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WEROC Unveils State-of-the-Art Mobile Emergency Operations Center

Fountain Valley, CA (August 5, 2024) –The Water Emergency Response Organization of Orange County (WEROC) is proud to announce the launch of its new Mobile Emergency Operations Center (EOC). This cutting-edge unit is designed to enhance emergency response operations during large-scale disasters, providing critical support and coordination when it's needed most.

The Mobile EOC is equipped with three (3) workstations, three (3) 32" televisions, an electronics rack, recessed D-rings, a radio antenna, a Kymeta Satellite Dish, a roof-mounted solar panel, rear storage shelving, and a tow hitch. These features ensure the unit is fully operational with independent power sources, robust communication systems, and ample supply reserves.

WEROC's Mobile EOC serves as a vital backup to traditional brick-and-mortar facilities, capable of transforming any conference room or space into a fully functional EOC. This versatility ensures that emergency response efforts can continue seamlessly, even if primary facilities are compromised.

"With this new Mobile EOC, we are significantly enhancing our ability to respond to emergencies across the region," said Vicki Osborn, Director of Emergency Management at Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWD OC), which administers WEROC. "This vehicle provides our team and member agencies with the flexibility and resources needed to effectively manage disaster response operations from virtually any location."

The Mobile EOC is available to any WEROC member agency that requires the use of a mobile command vehicle at an incident location. This resource will play a crucial role in ensuring coordinated and efficient emergency management during natural disasters and other emergencies.

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About WEROC:

The Water Emergency Response Organization of Orange County (WEROC), administered by the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWD OC), supports and manages countywide emergency preparedness, planning, response, and recovery efforts among Orange County water and wastewater utilities. The program is supported by a group of Orange County water and wastewater agencies and is funded by the Cities of Anaheim, Fullerton, and Santa Ana, MWD OC, the Orange County Sanitation District, Orange County Water District, and the South Orange County Wastewater Authority.

***The Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWD OC)** is a wholesale water provider and resource planning agency whose efforts focus on sound planning and appropriate investments in water supply, water use efficiency and conservation, public information and outreach, legislative advocacy, water education for all ages, and emergency preparedness. MWD OC's 27 water agencies, comprised of both city water departments and water districts, provide water service to the public. www.mwdoc.com*