

## **EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS**

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## **CONDITIONS OF EMERGENCY**

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There are three conditions or degrees of emergency considered in the California Emergency Plan:

### A. Local Emergency

"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, or county and city.

### B. State of Emergency

"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.

### C. State of War Emergency

"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 the receipt by the state of a warning that an enemy attack is probable or imminent.

## **UNIT REPORTING**

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The declaration of a Local Emergency or a State of Emergency is predicated by the magnitude of the disaster. Whenever a unit experiences significant damage to CDF roads and facilities, it should report the damages as quickly as possible through channels. Inaccessibility and other factors often result in data which is rough or incomplete at the time. Nevertheless, such data, when combined with that being received from other sources, comprise the basis for need of the declaration.

Units are encouraged to quickly gather preliminary data and relay it to the appropriate county office of emergency services. When activated, the OES Emergency Operations Center (EOC) often serves as a center for data collection. In addition, the same data will be reported to CDF Headquarters.

## **PRESIDENTIAL DECLARATIONS**

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Federal law allows the President of the United States to become involved in situations of local peril or disaster, involving such matters as the enforcement of federal court orders, martial law, assistance in the preparation of state plans, and financial aid in areas of local disaster.

In all anticipated incidents in which CDF may become involved, it is assumed that work will be under the general direction of duly elected or appointed state officials. (Refer to Federal Disaster Assistance Programs, Public Law 93-288 for specifics on federal assistance following presidential proclamation.)

After a presidential declaration, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has responsibility for the federal role in assisting the responsible jurisdiction(s). State and local governments have pre-identified responsibilities as indicated in the State Emergency Plan and local plans.

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