Cal OES Daily Situation Report

September 16, 2020

A pyrocumulonimbus cloud generated by the Creek Fire in the Sierra National Forest, taken from an airplane.

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National Terrorism Advisory System

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NATIONAL TERRORISM ADVISORY SYSTEM
BULLETIN

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SITUATION SUMMARY

Cal OES Activation Status

State Operations Center	Inland Regional EOC	Coastal Regional EOC	Southern Regional EOC
Level 1	MRCC	MRCC	MRCC

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

The Cal OES State Operations Center (SOC) activated 03/02/20 at 0700 hours in support of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Medical Health Coordination Center's (MHCC) statewide response to COVID-19. Cal OES will continue to provide resource coordination for the COVID-19 event, as well as situation status reporting and advance planning across multiple areas.

Situation Overview

- **California State of Emergency Proclamation**
  On 03/04/20, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency for California, as a result of the global COVID-19 outbreak that began in December 2019, to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the state prepare for broader spread of COVID-19.
- **Executive Order N-33-20**
  On 03/19/20, the California State Public Health Officer and Director of the California Department of Public Health ordered all individuals living in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence, except as needed to maintain Continuity of Operations of the Federal critical infrastructure sectors.
- **Global Health Advisory**
  On 03/19/20, the U.S. Department of State issued a Global Health Advisory at Level 4 (Do Not Travel) due to the global impact of COVID-19.
- **FEMA-4482-DR-CA**
  On 03/22/20, President Trump approved Major Declarations FEMA-4482-DR-CA (DR-4482) for the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Confirmed Global COVID-19 Cases – Per Worldometers COVID-19 Live Updates as of 09/15/20 at 1000 hours:

- 29,569,312 (+284,828) total confirmed cases in 213 countries
- 935,137 (+5,138) total deaths

Confirmed United States COVID-19 Case – Per Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as of 09/15/20 at 1100 hours:

- 6,537,627 (+34,597) total confirmed cases
- 194,092 (+387) total deaths

Confirmed California COVID-19 Cases - Per Medical Health Coordination Center as of 09/15/20 at 1100 hours:

- 760,013 (+2,235) total confirmed cases

- Please see attached California Health & Human Services (CHHS) Agency / Cal OES Joint Situation Report for additional details.

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SITUATION SUMMARY

Cal OES INLAND REGION

- See COVID-19 section
- See Fire Activity slides

Cal OES COASTAL REGION

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- See Fire Activity slides

Cal OES SOUTHERN REGION

- See COVID-19 section
- See Fire Activity slides

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FIRE ACTIVITY

Cal OES Fire Preparedness Levels		
National	**Northern California**	**Southern California**
Preparedness Level 5	**Preparedness Level 5**	**Preparedness Level 5**
	Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode: 3	**Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode: 3**

Note: The National and Regional Preparedness Levels are maintained by the National Multi-Agency Coordination (MAC) Group and are separate from Cal OES activation levels.

2020 Statewide Wildfires

The State Operations Center is activated at a Level 1 (highest) to support and monitor ongoing wildfire activity occurring in multiple areas throughout the state.

- On 08/18/20, Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency due to fires and extreme weather conditions. The Governor's Proclamation can be found here.
- On 08/22/20, President Trump issued a Presidential Disaster Declaration and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by wildfires beginning on 08/14/20, and continuing.
- On 08/26/20, the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services issued a Declaration that a Public Health Emergency Exists for the California Wildfires. The Federal Declaration can be found here.
- On 09/07/20, Governor Newsom declared a second State of Emergency due to fires in Fresno, Madera, Mariposa San Bernardino and San Diego Counties. The Governor's Proclamation can be found here.
- On 09/10/20, Governor Newsom issued an emergency proclamation for the County of Siskiyou due to fires. The Governor's Proclamation can be found here.
- Please see attached 2020 SOC July/August/September Statewide Fires Summary for fires being reported on by the State Operations Center

Cal OES Fire Missions

2020-FIRE-41106: 4 CNG Type I helicopters assigned to support CAL FIRE with fires in the State of California performing water drops and/or troop transport.

2020-FIRE-38458: 1 CNG aircraft crash rescue vehicle and equipment with Class B foam capabilities assigned to fires throughout the State of California.

2020-FIRE-38296: CNG will establish and maintain 1 temporary bridge to accommodate incident fire traffic in Yolo County to Colusa, Napa and Lake Counties.

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FIRE ACTIVITY

Cal OES Fire Missions (Continued)

2020-FIRE-37807: 6 CNG Force Packages (12 Hand Crews) assigned to firefighting efforts to support CAL FIRE throughout the State of California.

2020-FIRE-37760: 2 CNG MQ-9, and 1 CNG RC-26 assigned to support CAL FIRE with fires in the State of California performing infrared imagery and perimeter mapping. Aircraft will provide persistent incident awareness and assessment (IAA) for real time/near real time strategic and tactical situational awareness.

2019-FIRE-402: Personnel assigned to fuel reduction efforts in CAL FIRE Units: Shasta/Trinity, Nevada/Yuba/Placer, San Benito/Monterey and Fresno/Kings.

- Five 20-person Hand Crews each and all necessary personnel, support, transportation and materials.
- 65 additional soldiers to be trained and ready to backfill.
- Assigned to fuel reduction efforts in SHU, NEU, BEU, and FKU (1 crew in each unit with the exception of 2 crews in FKU)

EMAC

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Pre-Position Resources

- No resources pre-positioned anywhere in the State at this time.

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Cal OES COASTAL REGION

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COVID-19 Missions

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MAJOR ROAD / HIGHWAY / BRIDGE CLOSURES

Lifeline Route Closures		
Northern California	**Central California**	**Southern California**
No Lifeline Route Closures	**No Lifeline Route Closures**	**No Lifeline Route Closures**

Lifeline Routes:

- Los Angeles County: I5 is closed to northbound traffic 3 miles north of Santa Clarita at Parker Rd.
    - Route is reopened to northbound traffic and reduced to 1 lane 3 miles north of Santa Clarita at Parker Rd.
    - The route reopened at approximately 0215 hours.

Non-Lifeline Routes:

- Click here for a list of current road closures.

Wildfire Closures:

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Emergency Center Activations:

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Interactive Travel Forecast Map Based on Weather Conditions Provided by National Weather Service (Prototype)

- http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/wrh/travel/?wfo=mtr

Click on the Caltrans Logo to check current Hwy. conditions.
You can also call 1-800-427-7623 for current Hwy. conditions.

CALIFORNIA 911 SYSTEM

California 911 Outages		
Northern California	**Central California**	**Southern California**
No 911 Outages	**911 Outages**	**No 911 Outages**

9-1-1 Outage/Remote/Community Isolations

Community Isolation, Lakeshore, Shaver Lake, Aubrey, Big Creek, North Fork and Tollhouse

On 09/08/20 at 1100 hours, the Ponderosa Telephone Company reported to the 9-1-1 branch that a community Isolation has occurred due to the Creek Fire.

- Time Outage Started: 09/8/20, 0251 hours
- Jurisdiction Affected: Fresno County Sheriff
- Areas Affected: 93634 (Lakeshore), 93664 (Shaver Lake), 93602 (Auberry), 93605 (Big Creek), 93667 (Tollhouse), 93643 (North Fork)
- Reason For Outage: The Creek Fire has burned nodes and fiber for the telephone network.
- Number of users Affected: 1,369 customers are unable to reach 9-1-1.
- Wireless 9-1-1 Calls Impacted: No
- Wireline 9-1-1 Calls Impacted: Yes
- VoIP 9-1-1 Calls Impacted: No
- It will be weeks or months before service can be restored.
- Ponderosa Telephone Company will continue to provide updates until services are restored.

Service Interruptions

- None reported.

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WEATHER OF CONCERN

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

- There will be a red flag warning for portions of Siskiyou and Modoc Counties for strong gusty winds and low relative humidities lasting into this evening.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

- Multiple Air Quality Alerts have been issued due to smoke impacts from wildfires.

Weather Advisories, Watches, and Warnings currently active in California:
http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/hazardSummary/?state=ca

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County:
http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/hazardSummary/?state=ca&bycounty=1

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WEATHER KEY POINTS
09/16/20 - 09/22/20

Wednesday

- Marginally critical fire weather conditions and southwest winds with gusts to 30 mph are expected across portions of northern CA, including Siskiyou and Modoc counties
- Areas of wildfire smoke will continue to blanket portions of the state, most prevalent across the northern half of California

Thursday-Saturday

- Areas of wildfire smoke will continue to blanket portions of the state, most prevalent across the northern half of California
- Critical fire weather conditions are looking likely Thursday and Friday the due to strong winds developing
- Light rain is possible across coastal portions of northern CA Wednesday, and further inland Thursday through Saturday
    - Isolated thunderstorms are possible across northern CA and over the Sierras on Thursday
    - An isolated thunderstorm is possible, but not likely, over the Sierras on Friday.

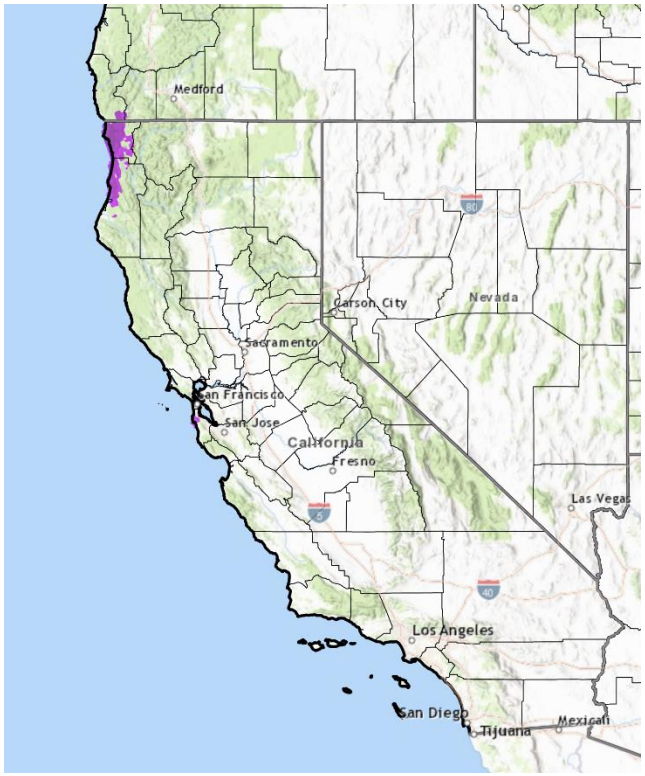
CALIFORNIA WEATHER IMPACTS
09/16/20 - 09/22/20

Hazards / Day	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
Non-Thunderstorm Damaging Winds							
Snow							
Coastal Flooding							
River Flooding							
Thunderstorms (Wind / Hail / Tornadoes)		Coastal/ Inland	Inland				
Fire Weather (Low Humidity / Wind / Dry Thunderstorms)	Inland	Inland	Inland	Inland	Inland	Inland	Inland
Heat Risk	Southern	Southern	Southern				
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding / Debris Flow							
Cold							

No Impacts | Minimal Impacts | Moderate Impacts | Severe Impacts

PRECIPITATION FORECAST

09/16/20 - 09/22/20



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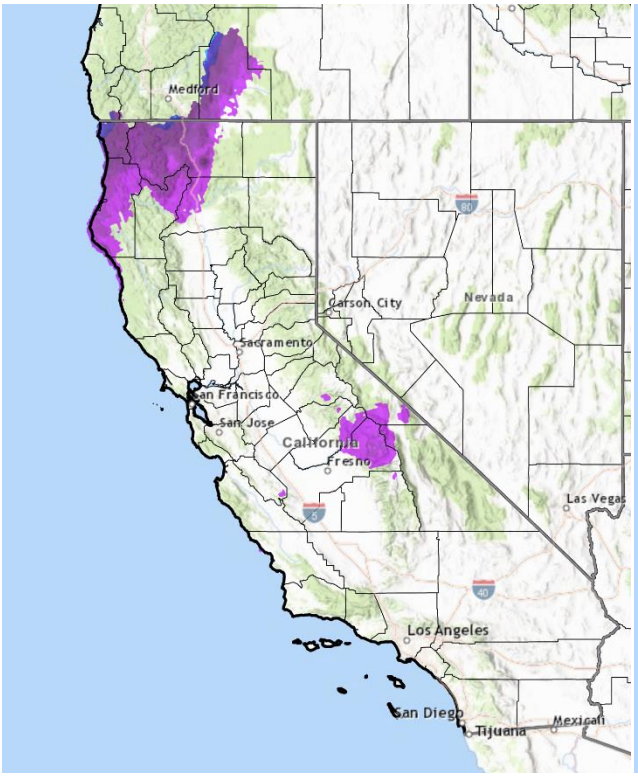

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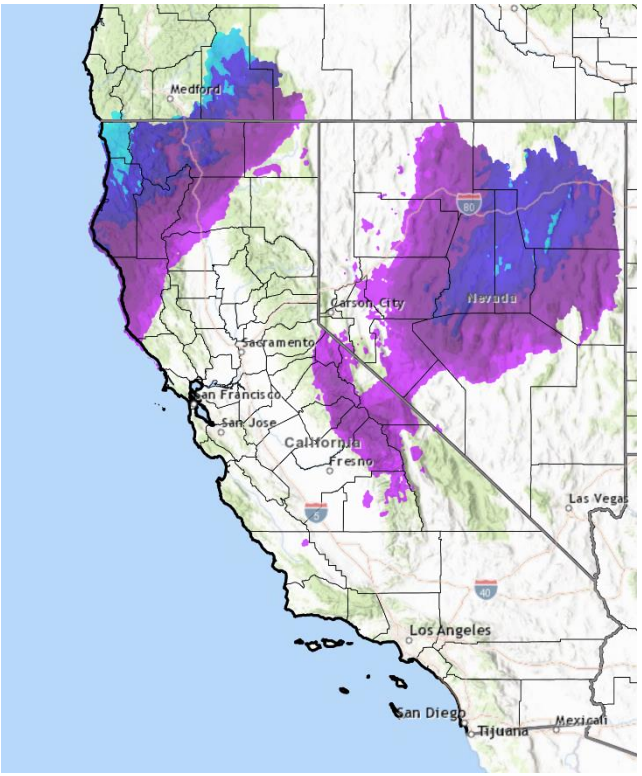

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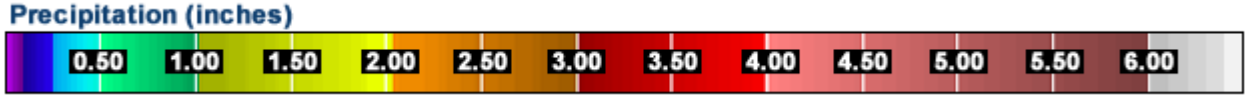


WEATHER OUTLOOK
09/21/20 - 09/29/20

6-10 Day Outlook (September 21 – September 25)

Temperatures

- Above normal temperatures are favored statewide

Precipitation

- Near normal precipitation is favored statewide

8-14 Day Outlook (September 23 – September 29)

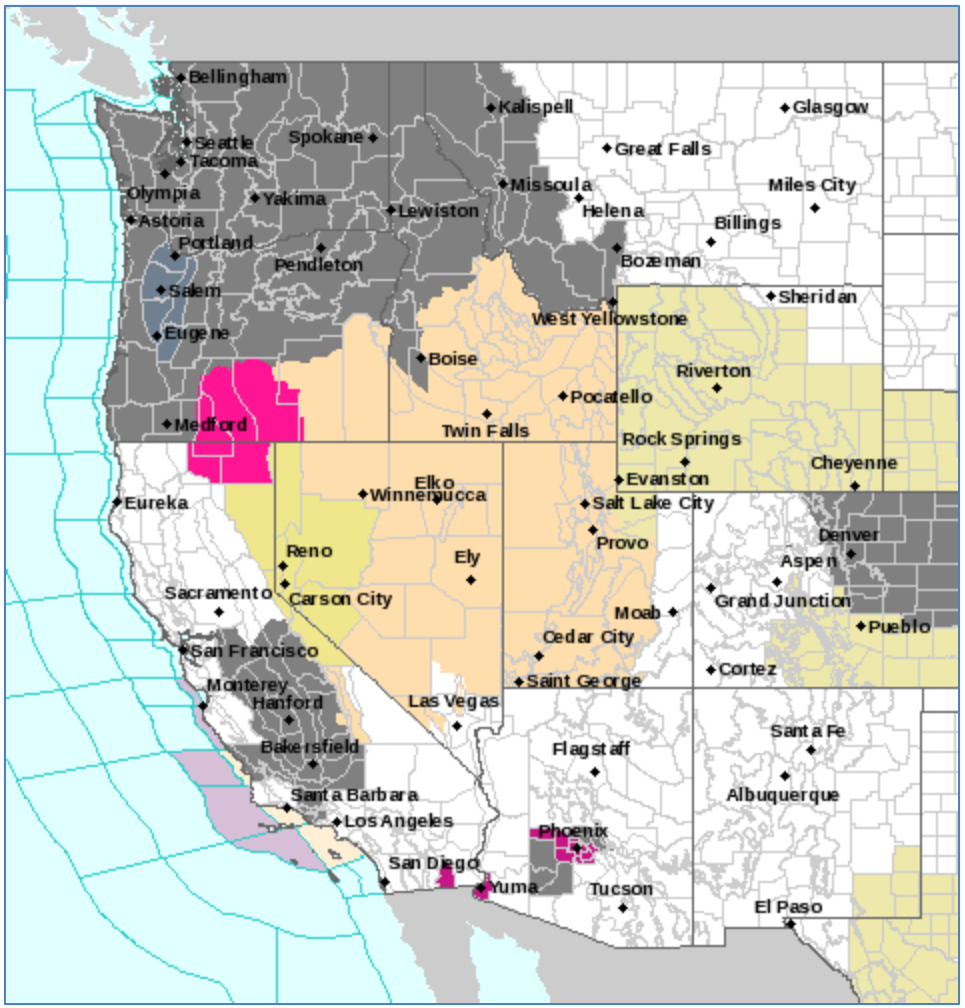
Temperatures

- Above normal temperatures are favored statewide

Precipitation

- Near normal precipitation is favored, except across far northern CA where above normal precipitation is favored

WEATHER MAP



- Excessive Heat Warning
- Red Flag Warning
- Dense Fog Advisory
- Dense Smoke Advisory
- Small Craft Advisory
- Fire Weather Watch
- Marine Weather Statement
- Air Quality Alert
- Hazardous Weather Outlook

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Cal OES LAW ENFORCEMENT MISSIONS

Cal OES Law Missions

- **2020-LAW-42216 09/14/20, 1335 hours:** Butte County Sheriff's Office(BCSO) is requesting SAR Mutual Aid resources to assist in searching for missing or unaccounted for persons in burned areas of the North Complex West Fire, FMAG#5363. BCSO is requesting Incident Support Team (Overhead), Type-1 and 2 Ground Searchers, single purpose HRD K9 teams, Placer County Sheriff's Mobile CP, and Nano support from the CA NG. They are estimating the duration of this mission to be 12-15 days. Assistant Chief is coordinating. **MISSION ONGOING**

- **2020-LAW-42019, 09/12/20, 1707 hours:** Butte County SO requesting assistance with search and rescue planning subject matter experts starting on 09/13/20. San Mateo County SO and Nevada County SO accepted the request and will deploy. Cal OES Law Enforcement Branch (LEB) Assistant Chief (A/C) coordinating. **MISSION ONGOING**

- **2020-LAW-41333, 09/08/20, 2300 hours:** Butte County Sheriff requesting immediate need LEMA response reference the Bear Fire. Multiple communities being evacuated. 50 cars per 12-hour operational period requested (100 per 24 cycle). AC at ICP and coordinating Region 2, 3, 4, and CHP resources. **Update, 09/08/20:** Resources on scene. **Update, 09/09/20**: Region II assets no longer needed. Region III and IV supplying 30 vehicles per shift twice a day for security and evacuations. **MISSION ONGOING**

- **2020-LAW-41000, 09/06/20, 0545 hours:** Fresno County Sheriff requesting In-Region LEMA, immediate need, for evacuations in the Shaver Lake area of Fresno County due to the Creek Fire. Fresno PD accepted the mission, but requires a Cal OES Mission # prior to responding. At the request of Fresno County Sheriff RAMC, LDC issued an MRT for tracking purposes only. **MISSION ONGOING**

- **2020-LAW-40932, 09/05/20, 1528 hours:** Cal OES Law Assistant Chief, assigned to the Creek Fire Incident, requested NAS Lemoore and CNG Helicopter assets for immediate need rescue of multiple people trapped by fire at the Mammoth Pools Reservoir (37.3543, -119.3029). This request was made on behalf of Madera County Sheriff. CNG JOC coordinated Army aviation assets, and AFRCC coordinated NAS Lemoore asset. NAS Lemoore UH-60 "Lasso Zero-Two", Army CH-47 Schooner "Two-Zero", Army UH-60 "Maco Two-Seven" assigned to the incident. Adverse visibility due to smoke limiting rescue operations at Mammoth Pools Reservoir. Madera Sheriff I/C continually monitoring conditions for air rescue attempts. **Update, 09/06/20, 0201 hours:** Over 100 people, to include 20 injured, have been evacuated via CNG helicopters. All parties are being flown to Fresno Yosemite airport. Air Crews have ceased mission for the evening due to flight hour restrictions. Air crews remain assigned to the incident and are in coordination with Madera County Sheriff Incident Command. **Update, 09/06/20, 0800 hours:** CNG air assets and NAS Lemoore assets remain assigned to the incident. Several rescue attempts throughout the day. Smoke continues to hamper visibility and rescue efforts. **Update, 09/07/20, 0800 hours:** CNG has the following resources committed to the mission: Two CH-47 Chinooks; Two UG-60 Blackhawks; associated maintenance and support crews. 5 Air-Rescue attempts have been conducted. Weather and smoke have hampered those efforts. Night shifts pilots are reassessing for NVG attempts. All air missions are being coordinated, de-conflicted, and assessed for safety through a collaborative process between LEB Assistant Chief, the Creek Fire IC, CNG pilots, and the Creek Fire Air Boss. **Update:** CNG assets: One CH-47 and one UH-60 assigned to the incident;
NAS Lemoore: one UH-60 assigned to the incident. Multiple rescues/attempts conducted throughout the day.
Update, 09/12/20: CH-47 asset released from the mission. **MISSION ONGOING**

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Cal OES LAW ENFORCEMENT MISSIONS

Cal OES Law Missions (continued)

- **2020-LAW-40970, 09/05/20, 1000 hours:** Dolan Fire IMT (USFS) requested a California DFW patrol boat to assist with communication repeater off the coast of Big Sur. Fire crews working on steep terrain are unable to access communications. DFW accepted the mission, and will provide a floating repeater bridge for 12 hours a day starting on 09/06/20. **MISSION ONGOING**

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Cal OES MISSION TASKING

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We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.