

WEROC's Mission and Purpose

The purpose of the **Water Emergency Response Organization of Orange County** (WEROC) is to coordinate and support an effective emergency response to a major disaster on behalf of all Orange County water agencies. To carry out this mission WEROC provides services that promote planning and preparedness activities for both the agencies, as well as its own **Emergency Operations Center** volunteer staff. The program also takes an active role in maintaining two EOCs and emergency response equipment for use during a disaster.

WEROC receives advice and guidance from its **Steering Committee**, which

includes representatives from Orange County water agencies, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, The County of Orange and the California Department of Health Service's Office of Drinking Water. The program is funded by Municipal Water District of Orange County and Orange County Water District.



WEROC Needs Your Help!

WEROC relies on personnel from Orange County water agencies and consulting firms to voluntarily staff the emergency operations center (EOC) in times of need. There are two ways to become a volunteer. The first is as a "designated" volunteer, automatically reporting to the WEROC EOC during a disaster. The second is as an "assigned" volunteer, reporting to the WEROC EOC only after responding to their own agency's needs first and then being cleared to provide help elsewhere.

All levels of experience and expertise are needed and training is provided. The time commitment required is approximately 12 to 15 hours per year to attend orientations, workshops and annual disaster exercises. Many of these sessions offer water distribution and treatment contact hours. So not only do volunteers receive disaster response training, they also receive credit for ongoing certification, and the knowledge that they are serving the water community and Orange County residents in a time of greatest need.

Signing up as a WEROC EOC volunteer member is easy. If you are interested, need additional information, or know of individuals who can assist WEROC in this important effort, please contact...

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*When
Disaster
Strikes...*

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*Water Emergency
Response Organization
of Orange County*

...Protects

the County's

Water Supply

How Does WEROC Support Orange County Water Agencies?

To Prepare the Emergency Operations Center for Action, WEROC...

- ▶ Distributes to all water agencies an emergency response plan outlining disaster response, protocols, communications and mutual aid resources.
- ▶ Maintains two Emergency Operation Centers (EOCs), located in north and south Orange County.



- ▶ Maintains a dedicated Radio Communication System that allows Orange County water agencies to communicate in an emergency.
- ▶ Recruits and trains EOC staff from the water community.
- ▶ Conducts emergency preparedness workshops and exercises to train and test the WEROC EOC staff.
- ▶ Coordinates with Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to exchange information and provide mutual support in emergency planning.
- ▶ Coordinates with the Orange County Operational Area to enhance communications and response actions during disasters.

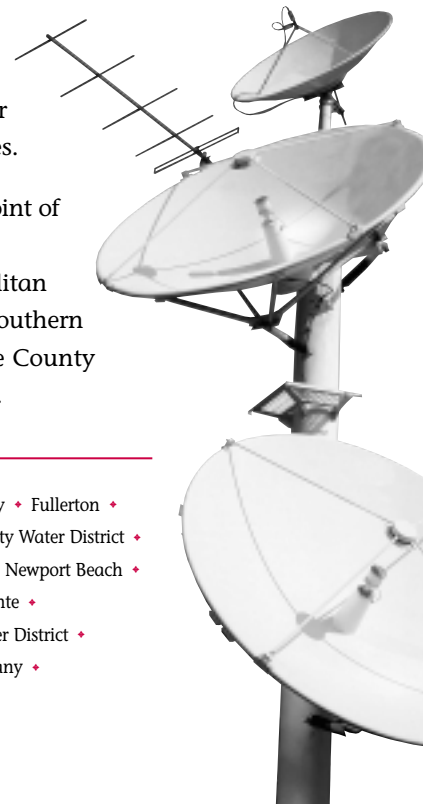
To Help Member Agencies Prepare for Emergencies, WEROC's Mission Requires It...

- ▶ Provides ongoing guidance to Orange County water agencies in developing and maintaining their Emergency Response Plans.
- ▶ Supports Orange County water agencies in developing and conducting emergency training, tabletop and functional exercises.
- ▶ Hosts quarterly meetings for WEROC Water and City Emergency Managers to facilitate the pre-coordination of multi-agency disaster response.
- ▶ Attends local and regional meetings on emergency preparedness, security and terrorism in order to share pertinent information with the water agencies.
- ▶ Meets with water agency emergency/safety coordinators to ensure a coordinated emergency planning effort and a training program that best serves the agencies.



During a Disaster, WEROC Activates the EOC to Provide Essential Services...

- ▶ Coordinate emergency communications.
- ▶ Collect damage assessment reports.
- ▶ Assess the condition of the Orange County water supply system.
- ▶ Identify needs of water agencies.
- ▶ Coordinate requests for mutual aid.
- ▶ Quantify available resources and their optimal use.
- ▶ Establish repair priorities.
- ▶ Recommend water allocation schemes.
- ▶ Provide a single point of contact for water agencies, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and the County Operational Area.



■ WEROC's Member Agencies ■

- ♦ Anaheim ♦ Brea ♦ Buena Park ♦ East Orange County Water District ♦ El Toro Water District ♦ Fountain Valley ♦ Fullerton ♦
- ♦ Garden Grove ♦ Huntington Beach ♦ Irvine Ranch Water District ♦ La Habra ♦ La Palma ♦ Laguna Beach County Water District ♦
- ♦ Mesa Consolidated Water District ♦ Moulton Niguel Water District ♦ Municipal Water District of Orange County ♦ Newport Beach ♦
- ♦ Orange ♦ Orange County Water District ♦ Orange Park Acres Mutual Water Company ♦ San Clemente ♦
- ♦ San Juan Capistrano Water District ♦ Santa Ana ♦ Santa Margarita Water District ♦ Santiago County Water District ♦
- ♦ Seal Beach ♦ Serrano Water District ♦ South Coast Water District ♦ Southern California Water Company ♦
- ♦ Trabuco Canyon Water District ♦ Tustin ♦ Westminster ♦ Yorba Linda Water District ♦