.

Consideration shall be given to places of residence and work, so that for each office for which standby officers are appointed there shall be the greatest probability of survivorship. Standby officers may be residents or officers of a political subdivision other than that to which they are appointed as standby officers.

### **§ 8640. Oath of office and tenure of standby officers**

Each standby officer shall take the oath of office required for the officer occupying the office for which he stands by. Persons appointed as standby officers shall serve in their posts as standby officers at the pleasure of the governing body appointing them and may be removed and replaced at any time with or without cause.

### **§ 8641. Duties of standby officers**

Each standby officer shall have the following duties:

(a) To inform himself or herself of the duties of the office for which the officer stands by. Officers and employees of the political subdivision shall assist the standby officer and each political subdivision shall provide each standby officer with a copy of this article.

(b) To keep informed of the business and affairs of the political subdivision to the extent necessary to enable the standby officer to fill his or her post competently. For this purpose the political subdivision may arrange information meetings and require attendance.

(c) To immediately report himself or herself ready for duty in the event of a state of war emergency or in the event of a state of emergency or a local emergency at the place and in the method previously designated by the political subdivision.

(d) To fill the post for which he or she has been appointed when the regular officer is unavailable during a state of war emergency, a state of emergency or a local emergency. Standby officers Nos. 2 and 3 shall substitute in succession for standby officer No. 1 in the same way that standby officer No. 1 is substituted in place of the regular officer. The standby officer shall serve until the regular officer becomes available or until the election or appointment of a new regular officer.

**§ 8642. Meeting of local governing body when state of emergency exists**

Whenever a state of war emergency a state of emergency or a local emergency exists the governing body of the political subdivision shall meet as soon as possible. The place of meeting need not be within the political subdivision. The meeting may be called by the chief executive of the political subdivision or by a majority of the members of the governing body. Should there be only one member of the governing body, he may call and hold said meeting and perform acts necessary to reconstitute the governing body.

**§ 8643. Duties of local governing body during state of emergency**

During a state of war emergency a state of emergency or a local emergency the governing body shall:

- (a) Ascertain the damage to the political subdivision and its personnel and property. For this purpose it shall have the power to issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of records.
- (b) Proceed to reconstitute itself by filling vacancies until there are sufficient officers to form the largest quorum required by the law applicable to that political subdivision. Should only one member of the governing body or only one standby officer be available, that one shall have power to reconstitute the governing body.
- (c) Proceed to reconstitute the political subdivision by appointment of qualified persons to fill vacancies.
- (d) Proceed to perform its functions in the preservation of law and order and in the furnishing of local services.

**§ 8644. Appointment of temporary officers**

Should all members of the governing body, including all standby members, be unavailable, temporary officers shall be appointed to serve until a regular member or a standby member becomes available or until the election or appointment of a new regular or standby member. Temporary officers shall be appointed as follows:

- (a) By the chairman of the board of supervisors of the county in which the political subdivision is located, and if he is unavailable,

(b) By the chairman of the board of supervisors of any other county within 150 miles of the political subdivision, beginning with the nearest and most populated county and going to the farthest and least populated, and if he is unavailable,

(c) By the mayor of any city within 150 miles of the political subdivision, beginning with the nearest and most populated city and going to the farthest and least populated.

### **Article 16 – General Fiscal Provisions**

#### **§ 8645. Expenditures from funds legally available**

In addition to any appropriation made to support activities contemplated by this chapter, the Governor is empowered to make expenditures from any fund legally available in order to deal with actual or threatened conditions of a state of war emergency, state of emergency, or local emergency.

#### **§ 8646. Powers and duties of Governor**

In carrying out the provisions of this chapter, the Governor may:

(a) Procure and maintain offices in such parts of the state as may be necessary or convenient;

(b) Acquire property, real or personal, or any interest therein;

(c) Cooperate and contract with public and private agencies for the performance of such acts, the rendition of such services, and the affording of such facilities as may be necessary and proper;

(d) Do such other acts and things as may be necessary and incidental to the exercise of powers and the discharge of duties conferred or imposed by the provisions of this chapter.

#### **§ 8647. Gift, grant, or loan of services, equipment or supplies by federal government or private party**

(a) Whenever the federal government or any agency or officer thereof shall offer to the state, or through the state to any political subdivision thereof, services, equipment, supplies, materials, or funds by way of gift, grant, or loan, for purposes of the mitigation of the effects of an emergency, the state, acting through the Governor, or such political subdivision, acting with the consent of the Governor and through its chief executive or governing body, may accept such offer.

(b) Whenever any person, firm, or corporation shall offer to the state or to any political subdivision thereof, services, equipment, supplies, materials, or funds by way of gift, grant, or loan, for purposes of the mitigation of the effects of an emergency, the state, acting through the Governor, or such political subdivision acting through its chief executive or governing body, may accept such offer.

(c) Upon acceptance, the Governor of the state or the chief executive or governing body of such political subdivision may authorize any officer of the state or of the political subdivision, as the case may be, to receive such services, equipment, supplies, materials, or funds on behalf of the state or such political subdivision, subject to the terms of the offer and subject to the rules and regulations, if any, of a federal agency making such offer.

### **§ 8648. Reimbursement of state agencies for expenditures in performance of emergency duties**

The Governor may reimburse any state agency for funds expended in the performance of any and all activities as set forth in Section 8628 in accordance with orders and regulations promulgated as prescribed in Section 8567. Such reimbursement shall be subject to the provisions of Section 8649.

### **§ 8649. Loan of personnel or equipment to Office of Emergency Services; reimbursement for services**

Subject to the approval of the Department of Finance, any state agency may use its personnel, property, equipment, and appropriations for carrying out the purposes of this chapter, and in that connection may loan personnel to the Office of Emergency Services. The Department of Finance shall determine whether reimbursement shall be made to any state agency for expenditures heretofore or hereafter made or incurred for such purposes from any appropriation available for the Office of Emergency Services, except that as to any expenditure made or incurred by any state agency the funds of which are subject to constitutional restriction which would prohibit their use for such purposes, such reimbursement shall be provided and the original expenditure shall be considered a temporary loan to the General Fund of the state.

### **§ 8650. Crediting reimbursements to state agencies**

Any funds received by state agencies as reimbursement for services

or supplies furnished under the authority of this chapter shall be deposited to the credit of the appropriation or appropriations from which the expenditures were made.

### **§ 8651. Procurement of surplus equipment from federal government**

The Director of the Office of Emergency Services may procure from the federal government or any of its agencies such surplus equipment, apparatus, supplies, and storage facilities therefor as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes of this chapter.

### **§ 8652. Claims for taking or damaging private property**

Before payment may be made by the state to any person in reimbursement for taking or damaging private property necessarily utilized by the Governor in carrying out his responsibilities under this chapter during a state of war emergency or state of emergency, or for services rendered at the instance of the Governor under said conditions, such person must present a claim to the State Board of Control in accordance with the provisions of the Government Code governing the presentation of claims against the state for the taking or damaging of private property for public use, which provisions shall govern the presentment, allowance, or rejection of such claims and the conditions upon which suit may be brought against the state. Payment for such property or services shall be made from any funds appropriated by the state for such purpose.

### **§ 8653. Performance of services outside territorial limits of public agencies; claims for damage or destruction of equipment**

In the event that the Governor, during a state of war emergency or a state of emergency and in the exercise of the emergency powers vested in him, shall order the officers, employees, or agencies of any county, city, and county, city, or district to perform duties outside of the territorial limits of their respective agencies, any services performed or expenditures made in connection therewith by any such agency shall be deemed conclusively to be for the direct protection and benefit of the inhabitants and property of such agency. During a state of war emergency or a state of emergency in the event that any equipment owned, leased, or operated by any county, city and county, city, or district, is damaged or destroyed while being used outside of the territorial limits of the public agency owning such equipment, the public agency suffering loss shall be entitled to file a claim for the

amount thereof against the State of California in the manner provided in Section 8652. Such agency shall have no claim against the state for services of such personnel or for the rental, use, or ordinary wear and tear of such equipment, except such extraordinary services incurred by local governmental agencies in executing mutual aid agreements.

### **§ 8654. Authority of Governor during emergency or major disaster**

(a) Whenever the Governor has proclaimed a state of emergency and the President has declared an emergency or a major disaster to exist in this state, the Governor may do any of the following:

(1) Enter into purchases, leases, or other arrangements with any agency of the United States for temporary housing units to be occupied by disaster victims and make those units available to any political subdivision for that purpose.

(2) Assist any political subdivision within which temporary housing for disaster victims is proposed to be located to acquire sites necessary for that temporary housing and to do all things required to prepare those sites to receive and utilize temporary housing units by advancing or lending any funds available to the Governor from any appropriation made by the Legislature or from any other source, by transmitting any funds made available by any public or private agency, or by acting in cooperation with the political subdivision for the execution and performance of any project for temporary housing for disaster victims, and for those purposes to pledge the credit of the state on terms as the Governor declares necessary under the circumstances, having due regard for current financial obligations of the state.

(3) Under regulations as the Governor shall make, temporarily suspend or modify for not to exceed 60 days any public health, safety, zoning, or intrastate transportation law, ordinance, or regulation when by proclamation he or she declares the suspension or modification essential to provide temporary housing for disaster victims.

(4) Upon his or her determination that financial assistance is essential to meet disaster-related necessary expenses or serious needs of individuals or households adversely affected by a Presidential declaration of a major disaster or emergency that cannot be otherwise adequately met from other means of assistance, accept assistance in the form of grants by the federal government to fund that

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financial assistance, subject to those terms and conditions as may be imposed upon the grant.

(5) Enter into an agreement with the federal government, or any officer or agency thereof, pledging the state to participate in the funding of any grant accepted pursuant to paragraph (1), in an amount not to exceed 25 percent thereof, and, if state funds are not otherwise available to the Governor, accept an advance of the state share from the federal government to be repaid when the state is able to do so.

(6) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, make financial grants available to meet disaster-related necessary expenses or serious needs of individuals or households adversely affected by a Presidential declaration of a major disaster or emergency in accordance with the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act and Sections 13600 and 13601 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

(b) Whenever the President at the request of the Governor declares a major disaster to exist in this state, the Governor may do any of the following:

(1) Upon his or her determination that a local government will suffer a substantial loss of tax and other revenues from a major disaster and has demonstrated a need for financial assistance to perform its governmental functions, apply to the federal government, on behalf of the local government, for a loan, and receive and disburse the proceeds of that loan to the local government.

(2) Determine the amount needed by a local government to restore or resume its governmental functions, and certify that amount to the federal government. However, that amount shall not exceed 25 percent of the annual operating budget of the local government for the fiscal year in which the major disaster has occurred.

(3) Recommend to the federal government, after reviewing the matter, the cancellation of all or any part of a loan made pursuant to paragraph (2) when during the period of three full fiscal years immediately following the major disaster, the revenues of the local government are insufficient to meet its operating expenses, including disaster-related expenses incurred by the local government.

(c) The Governor shall make those regulations as are necessary in carrying out the purposes of paragraphs (4), (5), and (6) of subdivision (a), including, but not limited to: standards of eligibility for persons applying for benefits; procedures for application and administration;

methods of investigation, processing, and approving applications; formation of local or statewide review boards to pass upon applications; and procedures for appeals.

(d) Any political subdivision is expressly authorized to acquire, temporarily or permanently, by purchase, lease, or otherwise, sites required for installation of temporary housing units for disaster victims, and to enter into whatever arrangements (including purchase of temporary housing units and payment of transportation charges) are necessary to prepare or equip the sites to utilize the housing units.

(e) Any person who fraudulently makes any misstatement of fact in connection with an application for financial assistance under this section shall, upon conviction of each offense, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$ 5,000), or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.

(f) The terms “major disaster,” “emergency,” and “temporary housing,” as used in this section, shall have the same meaning as those terms are defined or used in the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (P.L. 93-288, as amended by P.L. 100-707). It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this section that it shall be liberally construed to effectuate the purposes of that federal act.

### **§ 8654.1. Northridge earthquake funds**

(a) The Legislature finds and declares that financial assistance is essential to meet disaster-related necessary expenses of the state and local governments and the serious needs of individuals or families affected by the Northridge earthquake which occurred January 17, 1994. The Legislature further finds and declares that the federal government will advance to the state, and will authorize local entities to advance from specified federal funds made available to them, the nonfederal share of the costs of this financial assistance.

(b) In order to implement the advance of the nonfederal share from federal funds, in accordance with subdivision (a), the Director of Finance may enter into agreements for the acceptance of these advances, subject to the following:

(1) Funds may be obtained directly from agencies of the federal government or from funds provided to local agencies by the federal government.

(2) Advances may be accepted beginning in the 1994-95 fiscal year, and in no event later than the 1997-98 fiscal year.

(3) The cumulative amount of advances accepted shall not exceed three hundred million dollars (\$ 300,000,000), unless additional amounts are authorized subject to the 30-day notification of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee under Section 28 of the 1994 Budget Act and any substantially similar provision of subsequent budget acts. The state shall accept as advances only so much as may be needed to pay the expenses incurred herein and as may be repaid, consistent with this section, in a short period of time, having due regard for the current financial obligations of the state.

(4) Funds received by the state shall be deposited in the Special Deposit Fund, subject to Article 2 (commencing with Section 16370) of Chapter 2 of Part 2 of Division 4, and may be expended, allocated, or transferred, upon order of the Department of Finance, only to meet the nonfederal share of disaster assistance costs incurred by state or local agencies as a result of the Northridge earthquake.

(5) Funds received under this section, together with interest at a rate agreed upon by the state and federal or local agencies involved, shall be repaid, upon order of the Director of Finance, to the federal government or advancing local agency, from the General Fund as soon as the state is able to do so, but in no event shall any advance remain outstanding after July 31, 1997. The state shall repay no less than one-third of the funds advanced in each of the 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 fiscal years.

## Article 17 – Privileges and Immunities

### **§ 8655. *Liability for claim based upon exercise of discretionary function or duty***

The state or its political subdivisions shall not be liable for any claim based upon the exercise or performance, or the failure to exercise or perform, a discretionary function or duty on the part of a state or local agency or any employee of the state or its political subdivisions in carrying out the provisions of this chapter.

### **§ 8655.5. *Immunity of donor organization for community warning system***

(a) As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) “Community warning program” means any broadcast or notification program conducted by or at the direction of a public agency of a county of the ninth class that is intended to facilitate the agency’s ability to warn residents of an actual or a threatened hazardous materials release or other emergency or natural disaster, and to coordinate the dissemination of information through various media and other warning devices of any nature, including, but not limited to, sirens, television, radio, 911 service, and public address systems.

(2) “Community warning system” means any combination of equipment, hardware, and software used in a community warning program by a county of the ninth class.

(3) “Donor organization” means a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, and its officers, directors, employees, members, and contributors, that has donated in whole or in part a community warning system to a county of the ninth class.

(b) A donor organization is immune from suit and claims of liability for any injury arising out of the design, development, installation, maintenance, operation, and use of a community warning program or community warning system. This section shall be cumulative with, and does not affect in any way, any immunity from suit and claims of liability, privileges, defenses, or exemptions otherwise enjoyed by any person or entity. This immunity shall not apply to the management, operation, or maintenance of a community warning system by a donor organization after a donor organization donates a community warning system to a county of the ninth class, but shall apply to (1) the installation by a donor organization of alert receiver equipment and initiation box equipment, or (2) the operation or maintenance, or both, by a donor organization of stationary terminal equipment and related initiation box equipment, and alert receiver equipment, or both (1) and (2), for communications and operations, provided that the installation, operation, or maintenance, or all of these, by the donor organization is undertaken without compensation, and in accordance with the direction of, or under contract with, a county of the ninth class, whether before or after the donation.

(c) (1) Except as expressly provided in subdivision (b), this section does not negate or impair any duty or cause of action, whether civil or criminal, against a donor organization.

(2) Without limiting the generality of paragraph (1), this section is not intended to, nor shall it be construed to, (A) relieve the manufacturer, designer, developer, installer, or supplier of equipment or software for a community warning system from any obligation or liability under any applicable statute or rule of law, or (B) relieve any donor organization from any liability for the intentional wrongful use of a community warning system or any part thereof.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or of any law relating to indemnity, joint and several liability, or several liability, no claim for contribution or indemnity arises against a donor organization based on the design, development, installation, maintenance, operation, or use of a community warning system for which the donor organization is otherwise immune under the section.

(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or of any law relating to indemnity, joint and several liability, or several liability, no person who is otherwise liable for damages shall be entitled to seek or assert any allocation of any percentage of fault or liability for the purpose of the reduction of damages for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death, based on the participation of a donor organization or a county of the ninth class or its officials or employees in the design, development, installation, maintenance, operation, or use of a community warning system.

### **§ 8656. Extraterritorial performance of functions or duties; applicability of all privileges and immunities, exemptions, rights and benefits**

All of the privileges and immunities from liability; exemptions from laws, ordinances, and rules; all pension, relief, disability, workers' compensation, and other benefits which apply to the activity of officers, agents, or employees of any political subdivision when performing their respective functions within the territorial limits of their respective political subdivisions, shall apply to them to the same degree and extent while engaged in the performance of any of their functions and duties extraterritorially under this chapter.

### **§ 8657. Volunteers; and persons impressed into services during emergency; immunities from liability**

(a) Volunteers duly enrolled or registered with the Office of Emergency Services or any disaster council of any political subdivision, or unregistered persons duly impressed into service during a state of

war emergency, a state of emergency, or a local emergency, in carrying out, complying with, or attempting to comply with, any order or regulation issued or promulgated pursuant to the provisions of this chapter or any local ordinance, or performing any of their authorized functions or duties or training for the performance of their authorized functions or duties, shall have the same degree of responsibility for their actions and enjoy the same immunities as officers and employees of the state and its political subdivisions performing similar work for their respective entities.

(b) No political subdivision or other public agency under any circumstances, nor the officers, employees, agents, or duly enrolled or registered volunteers thereof, or unregistered persons duly impressed into service during a state of war emergency, a state of emergency, or a local emergency, acting within the scope of their official duties under this chapter or any local ordinance shall be liable for personal injury or property damage sustained by any duly enrolled or registered volunteer engaged in or training for emergency preparedness or relief activity, or by any unregistered person duly impressed into service during a state of war emergency, a state of emergency, or a local emergency and engaged in such service. The foregoing shall not affect the right of any such person to receive benefits or compensation which may be specifically provided by the provisions of any federal or state statute nor shall it affect the right of any person to recover under the terms of any policy of insurance.

(c) The California Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council, an advisory committee established pursuant to Section 8590 of this chapter, may advise the Governor of the existence of an earthquake or volcanic prediction having scientific validity. In its review, hearings, deliberations, or other validation procedures, members of the council, jointly and severally, shall have the same degree of responsibility for their actions and enjoy the same immunities as officers and employees of the state and its political subdivisions engaged in similar work in their respective entities. Any person making a presentation to the council as part of the council's validation process, including presentation of a prediction for validation, shall be deemed a member of the council until the council has found the prediction to have or not have scientific validity.

### **§ 8658. *Inmates; of penal or correctional institution; removal to place of safety or release***

In any case in which an emergency endangering the lives of inmates of a state, county, or city penal or correctional institution has occurred or is imminent, the person in charge of the institution may remove the inmates from the institution. He shall, if possible, remove them to a safe and convenient place and there confine them as long as may be necessary to avoid the danger, or, if that is not possible, may release them. Such person shall not be held liable, civilly or criminally, for acts performed pursuant to this section.

### **§ 8659. *Health care providers rendering emergency aid immune from liability; exception***

Any physician or surgeon (whether licensed in this state or any other state), hospital, pharmacist, nurse, or dentist who renders services during any state of war emergency, a state of emergency, or a local emergency at the express or implied request of any responsible state or local official or agency shall have no liability for any injury sustained by any person by reason of such services, regardless of how or under what circumstances or by what cause such injuries are sustained; provided, however, that the immunity herein granted shall not apply in the event of a willful act or omission.

### **§ 8660. *Officers or employees rendering aid pursuant to interstate arrangement or compact; immunity from liability***

No other state or its officers or employees rendering aid in this state pursuant to any interstate arrangement, agreement, or compact shall be liable on account of any act or omission in good faith on the part of such state or its officers or employees while so engaged, or on account of the maintenance or use of any equipment or supplies in connection with an emergency.

## **Article 18 – Political Activity**

### **§ 8661. *Organizations prohibited from political activity***

No organization established under the authority of this chapter shall participate in any form of political activity nor shall it be employed directly or indirectly for political purposes.

## Article 19 – Penalties and Severability

### **§ 8665. *Persons violating or neglecting to obey lawful order or regulation; fine and imprisonment***

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this chapter or who refuses or willfully neglects to obey any lawful order or regulation promulgated or issued as provided in this chapter, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punishable by a fine of not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or by imprisonment for not to exceed six months or by both such fine and imprisonment.

### **§ 8666. *Effect of invalidity of provisions or their application***

If any section, subdivision, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase in this chapter, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, is for any reason held invalid, the validity of the remainder of the chapter, or the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby. The Legislature hereby declares that it would have passed this chapter and each section, subdivision, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that one or more sections, subdivisions, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, be held invalid.

## Article 20 – Effect Upon Existing Matters

### **§ 8668. *Preexisting disaster council, civil defense and disaster plans, documents and agreements to remain in full force and effect***

(a) Any disaster council previously accredited, the State Civil Defense and Disaster Plan, the State Emergency Resources Management Plan, the State Fire Disaster Plan, the State Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Plan, all previously approved civil defense and disaster plans, all mutual aid agreements, and all other documents and agreements existing as of the effective date of this chapter, shall remain in full force and effect until revised, amended, or revoked in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

(b) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to diminish or remove any authority of any city, county, or city and county granted by Section 7 of Article XI of the California Constitution.

# California Disaster Assistance Act

## Government Code

### Chapter 7.5 of Division 1 of Title 2

#### **§ 8680. Citation of chapter**

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Unless the provision or context otherwise requires, the definitions contained in this article govern the construction of this chapter.

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“Local agency” means any city, city and county, county, county office of education, community college district, school district, or special district.

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“Disaster” means a fire, flood, storm, tidal wave, earthquake, terrorism, epidemic, or other similar public calamity that the Governor determines presents a threat to public safety.

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“Project” means the repair or restoration, or both, other than normal maintenance, or the replacement of, real property of a local agency used for essential governmental services, including, but not limited to, buildings, levees, flood control works, channels, irrigation works, streets, roads, bridges, highways, and other public works, that are damaged or destroyed by a disaster. “Project” also includes those activities and expenses allowed under subdivisions (a), (c), (d), and (e) of Section 8685. Except as provided in Section 8686.3, the completion of all or part of a project prior to application for funds pursuant to this chapter shall not disqualify the project or any part thereof.

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**§ 8680.5. Project application**

“Project application” means the written application made by a local agency to the director for state financial assistance, which shall include all damage to public real property that resulted from a disaster within the total jurisdiction of the local agency making application and other activities and expenses as allowed in Section 8685.

**§ 8680.7. Director**

“Director” means the Director of the Office of Emergency Services.

## **§ 8680.8. State agency**

“State agency” means the Department of Transportation, the Department of Water Resources, the Department of General Services, the Department of Health, the Department of Finance, or other state agency or office including, but not limited to, the University of California. The Department of Transportation’s area of responsibility concerns streets, roads, bridge and mass transit repairs. The Department of Water Resources’ area of responsibility concerns dams, levees, flood control works, channels, irrigation works, and other similar projects. The Department of General Services’ area of responsibility concerns buildings, sewer, water systems, and district road and access facility construction, alteration, repair and improvement thereof, and all other projects. The director shall assign applications to the appropriate agencies for investigation.

## **§ 8680.9. Local emergency**

“Local emergency” means a condition of extreme peril to persons or property proclaimed as such by the governing body of the local agency affected, in accordance with Section 8630.

## **§ 8682. Director; Delegation of powers or duties**

The director shall administer this chapter. The director may delegate any power or duty vested in him under this chapter to a state agency or to any other officer or employee of the Office of Emergency Services.

## **§ 8682.2. State agencies to render services and perform duties at request of director**

To the extent that funds are allocated therefor, a state agency, when requested by the director, shall render services and perform duties within its area of responsibility when considered necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

## **§ 8682.6. Local agency agreement to hold state harmless from damages**

The project proposal executed between a local agency and the director pursuant to Section 8685.6 shall contain a provision under which the local agency agrees to hold the state harmless from damages due to the work for which funds are allocated.

**§ 8682.8. Claims of local agencies for payment**

When certified by the director, claims of local agencies for payment shall be presented to the Controller for payment out of funds made available therefor. The director may request the Controller to audit any claim to ensure that funds were expended in accordance with the requirements and purposes of this chapter.

**§ 8682.9. Adoption of regulations**

The director shall adopt regulations, as necessary, to govern the administration of the disaster assistance program authorized by this chapter in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3). These regulations shall include specific project eligibility requirements, a procedure for local governments to request the implementation of programs under this chapter, and a method for evaluating these requests by the Office of Emergency Services.

**§ 8683. Purpose**

Whenever funds are available for purposes of this chapter, the director shall make allocations therefrom in the amounts that he or she determines to be necessary to state agencies for expenditure for making the investigations, estimates, and reports required by this chapter. Those allocations may also be made to provide for preliminary investigations, estimates, reports, training of state agency personnel, or to reimburse the state agencies for expenditures made in anticipation of actual applications by local agencies. Allocations may also be made for the purpose of making any investigations, estimates, and reports that may be necessary to enable local agencies to obtain federal aid for disaster relief purposes, regardless of whether or not that aid is available for projects that are eligible for state allocations pursuant to this chapter. The director may make allocations to any state agency or office from those funds, or other funds available therefor, in the amounts that are necessary to administer this chapter.

**§ 8684.2. Legislative intent; Allocations; Guarantees for interim loans for small businesses affected by disasters or state of emergency**

(a) It is the intent of the Legislature:

(1) To provide the Governor with appropriate emergency powers in order to enable utilization of available emergency funding to provide

guarantees for interim loans to be made by lending institutions, in connection with relief provided for those persons affected by disasters or a state of emergency in affected areas during periods of disaster relief assistance, for the purpose of supplying interim financing to enable small businesses to continue operations pending receipt of federal disaster assistance.

(2) That the Governor should utilize this authority to prevent business insolvencies and loss of employment in areas affected by these disasters.

(b) In addition to the allocations authorized by Section 8683 and the loan guarantee provisions of Section 14030.1 of the Corporations Code, the Governor may allocate funds made available for the purposes of this chapter, in connection with relief provided, in affected areas during the period of federal disaster relief, to the Small Business Expansion Fund for use by the Office of Small Business, pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 14000) of Part 5 of Division 3 of Title 1 of the Corporations Code, to provide guarantees for low-interest interim loans to be made by lending institutions for the purpose of providing interim financing to enable small businesses that have suffered actual physical damage or significant economic losses, as a result of the disaster or state of emergency for which funding under this section is made available, to continue or resume operations pending receipt of loans made or guaranteed by the federal Small Business Administration. The maximum amount of any loan guarantee funded under this paragraph shall not exceed two hundred thousand dollars (\$ 200,000). Each loan guarantee shall not exceed 95 percent of the loan amount, except that a loan guarantee may be for 100 percent of the loan amount if the applicant can demonstrate that access to business records pertinent to the loan application has been precluded by official action prohibiting necessary reentry into the affected business premises or that those business records pertinent to the loan application have been destroyed. The term of the loan shall be determined by the lending institution providing the loan or shall be made payable on the date the proceeds of a loan made or guaranteed by the federal Small Business Administration with respect to the same damage or loss are made available to the borrower, whichever event first occurs.

(c) Loan guarantees for which the initial 12-month term has expired and for which an application for disaster assistance funding from the

federal Small Business Administration is still pending may be extended until the Small Business Administration has reached a final decision on the application. Applications for interim loans shall be processed in an expeditious manner. Wherever possible, lending institutions shall fund nonconstruction loans within 60 calendar days of application. Loan guarantees for loans that have been denied funding by the federal Small Business Administration, may be extended by the financial institution provided that the loan is for no longer than a maximum of seven years, if the business demonstrates the ability to repay the loan with an extended loan term, and a new credit analysis is provided. All loans extended under this provision shall be repaid in installments of principal and interest, and be fully amortized over the term of the loan. Nothing in this section shall preclude the lender from charging reasonable administrative fees in connection with the loan.

(d) Allocations pursuant to this section shall, for purposes of all provisions of law, be deemed to be for extraordinary emergency or disaster response operation costs, as provided in Section 8690.6, incurred by state employees assigned to work on the financial development corporation program.

(e) The Business, Transportation and Housing Agency may adopt regulations to implement the loan guarantee program authorized by this section. The agency may adopt these regulations as emergency regulations in accordance with Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3, and for purposes of that chapter, including Section 11349.6, the adoption of the regulations shall be considered by the Office of Administrative Law to be necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and general welfare. Notwithstanding subdivision (e) of Section 11346.1, the regulations shall be repealed within 180 days after their effective date unless the agency complies with Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3, as provided in subdivision (e) of Section 11346.1.

(f) Within 60 days of the conclusion of the period for guaranteeing loans under any small business disaster loan guarantee program conducted for a disaster as authorized by Section 8684.2, or Section 14075 of the Corporations Code, the agency shall provide a report to the Legislature on loan guarantees approved and rejected by gender, ethnic group, type of business and location, and each participating loan institution.

**§ 8685. Allocation by director; Application for funds by school districts**

From any moneys appropriated for that purpose, and subject to the conditions specified in this article, the director shall allocate funds to meet the cost of any one or more projects as defined in Section 8680.4. Applications by school districts shall be submitted to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for review and approval, in accordance with instructions or regulations developed by the Office of Emergency Services, prior to the allocation of funds by the director.

Moneys appropriated for the purposes of this chapter may be used to provide financial assistance for the following local agency and state costs:

(a) Local agency personnel costs, equipment costs, and the cost of supplies and materials used during disaster response activities, incurred as a result of a state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor, excluding the normal hourly wage costs of employees engaged in emergency work activities.

(b) To repair, restore, reconstruct, or replace facilities belonging to local agencies damaged as a result of disasters as defined in Section 8680.3. Mitigation measures performed pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 8686.4 shall qualify for funding pursuant to this chapter.

(c) Matching fund assistance for cost sharing required under federal disaster assistance programs, as otherwise eligible under this act.

(d) Indirect administrative costs and any other assistance deemed necessary by the director.

(e) Necessary and required site preparation costs for mobilehomes, travel trailers, and other manufactured housing units provided and operated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

**§ 8685.2. Allocation after declaration of local emergency**

An allocation may be made to a local agency for a project when, within 10 days after the actual occurrence of a disaster, the local agency has proclaimed a local emergency and that proclamation is acceptable to the director or upon the order of the Governor when a state of emergency proclamation has been issued, and if the Legislature has appropriated money for allocation for purposes of this chapter.

**§ 8685.4. Application by local agency; Investigation and report by state agency; Extensions of time**

A local agency shall make application to the director for state financial assistance within 60 days after the date of the proclamation of a local emergency. The director may extend the time for this filing only under unusual circumstances. No financial aid shall be provided until a state agency, upon the request of the director, has first investigated and reported upon the proposed work, has estimated the cost of the work, and has filed its report with the director within 60 days from the date the local agency made application, unless the director extends the time because of unusual circumstances. The estimate of cost of the work may include expenditures made by the local agency for the work prior to the making of the estimate. If the reporting state agency fails to report its findings within the 60-day period, and time is not extended by the director, the director may complete the investigation and recover a proportionate amount allocated to the state agency for the balance of the investigation. "Unusual circumstances," as used above, are unavoidable delays that result from recurrence of a disaster, prolonged severe weather within a one-year period, or other conditions beyond the control of the applicant. Delays resulting from administrative procedures are not unusual circumstances which warrant extensions of time.

**§ 8685.6. Written acceptance of project proposal and cost-sharing by local agency; Contents of project proposal**

No money shall be allocated for a project until the local agency has indicated in writing its acceptance of the project proposal and the cost-sharing related thereto in such form as the director prescribes. The project proposal shall provide for the performance of the work by the local agency, or by the state agency in whose area of responsibility such work falls, if the local agency and such state agency determine that the work should be performed by the state agency. The project proposal shall also provide for the methods of handling the funds allocated and the matching funds provided by the local agency. It shall also contain such other provisions as are deemed necessary to assure completion of the work included in the project and the proper expenditure of funds as provided herein.

**§ 8685.7. Law governing performance of work by state or local agency**

Any work performed by a state agency at the request of a local agency shall be agreed upon in writing and be subject to the State Contract Act. Work performed by a local agency shall be subject to the law governing the performance of that work by the local agency and applicable state and federal laws or regulations. Neither the state nor any officer or employee thereof shall have any responsibility in connection with any work performed by a local agency.

**§ 8685.8. Advancement of funds**

Under procedures to be prescribed by the director, a local agency may receive an advance of funds to initiate a project. Such advances shall be limited to not more than 90 percent of the estimated state's share of the project, as determined pursuant to Section 8686.

**§ 8686. Determination of state share of project funds**

(a) For any eligible project, the state share shall amount to no more than 75 percent of total state eligible costs.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the state share shall be up to 100 percent of total state eligible costs connected with the following events:

(1) The October 17, 1989, Loma Prieta earthquake.

(2) The October 20, 1991, East Bay fire.

(3) The fires that occurred in southern California from October 1, 1993, to November 30, 1993, inclusive.

(4) The January 17, 1994, Northridge earthquake.

(5) Storms that occurred in California during the periods commencing January 3, 1995, and February 13, 1995, as specified in agreements between this state and the United States for federal financial assistance.

(6) The storms that occurred in California in December of 1996 and early January of 1997, as specified in agreements between this state and the United States for federal financial assistance.

(7) The winter storms and flooding that occurred from February 1, 1998, to April 30, 1998, inclusive, as specified in agreements between this state and the United States for federal financial assistance.

(8) The wildfires that occurred in southern California commencing October 21, 2003, as specified in agreements between this state and the United States for federal financial assistance.

(9) The December 22, 2003, San Simeon earthquake, as specified in agreements between this state and the United States for federal financial assistance.

(10) The severe storms, flooding, debris flows, and mudslides that occurred during December 27, 2004, to January 11, 2005, inclusive, in southern California, as specified in agreements between this state and the United States for federal financial assistance.

(11) The severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mud and debris flows that occurred in southern California during the period from February 16 to February 23, 2005, inclusive, as specified in agreements between this state and the United States for federal financial assistance.

(c) For any federally declared disaster subsequent to January 1, 1995, that the Legislature has designated in subdivision (b), the state shall assume the increased share specified in subdivision (b) in those cases where the Federal Emergency Management Agency or another applicable federal agency has approved the federal share of costs.

(d) The state shall make no allocation for any project application resulting in a state share of less than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$ 2,500) under this section.

### **§ 8686.1. State share for Middle River levee break in June 2004**

(a) Notwithstanding subdivision (a) of Section 8686, the state share shall be up to 100 percent of total state eligible costs connected with the Middle River levee break in San Joaquin County that occurred in June 2004.

(b) For the disaster that the Legislature has designated in subdivision (a), the state shall assume the increased share specified in subdivision (a) if the Federal Emergency Management Agency or another applicable federal agency has approved the federal share of costs.

(c) The state shall make no allocation for any project application resulting in a state share of less than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$ 2,500) under this section.

**§ 8686.2. Use of federal matching funds**

When the United States or any agency thereof is to provide disaster relief funds for any portion of the cost of a project, the amount so provided shall be deducted from the cost of the project in determining the amount to be allocated by the state and the amount to be contributed by the local agency under Section 8686. It shall not be required that the disaster relief funds to be provided from federal sources shall be paid into the State Treasury, but the director shall, if state funds are available, authorize the work to be commenced when the director has received assurance, adequate in his or her opinion, that the federal disaster relief matching funds will be made available for expenditure for the work, or for payment to the state for performance thereof.

**§ 8686.3. Local agencies to obtain maximum federal participation**

Local agencies shall undertake to recover maximum federal participation in funding projects. No funds allocated under this chapter shall be used to supplant federal funds otherwise available in the absence of state financial relief. State contributions for such projects as determined by Section 8686 will be reduced by an amount equal to the amount local agencies would have recovered from federal disaster relief sources if they had applied for that funding and had executed the eligible projects in conformity with federal requirements. When a local agency applies for federal disaster relief funds, the director shall inform the agency of available state funds.

**§ 8686.4. Replacement of facility in preference to repair or restoration; Maximum state contribution**

(a) Whenever the local agency and the director determine for projects that the general public and state interest will be better served by replacing a damaged or destroyed facility with a facility that will more adequately serve the present and future public needs than would be accomplished merely by repairing or restoring the damaged or destroyed facility, the director shall authorize the replacement, including, in the case of a public building, an increase in the square footage of the building replaced, but the cost of the betterment of the facility, to the extent that it exceeds the cost of repairing or restoring the damaged or destroyed facility, shall be borne and contributed by the local agency, and the excess cost shall be excluded in determining

the amount to be allocated by the state. The state contribution shall not exceed the net cost of restoring each facility on the basis of the design of the facility as it existed immediately prior to the disaster in conformity with current codes, specifications, and standards.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), when the director determines there are mitigation measures that are cost effective and that substantially reduce the risk of future damage, hardship, loss, or suffering in any area where a state of emergency has been proclaimed by the Governor, the director may authorize the implementation of those measures.

### **§ 8686.8. Loans to local agencies unable to meet matching requirements; Deferred payment agreements**

If the director determines that a local agency is financially unable to meet the matching requirements set forth in Section 8686, or unable to provide funds for replacement of a facility pursuant to Section 8686.4, the director may, if that loan would not result in a violation of Section 18 of Article XVI of the California Constitution and out of any state money made available for purposes of this chapter, lend funds, for the completion of a project or projects. The local agency shall be required by the director to make its contribution by means of deferred payments. The deferred payments shall be made in the amounts and at the times provided by the agreement executed in connection with the application, but in any event providing full repayment within 10 years, and shall include a charge to be fixed by the director in an amount estimated by him or her to equal the revenue that the state would have derived by investing the total amounts loaned at the interest rate prevailing for legal state investments as of the date of the loan.

### **§ 8687. Revenues available for deferred payments**

Deferred payments made by a local agency pursuant to Section 8686.8 shall be made by the agency:

(a) Out of the current revenues of the local agency.

(b) If the current revenues of a city, county, or city and county, prove insufficient to enable the agency to meet the payments, the director may order the State Controller to withhold from the local agency funds that the local agency would be entitled from the state, including, as to street and highway projects as defined by Sections 590 and 592

of the Vehicle Code, from the Motor Vehicle License Fee Fund to the extent necessary to meet the deficiency.

Those sums shall be credited to the funds in the State Treasury from which the loans were made.

### **§ 8687.2. Suspension of local agency contribution requirements**

Notwithstanding Section 8686, whenever the director determines that a local agency to which funds are proposed to be allocated for a public facilities project is financially unable to meet the matching requirements set forth in Section 8686 due to exhaustion of its financial resources because of disaster expenditures, the provisions of Section 8686 may be suspended, and the director may allocate funds to pay all of the cost of the project or that portion of the cost which the director determines is necessary to accomplish the project, taking into consideration the financial ability of the local agency to meet the matching requirements of Section 8686 and the public benefit of the proposed work, less any money provided by the United States or any agency thereof for any portion of the cost of the project.

### **§ 8687.4. Payment of street and highway project costs by state when local resources exhausted**

Whenever the director determines that a local agency which would otherwise be eligible for funds under the formula of Section 8686 is unable to finance a project due to exhaustion of its financial resources because of disaster expenditures, the director may allocate funds to pay such portion of the cost of the project as the director determines is necessary to accomplish the projects.

### **§ 8687.6. Limitation as to amount of reduction of contribution when local agency is county**

If the local agency, under Section 8687.4, is a county, the amount contributed by the county shall not be reduced to less than an amount of money equal to the amount allocated to the county for the fiscal year prior to the disaster proclamation pursuant to Section 2110.5 of the Streets and Highways Code.

### **§ 8687.7. Model emergency recovery process**

(a) As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

- (1) "Community" means a geographic area impacted by an

emergency proclaimed by the Governor that includes the jurisdiction of one or more local agencies.

(2) “Community recovery partners” means local, state, and federal agencies, private nonprofit organizations, nongovernmental agencies, faith-based organizations, and other private entities.

(b) The office may establish a model process that would be made available to assist a community in recovering from an emergency proclaimed by the Governor. The model process may include the following:

(1) The role of the office in the community recovery process.

(2) Procedures for the office to have representation onsite as soon as practicable after the Governor proclaims a state of emergency.

(3) The role of the office to facilitate the use of temporary services, including, but not limited to, direct assistance to individuals, families, and businesses, crisis counseling, disaster unemployment assistance, food and clothing vouchers, communications systems, replacement of personal identification documents, provision of potable water, housing, farm service assistance, tax relief, insurance, and legal services.

(4) The role of the office to facilitate the establishment of temporary structures, including local assistance centers, showers and bathroom facilities, and temporary administrative offices.

(5) Measures to encourage the participation of nongovernmental organizations in the community recovery process to supplement recovery activities undertaken by federal or local agencies.

(6) The office may refer the model process to the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) Advisory Board, or any other advisory board it deems appropriate, for review and modifications.

(7) It is the intent of the Legislature that the model process assists and complements local procedures. The model process should allow the office to offer additional assistance when that assistance is needed but not available through local agencies.

### **§ 8687.8. Determination as to whether county’s financial resources are exhausted**

If the local agency, under Section 8687.4, is a county, the director, in determining whether the county’s financial resources are exhausted, shall ascertain whether the county has levied, during the then current

year (the year of the disaster), the maximum property tax for highway purposes authorized by Section 1550 of the Streets and Highways Code in the road district in which the work is proposed, and if such tax is being levied at less than the maximum rate authorized by Section 1550, the amount to be allocated by the director under this section shall be reduced by an amount equivalent to the difference between the revenue derived from the property tax being levied for highway purposes in such road district and the revenue which would have been derived from such tax at the maximum rate authorized by Section 1550. In determining if a county has levied sufficient taxes, amounts to be received from other taxes levied by that county and used for road purposes shall be included.

### **§ 8690.25. Disaster Assistance Fund**

The Disaster Assistance Fund, referred to as “fund” in this article, is hereby created as a special fund in the State Treasury. This fund and its subsidiary account, the Earthquake Emergency Investigations Account, are continuously appropriated, without regard to fiscal years, for purposes of this act.

### **§ 8690.45. Earthquake Emergency Investigations Account**

The Controller shall establish the following special account in the Disaster Assistance Fund.

The Earthquake Emergency Investigations Account, into which shall be paid all moneys appropriated by the Legislature to the Seismic Safety Commission for allocation for the purpose of enabling immediate investigation of damaging earthquakes. Allocations may be made by the commission to assist organizations that have incurred expenses in the course of conducting earthquake investigations. Allocations may be made to cover the following expenses:

- (a) Travel, meals, and lodging.
- (b) Publishing of findings.
- (c) Contractor assistance in the investigation.
- (d) Other expenses that the commission may allow as necessary to assist the investigation.

The unpredictable nature of earthquakes necessitates immediate access to funds for investigative purposes. For this reason, notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds in the Earthquake

Emergency Investigations Account shall be available for expenditure without regard to fiscal years.

### **§ 8690.5. Availability of moneys in fund**

Income from investment of moneys in the fund and all payments by local agencies in reimbursement of moneys disbursed from the fund, including deferred payments with charges, and all other moneys deposited therein pursuant to law, shall be available for expenditure, transfer and allocation pursuant to this chapter.

### **§ 8690.6. (Repealed July 1, 2007) Disaster Response-Emergency Operations Account established**

(a) The Disaster Response-Emergency Operations Account is hereby established in the Special Fund for Economic Uncertainties. Notwithstanding Section 13340, moneys in the account are continuously appropriated, subject to the limitations specified in subdivisions (c) and (d), without regard to fiscal years, for allocation by the Director of Finance to state agencies for disaster response operation costs incurred by state agencies as a result of a proclamation by the Governor of a state of emergency, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 8558. These allocations may be for activities that occur within 120 days after a proclamation of emergency by the Governor.

(b) It is the intent of the Legislature that the Disaster Response-Emergency Operations Account have an unencumbered balance of one million dollars (\$ 1,000,000) at the beginning of each fiscal year. If this account requires additional moneys to meet claims against the account, the Director of Finance may transfer moneys from the Special Fund for Economic Uncertainties to the account in an amount sufficient to pay the amount of the claims that exceed the unencumbered balance in the account.

(c) Funds shall be allocated from the account subject to the conditions of this section and upon notification by the Director of Finance to the chairperson of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and the chairpersons of the fiscal committees in each house.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, authorizations for acquisitions, relocations, and environmental mitigations related to activities, as described in subdivision (a), shall be authorized pursuant to this section. However, these funds may only be authorized for

needs that are a direct consequence of the proclaimed emergency where failure to undertake the project may interrupt essential state services or jeopardize public health or safety. In addition, any acquisition accomplished under this subdivision shall comply with any otherwise applicable law, except as provided in the first sentence of this subdivision.

(e) No funds allocated under this section shall be used to supplant federal funds otherwise available in the absence of state financial relief.

(f) The amount of financial assistance provided to an individual, business, or governmental entity under this section, or pursuant to any other program of state-funded disaster assistance, shall be deducted from sums received in payment of damage claims asserted against the state, its agents, or employees, for causing or contributing to the effects of the proclaimed disaster.

(g) No public entity administering disaster assistance to individuals shall receive funds under this section unless it administers that assistance pursuant to the following criteria:

(1) All applications, forms, and other written materials presented to persons seeking assistance shall be available in English and in the same language as that used by the major non-English-speaking group within the disaster area.

(2) Bilingual staff who reflect the demographics of the disaster area shall be available to applicants.

(h) This section shall remain in effect only until July 1, 2007, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before July 1, 2007, deletes or extends that date.

### **§ 8690.7. *Financial liability for funds distributed to other local agencies***

Any county which distributed funds to other local agencies pursuant to Chapter 16 of the Statutes of 1986 shall not be held financially liable for those funds or responsible for any collection of those funds.

This section shall not preclude the state or any county from collecting funds distributed pursuant to Chapter 16 of the Statutes of 1986 from local agencies.

# Emergency Compacts

- *Interstate Civil Defense and Disaster Compact (1951)*
- *Emergency Management Assistance Compact (2005)*

## Interstate Civil Defense and Disaster Compact (1951)

### § 177. *Ratification and approval*

The Interstate Civil Defense and Disaster Compact as set forth in Section 178 executed between the State of California, through its then Governor, Earl Warren, on December 10, 1951, and other states which are parties to the compact, is hereby ratified and approved.

### § 178. *Provisions*

The provisions of the Interstate Civil Defense and Disaster Compact between the State of California and other states which are parties to the compact referred to in Section 177 are as follows:

The State of California, through its Governor, duly authorized, solemnly agrees with any other state or territory of the United States which is or may become a party to this compact, as follows:

### Article I.

The purpose of this compact is to provide mutual aid among the states in meeting any emergency or disaster from enemy attack or other cause (natural or otherwise) including sabotage and subversive acts and direct attacks by bombs, shellfire, and atomic, radiological, chemical, bacteriological means, and other weapons. The prompt, full and effective utilization of the resources of the respective states, including such resources as may be available from the United States Government or any other source, are essential to the safety, care and welfare of the people thereof in the event of enemy action or other emergency, and any other resources, including personnel, equipment

or supplies, shall be incorporated into a plan or plans of mutual aid to be developed among the civil defense agencies or similar bodies of the states that are parties hereto. The directors of civil defense of all party states shall constitute a committee to formulate plans and take all necessary steps for the implementation of this compact.

### **Article 2.**

It shall be the duty of each party state to formulate civil defense plans and programs for application within such state. There shall be frequent consultation between the representatives of the states and with the United States Government and the free exchange of information and plans, including inventories of any materials and equipment available for civil defense. In carrying out such civil defense plans and programs the party states shall so far as possible provide and follow uniform standards, practices and rules and regulations including:

(a) Insignia, arm bands and any other distinctive articles to designate and distinguish the different civil defense services;

(b) Blackouts and practice blackouts, air raid drills, mobilization of civil defense forces and other tests and exercises;

(c) Warnings and signals for drills or attacks and the mechanical devices to be used in connection therewith;

(d) The effective screening or extinguishing of all lights and lighting devices and appliances;

(e) Shutting off water mains, gas mains, electric power connections and the suspension of all other utility services;

(f) All materials or equipment used or to be used for civil defense purposes in order to assure that such materials and equipment will be easily and freely interchangeable when used in or by any other party state;

(g) The conduct of civilians and the movement and cessation of movement of pedestrians and vehicular traffic, prior, during, and subsequent to drills or attacks;

(h) The safety of public meetings or gatherings; and

(i) Mobile support units.

### **Article 3.**

Any party state requested to render mutual aid shall take such action as is necessary to provide and make available the resources covered by this compact in accordance with the terms hereof; provided that it is understood that the state rendering aid may withhold resources to the extent necessary to provide reasonable protection for such state. Each party state shall extend to the civil defense forces of any other party state, while operating within its state limits under the terms and conditions of this compact, the same powers (except that of arrest unless specifically authorized by the receiving state), duties, rights, privileges and immunities as if they were performing their duties in the state in which normally employed or rendering services. Civil defense forces will continue under the command and control of their regular leaders but the organizational units will come under the operational control of the civil defense authorities of the state receiving assistance.

### **Article 4.**

Whenever any person holds a license, certificate or other permit issued by any state evidencing the meeting of qualifications for professional, mechanical or other skills, such person may render aid involving such skill in any party state to meet an emergency or disaster and such state shall give due recognition to such license, certificate or other permit as if issued in the state in which aid is rendered.

### **Article 5.**

No party state or its officers or employees rendering aid in another state pursuant to this compact shall be liable on account of any act or omission in good faith on the part of such forces while so engaged, or on account of the maintenance or use of any equipment or supplies in connection therewith.

### **Article 6.**

Inasmuch as it is probable that the pattern and detail of the machinery for mutual aid among two or more states may differ from that appropriate among other states party hereto, this instrument contains elements of a broad base common to all states, and nothing herein contained shall preclude any state from

entering into supplementary agreements with other state or states. Such supplementary agreements may comprehend, but shall not be limited to, provisions for evacuation and reception of injured and other persons, and the exchange of medical, fire, police, public utility, reconnaissance, welfare, transportation and communications personnel, equipment and supplies.

### **Article 7.**

Each party state shall provide for the payment of compensation and death benefits to injured members of the civil defense forces of that state and the representatives of deceased members of such forces in case such members sustain injuries or are killed while rendering aid pursuant to this compact, in the same manner and on the same terms as if the injury or death were sustained within such state.

### **Article 8.**

Any party state rendering aid in another state pursuant to this compact shall be reimbursed by the party state receiving such aid for any loss or damage to, or expense incurred in the operation of, any equipment answering a request for aid, and for the cost incurred in connection with such requests; provided, that any aiding party state may assume in whole or in part such loss, damage, expense, or other cost, or may loan such equipment or donate such services to the receiving party state without charge or cost; and provided further that any two or more party states may enter into supplementary agreements establishing a different allocation of costs as among those states. The United States Government may relieve the party state receiving aid from any liability and reimburse the party state supplying civil defense forces for the compensation paid to and the transportation, subsistence and maintenance expenses of such forces during the time of the rendition of such aid or assistance outside the state and may also pay fair and reasonable compensation for the use or utilization of the supplies, materials, equipment or facilities so utilized or consumed.

### **Article 9.**

Plans for the orderly evacuation and reception of the civilian population as the result of an emergency or disaster shall be worked

out from time to time between representatives of the party states and the various local civil defense areas thereof. Such plans shall include the manner of transporting such evacuees, the number of evacuees to be received in different areas, the manner in which food, clothing, housing, and medical care will be provided, the registration of the evacuees, the providing of facilities for the notification of relatives or friends, and the forwarding of such evacuees to other areas or the bringing in of additional materials, supplies, and all other relevant factors. Such plans shall provide that the party state receiving evacuees shall be reimbursed generally for the out-of-pocket expenses incurred in receiving and caring for such evacuees, and for expenditures for transportation, food, clothing, medicines and medical care and like items. Such expenditures shall be reimbursed by the party state of which the evacuees are residents, or by the United States Government under plans approved by it. After the termination of the emergency or disaster the party state of which the evacuees are resident shall assume the responsibility for the ultimate support or repatriation of such evacuees.

### **Article 10.**

This compact shall be available to any state, territory or possession of the United States, and the District of Columbia. The term “state” may also include any neighboring foreign country or province or state thereof.

### **Article 11.**

The committee established pursuant to Article I of this compact may request the Civil Defense Agency of the United States Government to act as an informational and coordinating body under this compact, and representatives of such agency of the United States Government may attend meetings of such committee.

### **Article 12.**

This compact shall become operative immediately upon its ratification by any state as between it and any other state or states so ratifying and shall be subject to approval by Congress unless prior congressional approval has been given. Duly authenticated copies of this compact and of such supplementary agreements as may be

entered into shall, at the time of their approval, be deposited with each of the party states and with the Civil Defense Agency and other appropriate agencies of the United States Government.

### **Article 13.**

This compact shall continue in force and remain binding on each party state until the Legislature or the Governor of such party state takes action to withdraw therefrom. Such actions shall not be effective until 30 days after notice thereof has been sent by the Governor of the party state desiring to withdraw to the Governors of all other party states.

### **Article 14.**

This compact shall be construed to effectuate the purposes stated in Article I hereof. If any provision of this compact is declared unconstitutional, or the applicability thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the constitutionality of the remainder of this compact and the applicability thereof to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Done at the State Capitol in Sacramento, this 10th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty one.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I hereby affix my signature, pursuant to the authority vested in me by law as Governor of the State of California.  
Signed Earl Warren, Governor

#### **§ 178.5. Additional authority of Governor**

In addition to any other authority conferred upon him, the Governor is authorized and may execute for, on behalf of, and in the name of the State of California, the provision of Article XV to the Interstate Civil Defense and Disaster Compact, which provisions provide as follows:

Article XV. (a) This article shall be in effect only as among those states which have enacted it into law or in which the governors have adopted it pursuant to constitutional or statutory authority sufficient to give it the force of law as part of this compact. Nothing contained in this article or in any supplementary agreement made in implementation thereof shall be construed to abridge, impair or supersede any other provision of this compact or any obligation

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undertaken by a state pursuant thereto, except that if its terms so provide a supplementary agreement in implementation of this article may modify, expend or add to any such obligation as among the parties to the supplementary agreement.

(b) In addition to the occurrences, circumstances and subject matters to which preceding articles of this compact make it applicable, this compact and the authorizations, entitlements and procedures thereof shall apply to:

1. Searches for and rescue of persons who are lost, marooned, or otherwise in danger.

2. Action useful in coping with disasters arising from any cause or designed to increase the capability to cope with any such disasters.

3. Incidents, or the imminence thereof, which endanger the health or safety of the public and which require the use of special equipment, trained personnel or personnel in larger numbers than are locally available in order to reduce, counteract or remove the danger.

4. The giving and receiving of aid by subdivisions of party states.

5. Exercises, drills or other training or practice activities designed to aid personnel to prepare for, cope with or prevent any disaster or other emergency to which this compact applies.

(c) Except as expressly limited by this compact or a supplementary agreement in force pursuant thereto, any aid authorized by this compact or such supplementary agreement may be furnished by any agency of a party state, a subdivision of such state, or by a joint agency providing such aid shall be entitled to reimbursement therefor to the same extent and in the same manner as a state. The personnel of such a joint agency, when rendering aid pursuant to this compact shall have the same rights, authority and immunity as personnel of party states.

(d) Nothing in this article shall be construed to exclude from the coverage of Articles I-XIV of this compact any matter which, in the absence of this article, could reasonably be construed to be covered thereby.

(e) Nothing in subsection (a) shall be construed to limit previous or future entry into the Interstate Civil Defense and Disaster Compact of this State with other states.

## Emergency Management Assistance Compact (2005)

**§ 179. (Inoperative March 1, 2007; Repealed January 1, 2008)**  
**Legislative intent; Ratification of Compact**

(a) It is the intent of the State of California to continue its long history of sharing emergency response resources with other states during times of disaster. Californian's have benefited from the assistance provided by the firefighters, law enforcement officers, emergency medical personnel and other emergency staff received from other states during our calamitous fires, earthquakes, winter storms, and other disasters. We must now join our sister states in ensuring we are prepared to aid our people during emergencies by entering into the Emergency Management Assistance Compact as it was adopted by Congress.

(b) The Emergency Management Assistance Compact as set forth in Section 179.5 is hereby ratified and approved.

**§ 179.5. (Inoperative March 1, 2007; Repealed January 1, 2008) Emergency Management Assistance Compact; Provisions**

The provisions of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact between the State of California and other states that are parties to the compact referred to in Section 179 are as follows:

### Article I. – Purposes and Authorities

This compact is made and entered into by and between the participating member states which enact this compact, hereafter called party states. For the purposes of this agreement, the term "states" is taken to mean the several states, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, and all United States territorial possessions.

The purpose of this compact is to provide for mutual assistance between the states entering into this compact in managing any emergency or disaster that is duly declared by the governor of the affected state, whether arising from natural disaster, technological hazard, manmade disaster, civil emergency aspects of resource shortages, community disorders, insurgency, or enemy attack.

This compact shall also provide for mutual cooperation in emergency-related exercises, testing, or other training activities

using equipment and personnel simulating performance of any aspect of the giving and receiving of aid by party states or subdivisions of party states during emergencies, such actions occurring outside actual declared emergency periods. Mutual assistance in this compact may include the use of the states' National Guard forces, either in accordance with the National Guard Mutual Assistance Compact or by mutual agreement between states.

### **Article 2. – General Implementation**

Each party state entering into this compact recognizes many emergencies transcend political jurisdictional boundaries and that intergovernmental coordination is essential in managing these and other emergencies under this compact. Each state further recognizes that there will be emergencies which require immediate access and present procedures to apply outside resources to make a prompt and effective response to such an emergency. This is because few, if any, individual states have all the resources they may need in all types of emergencies or the capability of delivering resources to areas where emergencies exist.

The prompt, full, and effective utilization of resources of the participating states, including any resources on hand or available from the federal government or any other source, that are essential to the safety, care, and welfare of the people in the event of any emergency or disaster declared by a party state, shall be the underlying principle on which all articles of this compact shall be understood. On behalf of the governor of each state participating in the compact, the legally designated state official who is assigned responsibility for emergency management will be responsible for formulation of the appropriate interstate mutual aid plans and procedures necessary to implement this compact.

### **Article 3. – Party State Responsibilities**

(a) It shall be the responsibility of each party state to formulate procedural plans and programs for interstate cooperation in the performance of the responsibilities listed in this article. In formulating such plans, and in carrying them out, the party states, insofar as practical, shall:

- (1) Review individual state hazards analyses and, to the extent

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reasonably possible, determine all those potential emergencies the party states might jointly suffer, whether due to natural disaster, technological hazard, manmade disaster, emergency aspects of resource shortages, civil disorders, insurgency, or enemy attack.

(2) Review party states' individual emergency plans and develop a plan which will determine the mechanism for the interstate management and provision of assistance concerning any potential emergency.

(3) Develop interstate procedures to fill any identified gaps and to resolve any identified inconsistencies or overlaps in existing or developed plans.

(4) Assist in warning communities adjacent to or crossing the state boundaries.

(5) Protect and assure uninterrupted delivery of services, medicines, water, food, energy and fuel, search and rescue, and critical lifeline equipment, services, and resources, both human and material.

(6) Inventory and set procedures for the interstate loan and delivery of human and material resources, together with procedures for reimbursement or forgiveness.

(7) Provide, to the extent authorized by law, for temporary suspension of any statutes.

(b) The authorized representative of a party state may request assistance of another party state by contacting the authorized representative of that state. The provisions of this agreement shall only apply to requests for assistance made by and to authorized representatives. Requests may be verbal or in writing. If verbal, the request shall be confirmed in writing within 30 days of the verbal request. Requests shall provide the following information:

(1) A description of the emergency service function for which assistance is needed, including, but not limited to, fire services, law enforcement, emergency medical, transportation, communications, public works and engineering, building inspection, planning and information assistance, mass care, resource support, health and medical services, and search and rescue.

(2) The amount and type of personnel, equipment, materials and supplies needed, and a reasonable estimate of the length of time they will be needed.

(3) The specific place and time for staging of the assisting party's response and a point of contact at that location.

(c) There shall be frequent consultation between state officials who have assigned emergency management responsibilities and other appropriate representatives of the party states with affected jurisdictions and the United States Government, with free exchange of information, plans, and resource records relating to emergency capabilities.

### **Article 4. – Limitations**

Any party state requested to render mutual aid or conduct exercises and training for mutual aid shall take such action as is necessary to provide and make available the resources covered by this compact in accordance with the terms hereof; provided that it is understood that the state rendering aid may withhold resources to the extent necessary to provide reasonable protection for such state. Each party state shall afford to the emergency forces of any party state, while operating within its state limits under the terms and conditions of this compact, the same powers (except that of arrest unless specifically authorized by the receiving state), duties, rights, and privileges as are afforded forces of the state in which they are performing emergency services. Emergency forces will continue under the command and control of their regular leaders, but the organizational units will come under the operational control of the emergency services authorities of the state receiving assistance. These conditions may be activated, as needed, only subsequent to a declaration of a state of emergency or disaster by the governor of the party state that is to receive assistance or commencement of exercises or training for mutual aid and shall continue so long as the exercises or training for mutual aid are in progress, the state of emergency or disaster remains in effect, or loaned resources remain in the receiving state, whichever is longer.

### **Article 5. – Licenses and Permits**

Whenever any person holds a license, certificate, or other permit issued by any state party to the compact evidencing the meeting of qualifications for professional, mechanical, or other skills, and when such assistance is requested by the receiving party state, such person shall be deemed licensed, certified, or permitted by the

state requesting assistance to render aid involving such skill to meet a declared emergency or disaster, subject to such limitations and conditions as the governor of the requesting state may prescribe by executive order or otherwise.

### **Article 6. – Liability**

Officers or employees of a party state rendering aid in another state pursuant to this compact shall be considered agents of the requesting state for tort liability and immunity purposes. No party state or its officers or employees rendering aid in another state pursuant to this compact shall be liable on account of any act or omission in good faith on the part of such forces while so engaged or on account of the maintenance or use of any equipment or supplies in connection therewith. Good faith in this article shall not include willful misconduct, gross negligence, or recklessness.

### **Article 7. – Supplementary Agreements**

Inasmuch as it is probable that the pattern and detail of the machinery for mutual aid among two or more states may differ from that among the states that are party hereto, this instrument contains elements of a broad base common to all states, and nothing herein contained shall preclude any state from entering into supplementary agreements with another state or affect any other agreements already in force between states. Supplementary agreements may comprehend, but shall not be limited to, provisions for evacuation and reception of injured and other persons and the exchange of medical, fire, police, public utility, reconnaissance, welfare, transportation, and communications personnel, and equipment and supplies.

### **Article 8. – Compensation**

Each party state shall provide for the payment of compensation and death benefits to injured members of the emergency forces of that state and representatives of deceased members of such forces in case such members sustain injuries or are killed while rendering aid pursuant to this compact, in the same manner and on the same terms as if the injury or death were sustained within their own state.

### **Article 9. – Reimbursement**

Any party state rendering aid in another state pursuant to this compact shall be reimbursed by the party state receiving such aid for any loss or damage to or expense incurred in the operation of any equipment and the provision of any service in answering a request for aid and for the costs incurred in connection with such requests; provided, that any aiding party state may assume in whole or in part such loss, damage, expense, or other cost, or may loan such equipment or donate such services to the receiving party state without charge or cost; and provided further, that any two or more party states may enter into supplementary agreements establishing a different allocation of costs among those states. Article 8 expenses shall not be reimbursable under this provision.

### **Article 10. – Evacuation**

Plans for the orderly evacuation and interstate reception of portions of the civilian population as the result of any emergency or disaster of sufficient proportions to so warrant, shall be worked out and maintained between the party states and the emergency management/services directors of the various jurisdictions where any type of incident requiring evacuations might occur. Such plans shall be put into effect by request of the state from which evacuees come and shall include the manner of transporting such evacuees, the number of evacuees to be received in different areas, the manner in which food, clothing, housing, and medical care will be provided, the registration of the evacuees, the providing of facilities for the notification of relatives or friends, and the forwarding of such evacuees to other areas or the bringing in of additional materials, supplies, and all other relevant factors. Such plans shall provide that the party state receiving evacuees and the party state from which the evacuees come shall mutually agree as to reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred in receiving and caring for such evacuees, for expenditures for transportation, food, clothing, medicines, and medical care, and like items. Such expenditures shall be reimbursed as agreed by the party state from which the evacuees come. After the termination of the emergency or disaster, the party state from which the evacuees come shall assume the responsibility for the ultimate support of repatriation of such evacuees.

### **Article 11. – Implementation**

(a) This compact shall become operative immediately upon its enactment into law by any two states. Thereafter, this compact shall become effective as to any other state upon its enactment by such state.

(b) Any party state may withdraw from this compact by enacting a statute repealing the same, but no such withdrawal shall take effect until 30 days after the governor of the withdrawing state has given notice in writing of such withdrawal to the governors of all other party states. Such action shall not relieve the withdrawing state from obligations assumed hereunder prior to the effective date of withdrawal.

(c) Duly authenticated copies of this compact and of such supplementary agreements as may be entered into shall, at the time of their approval, be deposited with each of the party states and with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other appropriate agencies of the United States Government.

### **Article 12. – Validity**

This act shall be construed to effectuate the purposes stated in Article 1 hereof. If any provision of this compact is declared unconstitutional, or the applicability thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the constitutionality of the remainder of this act and the applicability thereof to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

### **Article 13. – Additional Provisions**

Nothing in this compact shall authorize or permit the use of military force by the National Guard of a state at any place outside that state in any emergency for which the President is authorized by law to call into federal service the militia, or for any purpose for which the use of the Army or the Air Force would in the absence of express statutory authorization be prohibited under Section 1385 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

**§ 179.7. (Inoperative March 1, 2007; Repealed January 1, 2008) Indemnification of officer or employee injured or killed while rendering aid in another state**

(a) Notwithstanding Article 6 of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, as set forth in Section 179.5, the state shall indemnify and make whole any officer or employee who is a resident of California, or his or her heirs, if the officer or employee is injured or killed in another state when rendering aid pursuant to the compact, as if the act or acts occurred in California, less any recovery obtained under the provisions of Article 6 of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact.

(b) Local government or special district personnel who are officially deployed under the provisions of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact pursuant to an assignment of the Office of Emergency Services shall be defended by the Attorney General or other legal counsel provided by the state, and shall be indemnified subject to the same conditions and limitations applicable to state employees.

**§ 179.9. (Inoperative March 1, 2007; Repealed January 1, 2008) Repeal of article**

This article shall become inoperative on March 1, 2007, and, as of January 1, 2008, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that becomes operative on or before January 1, 2008, deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and is repealed.

# California Disaster and Civil Defense Master Mutual Aid Agreement

This agreement made and entered into by and between the STATE OF CALIFORNIA, its various departments and agencies, and the various political subdivisions, municipal corporations, and other public agencies of the State of California;

## **WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary that all of the resources and facilities of the State, its various departments and agencies, and all its political subdivisions, municipal corporations, and other public agencies be made available to prevent and combat the effect of disasters which may result from such calamities as flood, fire, earthquake, pestilence, war, sabotage, and riot; and

**WHEREAS**, it is desirable that each of the parties hereto should voluntarily aid and assist each other in the event that a disaster should occur, by the interchange of services and facilities, including, but not limited to, fire, police, medical and health, communication, and transportation services and facilities, to cope with the problems of rescue, relief, evacuation, rehabilitation, and reconstruction which would arise in the event of a disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and desirable that a cooperative agreement be executed for the interchange of such mutual aid on a local, countywide, regional, statewide, and interstate basis;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED** by and between each and all of the parties hereto as follows:

1. Each party shall develop a plan providing for the effective mobilization of all its resources and facilities, both public and private, to cope with any type of disaster.
2. Each party agrees to furnish resources and facilities and to render services to each and every other party to this agreement to prevent

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and combat any type of disaster in accordance with duly adopted mutual aid operational plans, whether heretofore or hereafter adopted, detailing the method and manner by which such resources, facilities, and services are to be made available and furnished, which operational plans may include provisions for training and testing to make such mutual aid effective; provided, however, that no party shall be required to deplete unreasonably its own resources, facilities, and services in furnishing such mutual aid.

3. It is expressly understood that this agreement and the operational plans adopted pursuant thereto shall not supplant existing agreements between some of the parties hereto providing for the exchange or furnishing of certain types of facilities and services on a reimbursable, exchange, or other basis, but that the mutual aid extended under this agreement and the operational plans adopted pursuant thereto, shall be without reimbursement unless otherwise expressly provided for by the parties to this agreement or as provided in Sections 1541, 1586, and 1587, Military and Veterans Code; and that such mutual aid is intended to be available in the event of a disaster of such magnitude that it is, or is likely to be, beyond the control of a single party and requires the combined forces of several or all of the parties to this agreement to combat.

4. It is expressly understood that the mutual aid extended under this agreement and the operational plans adopted pursuant thereto shall be available and furnished in all cases of local peril or emergency and in all cases in which a *STATE OF EXTREME EMERGENCY* has been proclaimed.

5. It is expressly understood that any mutual aid extended under this agreement and the operational plans adopted pursuant thereto, is furnished in accordance with the "California Disaster Act" and other applicable provisions of law, and except as otherwise provided by law that: "The responsible local official in whose jurisdiction an incident requiring mutual aid has occurred shall remain in charge at such incident including the direction of such personnel and equipment provided him through the operation of such mutual aid plans." (Section 1564, Military and Veterans Code.)

6. It is expressly understood that when and as the State of California enters into mutual aid agreements with other states and the Federal Government, the parties to this agreement shall abide by such mutual aid agreements in accordance with the law.

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7. Upon approval or execution of this agreement by the parties hereto all mutual aid operational plans heretofore approved by the State Disaster Council, or its predecessors, and in effect as to some of the parties hereto, shall remain in full force and effect as to them until the same may be amended, revised, or modified. Additional mutual aid operational plans and amendments, revisions, or modifications of existing or hereafter adopted mutual aid operational plans, shall be adopted as follows:

a. Countywide and local mutual aid operational plans shall be developed by the parties thereto and are operative as between the parties thereto in accordance with the provisions of such operational plans. Such operational plans shall be submitted to the State Disaster Council for approval. The State Disaster Council shall notify each party to such operational plans of its approval, and shall also send copies of such operational plans to other parties to this agreement who did not participate in such operational plans and who are in the same area and affected by such operational plans. Such operational plans shall be operative as to such other parties 20 days after receipt thereof unless within that time the party by resolution or notice given to the State Disaster Council, in the same manner as notice of termination of participation in this agreement, declines to participate in the particular operational plan.

b. Statewide and regional mutual aid operational plans shall be approved by the State Disaster Council and copies thereof shall forthwith be sent to each and every party affected by such operational plans. Such operational plans shall be operative as to the parties affected thereby 20 days after receipt thereof unless within that time the party by resolution or notice given to the State Disaster Council, in the same manner as notice of termination of participation in this agreement, declines to participate in the particular operational plan.

c. The declination of one or more of the parties to participate in a particular operational plan or any amendment, revision or modification thereof, shall not affect the operation of this agreement and the other operational plans adopted pursuant thereto.

d. Any party may at any time by resolution or notice given to the State Disaster Council, in the same manner as notice of termination of participation in this agreement, decline to participate in any

particular operational plan, which declination shall become effective 20 days after filing with the State Disaster Council.

e. The State Disaster Council shall send copies of all operational plans to those state departments and agencies designated by the Governor. The Governor may, upon behalf of any department or agency, give notice that such department or agency declines to participate in a particular operational plan.

f. The State Disaster Council, in sending copies of operational plans and other notices and information to the parties to this agreement, shall send copies to the Governor and any department or agency head designated by him; the chairman of the board of supervisors, the clerk of the board of supervisors, the County Disaster Council, and any other officer designated by a county; the mayor, the clerk of the city council, the City Disaster Council, and any other officer designated by a city; the executive head, the clerk of the governing body, or other officer of other political subdivisions and public agencies as designated by such parties.

8. This agreement shall become effective as to each party when approved or executed by the party, and shall remain operative and effective as between each and every party that has heretofore or hereafter approved or executed this agreement, until participation in this agreement is terminated by the party. The termination by one or more of the parties of its participation in this agreement shall not affect the operation of this agreement as between the other parties thereto. Upon approval or execution of this agreement the State Disaster Council shall send copies of all approved and existing mutual aid operational plans affecting such party which shall become operative as to such party 20 days after receipt thereof unless within that time the party by resolution or notice given to the State Disaster Council, in the same manner as notice of termination of participation in this agreement, declines to participate in any particular operational plan. The State Disaster Council shall keep every party currently advised of who the other parties to this agreement are and whether any of them has declined to participate in any particular operational plan.

9. Approval or execution of this agreement shall be as follows:

a. The Governor shall execute a copy of this agreement on behalf of the State of California and the various departments and agencies

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thereof. Upon execution by the Governor a signed copy shall forthwith be filed with the State Disaster Council.

b. Counties, cities, and other political subdivisions and public agencies having a legislative or governing body shall by resolution approve and agree to abide by this agreement, which may be designated as “CALIFORNIA DISASTER AND CIVIL DEFENSE MASTER MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT.” Upon adoption of such a resolution, a certified copy thereof shall forthwith be filed with the State Disaster Council.

c. The executive head of those political subdivisions and public agencies having no legislative or governing body shall execute a copy of this agreement and forthwith file a signed copy with the State Disaster Council.

10. Termination of participation in this agreement may be effected by any party as follows:

a. The Governor on behalf of the State and its various departments and agencies, and the executive head of those political subdivisions and public agencies having no legislative or governing body, shall file a written notice of termination of participation in this agreement with the State Disaster Council and this agreement is terminated as to such party 20 days after the filing of such notice.

b. Counties, cities, and other political subdivisions and public agencies having a legislative or governing body shall by resolution give notice of termination of participation in this agreement and file a certified copy of such resolution with the State Disaster Council, and this agreement is terminated as to such party 20 days after the filing of such resolution.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** this agreement has been executed and approved and is effective and operative as to each of the parties as herein provided.

Signed by: EARL WARREN  
GOVERNOR

On behalf of the State of California and all its Departments and Agencies

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ATTEST:

November 15, 1950

Signed by: FRANK M. JORDAN  
SECRETARY OF STATE



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