



News from the Emergency Management Committee Chair (7//23/21)

Governor Newsom Declares State of Emergency in Siskiyou, Lassen, and Plumas Counties Due to Fires

[The Office of Governor Gavin Newsom issued](#) an emergency proclamation for Siskiyou County due to the Lava Fire. Lassen and Plumas counties have also been issued an emergency proclamation due to the Beckwourth Complex Fire.

After the state secure federal assistance to combat the Lava Fire last month, Governor Newsom was briefed by fire and emergency management officials in Siskiyou County and visited a joint fuel reduction project in the region.

To view the full text of the emergency proclamation, [click here](#).

Video: So Close to Flames You Can Hear, Almost Feel Tamarack Fire near Tahoe

[The Sacramento Bee reports](#) firefighters battle the Tamarack Fire in Northern California, near Lake Tahoe, as it grows over 18,000 acres by July 19, 2021. Video shows the flames in Markleeville on Sunday night when Highway 89 closed and several towns were evacuated.

To view the video, [click here](#).

California Secures Federal Assistance to Support Response to Dixie Fire in Butte and Plumas Counties

[The Office of Governor Gavin Newsom announced](#) Tuesday that California has secured a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to help ensure the availability of vital resources to suppress the Dixie Fire burning in Butte and Plumas Counties.

The FMAG, which is provided through the President's Disaster Relief Fund on a cost-share basis, will enable local, state and tribal agencies responding to the fire to apply for 75-percent reimbursement of their eligible fire suppression costs. The program, which is administered through the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), provides rapid financial assistance to communities impacted by fires.

Currently, 2,409 fire personnel are assigned to combat the Dixie Fire along with 141 engines, 63 hand crews, 49 bulldozers and 23 helicopters. Plumas and Butte counties' Emergency Operations Centers have been activated and Cal OES staff are on site to support local agencies as they respond to the emergency.

The incident is being managed in a unified command with CAL FIRE Butte Unit in partnership with the United States Forest Service.

Entire West Shore of Lake Almanor Evacuated Due to Dixie Fire

[KRCR TV reports](#) the entire west shore of Lake Almanor was evacuated Wednesday as the Dixie Fire continues to explode in size.

Shortly before 10 a.m., the Plumas County Sheriff's Office issued a mandatory evacuation order for the west shore of Lake Almanor including the Canyon Dam area.

The much more populated east shore of Lake Almanor is under an evacuation warning, including the town of Chester and the Lake Almanor Peninsula.

Lake Almanor is now in the crosshairs of the fast-moving Dixie Fire, which continues to rapidly spread to the northeast.

The area has been choked in a thick layer of ominous orange smoke for days now. Photographer Jake Edwards has been documenting conditions in the Lake Almanor area, which has been experiencing poor air quality all week.

To view Edwards' photos, visit the full article, [linked here](#).

The Dixie Fire has burned more than 100,000 acres and is only 17% contained.

The blaze has prompted evacuation orders for at least 3,200 people in Plumas County and 50 people in Butte County.

Suspects Arrested After Old Sacramento Shooting that Killed 2, Injured 4 at Waterfront

[Sac Bee for MSN reports](#) Sacramento police made two arrests following a shooting on the night of July 16, in Old Sacramento that killed two people and wounded four others.

In a news release, the Sacramento Police Department said that two men were killed in the shooting, which took place near the intersection of Front and L streets.

A Saturday afternoon update from police said that two men — Marcus Trull, 22, and Cedric Salcedo, 21 — were arrested in connection with the shooting. The two were detained during the initial investigation and later arrested on suspicion of murder.

Just before 11:45 p.m. Friday night, patrol officers heard gunshots in the waterfront area. They found a total of six people shot, four of whom suffered non-life threatening injuries.

Police investigators are unsure of the motive behind the shooting, but believe “that there was some type of altercation between two groups before the shooting and multiple firearms have been recovered at the scene.”

Trull was booked into the Sacramento County Main Jail and faces a murder charge, an assault with a firearm charge and a drunken driving charge stemming from a warrant. Trull also has an outstanding warrant from Yolo County, according to Sacramento County sheriff's records. He is ineligible for bail.

Salcedo is also in custody at the Sacramento County jail and faces a murder charge, an assault with a firearm charge and a charge for possession of a firearm by a felon. He is ineligible for bail.

Police do not believe that there are any outstanding suspects. The police department said that the shooting was an isolated incident.

Police radio traffic suggested a shooting suspect may have fled on a boat on the Sacramento River, but a spokesperson declined to comment. Officers were seen questioning several men along the docks and occupants of a pleasure boat.

A large police presence remained in the historic district through about 2 p.m. as officers continued their investigation into the shooting.

The identity of the victims is expected to be released by the coroner's office.

Seismic-Safety Mandates and Deadlines for Hospitals Need to Stay in Place

[CalMatters reports](#) the horrifying collapse of the Champlain Towers South in Florida last month that killed at least 95 people is a reminder of how frail a seemingly sturdy structure can suddenly become.

A 1971 earthquake in northern Los Angeles County killed 64 people, 49 of which were at the Veterans Administration hospital in Sylmar. Two decades later, the 1994 Northridge earthquake forced indefinite closure of three Los Angeles hospitals because of structural damage. Dozens of others sustained such severe battering they had to evacuate patients.

In the wake of the Northridge quake, California lawmakers decided the threat to public safety was too great and finally passed Senate Bill 1953, legislation mandating two new standards, with deadlines: that hospital buildings shore up risk of collapse in an earthquake; and that they be fully functional to provide care after an earthquake.

Seismic safety, however, has never been a higher priority for hospitals than their profit goals. The hospitals' lobbying arm – The California Hospital Association – has successfully pressured lawmakers to move the goal posts on deadlines for compliance. With its enormous economic influence in the Capitol, CHA has won multiple delays, and is now attempting to push for another one. It wants to change the 2030 deadline for providing post-quake care to 2037 and exempt “only those buildings that provide emergency services” – as if patients, hospital workers and other members of the public don't count when buildings offering nonemergency services crush them.

That indifference was evident in a CHA tweet after a July 8 shake. It boasted, “today's quakes show that hospitals are always standing, always safe, always ready and always hear for patients” – disregarding memories of Sylmar and Northridge.

Adding insult to injury, the tweet said that it is “time to update seismic standards” – its euphemism for demanding another postponement, a bit of hubris the Los Angeles Times characterized as “more time to do less work.”

The pretext for the latest delay? The same as it has ever been – a disingenuous claim of financial woe for a California hospital industry that has recorded over \$102 billion in profits in the past 20

years, including \$79.9 billion in the last decade and \$47.2 billion in the past five years. The argument this time? The cost of COVID-19 patients.

Two big hospital chains tell a different story. In 2020, Kaiser Permanente reported \$6.35 billion in income. HCA Healthcare reported \$3.8 billion in 2020 profits. Additionally, California hospitals overall received more than \$5 billion combined from the federal Medicare program in direct aid, plus over \$8 billion in pandemic-related loans.

While CHA's first maneuver to squeeze the delay it seeks into the recently passed state budget failed, it continues to push the governor and legislators to find another avenue, presumably through amending or replacing other legislation.

The California Nurses Association, State Building and Construction Trades Council of California, California Professional Firefighters, California Labor Federation and others representing health care workers, emergency responders, patients, safety engineers and retirees, oppose any rollback, extended timeline or other weakening of seismic standard, and we encourage others to urge state legislators and Governor Newsom to do the same.

From Sylmar to a high-rise condominium in Florida, we need to keep the human toll of a building collapse front and center. The corporate hospital industry does not need another waiver on seismic safety that will leave Californians unprotected.

5.1M Earthquake Rattles Off Northern California Coast

[KPIX reports](#) a magnitude 5.1 earthquake struck off the Northern California coast late Saturday.

According to the U.S. Geological Survey, the earthquake just before midnight was about 7.5 miles west of Petrolia in Humboldt County and 35 miles southwest of Eureka.

The depth was just over 18.5 miles. The shaking could be felt as far south as San Francisco and as far east as beyond Yuba City, according to reports submitted to USGS.

L.A. County Coronavirus Spike Hits Alarming Levels, with 10,000 Infected in a Week, as Delta Variant Spreads

[The Los Angeles Times reports](#) L.A. County is now recording more than 10,000 coronavirus cases a week – a pace not seen since March – an alarming sign of the dangers the Delta variant poses to people who have not been vaccinated and heightening pressure on health officials to reverse the trend.

A *Los Angeles Times* data analysis found L.A. County was recording 101 weekly coronavirus cases for every 100,000 residents, up from 12 for the seven-day period that ended June 15. That means the county has surpassed the threshold to have “high” community transmission of the disease, the worst tier as defined by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. A region must hit 100 or more weekly cases per 100,000 residents to enter the worst tier.

It is still far fewer than during the deadly winter surge, when L.A. County was recording more than 1,000 weekly cases for every 100,000 residents, but it underscores growing concern that unvaccinated people are at heightened risk.

The rise here and elsewhere is the reason why 11 counties – home to more than half of Californians – are urging all residents regardless of vaccination status to wear masks in indoor

public settings. Thus far, L.A. County is the only county to make it a requirement, while much of the San Francisco Bay Area, as well as Sacramento, Fresno, and Yolo counties have made the plea a recommendation.

The primary rationale for a mandatory mask policy in indoor public settings is to get unvaccinated people to start wearing their masks again, reducing the risk of disease transmission until new infectious decline.

Officials believe many unvaccinated people stopping wearing masks at the same time vaccinated people did so, even though uninoculated people are still under orders to continue wearing face coverings. Of new coronavirus cases in L.A. County over a recent six-month period, 99.6% involved people who have not been vaccinated.

COVID-19 hospitalizations in L.A. County have also doubled in the last three weeks, from 255 on June 28 to 528 on Saturday – a number not seen since April. That means the county is now reporting more than five people in the hospital for COVID-19 for every 100,000 residents, a threshold that some experts say could be a reasonable trigger for instituting stricter mask measures.

Other highly populated counties that have hospitalization rates above that threshold include [San Bernardino](#), [Alameda](#), [Sacramento](#), [Contra Costa](#), [Fresno](#), [San Joaquin](#), [Stanislaus](#), [Sonoma](#), and [Solano](#), according to the Times analysis.

Governor Newsom Statement on Proposed \$26 Billion National Opioid Settlement

[The Office of Governor Gavin Newsom released](#) the statement below on Wednesday, regarding the proposed \$26 billion settlement announced by California Attorney General Rob Bonta and state attorneys general across the country to resolve investigations and litigation over the role of major pharmaceutical companies in America’s devastating opioid epidemic.

The proposed settlement with opioid distributors Cardinal, McKesson and AmerisourceBergen and manufacturer Johnson & Johnson will provide relief for Americans suffering with addiction and includes important changes to the industry to combat the opioid epidemic.

“California strongly supports continued investment in combatting the devastation that our communities have suffered because of the opioid epidemic,” said Governor Newsom.

“The opioid epidemic continues to pose a serious threat to the health of Californians. In 2019, California experienced nearly [12,000 opioid-related emergency department visits and more than 3,000 deaths](#). If approved, this settlement agreement would provide an important investment in opioid treatment and prevention. The agreement would also require the industry to make important changes to help combat this epidemic. We eagerly anticipate the finalizing of the proposed opioid settlement and partnering with local governments across California to leverage the funding that will help expand opioid prevention and treatment resources.”

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ICYMI: Funding Opportunities Ending Soon

- **Public Library Staff Education Program;** *libraries and arts*
 - Funded by: CA State Library
 - Deadline: **Wednesday, July 28, 2021**
 - Total estimated funding: \$350k
 - **Full grant guidelines:** [linked here](#)
 - **Online application:** [linked here](#)
- **2021 Local Housing Trust Fund Program Notice of Funding Availability;** *housing, community, and economic development*
 - Funded by: Department of Housing and Community Development
 - Deadline: **Friday, July 30, 2021**
 - Total estimated funding: \$56.7 million
 - **Full grant guidelines:** [linked here](#)
- **Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention/HCD;** *housing, community, and economic development*
 - Funded by: Department of Housing and Community Development
 - Deadline: **Saturday, July 31, 2021**
 - Total estimated funding: \$75 million
 - **Full grant guidelines:** [linked here](#)

Funding Opportunities

2021-22 Sexual Assault Law Enforcement Specialized Units (ST) Program RFP

[The Governor’s Office of Emergency Services](#) has created the ST Program to support and enhance specialized units to provide a coordinated response to adolescent (age 11 and older) and adult victims of sexual assault through compassionate investigative interviewing, immediate victim advocacy, training for patrol officers/first responders, and the development/updating of effective protocols and practices.

Promotes the development and the implementation of effective, victim-centered law enforcement, prosecution, and court strategies to address violent crimes against women and the development and enhancement of victim services in cases involving violent crimes against women.

To be eligible to receive funds:

- Applicants must be a city, county, or campus law enforcement agency within the state of California.
- Receive a minimum of 50% of available points on the Rating Sheet.

- Applicants applying for federal funds must be registered in the federal System for Award Management (SAM) and have an expiration date that is at least eight weeks after the Application due date. Check SAM status.

Requires a cash or in-kind match equal to 25 percent of the total project cost. Tribes and victim service providers are exempt. To request a match waiver, Applicants must submit the STOP Match Waiver Request form (Attachment B) with their proposal. All sections of the form must be completed and must be specific and unique to the Applicant and Program.

The deadline to apply is **Wednesday, August 25, 2021**. Total estimated funding available is \$759,580. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#). To view the online application, [click here](#).

California State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)

[The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development](#) has created the SLRP which increases the number of primary care physicians, dentists, dental hygienists, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, pharmacists, and mental/behavioral health providers practicing in federally designated California Health Professional Shortage Areas.

California State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) makes awards to eligible applicants from selected medical disciplines for the maximum award amount of \$50,000 for a two or four-year service commitment in a California Health Professional Shortage Area or in a Federally Qualified Health Center. Practice sites must meet SLRP site eligibility requirements in order for the providers, working at that site, to qualify for SLRP. The SLRP practice matches the SLRP award amount dollar for dollar.

An eligible applicant must be a U.S. citizen (U.S born or naturalized), possess a valid and unrestricted license to practice your profession in California, be free from judgments arising from federal debt, not have any other existing service obligations with other entities, not be in breach of any other health professional service obligation, be current on any child support payments, and be employed at or accepted employment at a SLRP approved practice site.

The SLRP applicants must work in a Health Professional Shortage Area or in a Federally Qualified Health Center within the State of California.

Eligible practice sites match 50% of the SLRP award.

The deadline to apply is **Wednesday, September 15, 2021**. Total estimated funding available is \$3.369 million. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#). To view the online application, [click here](#).

Rubberized Pavement Grant Program

[The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery](#) has created this competitive grant program that provides opportunities to divert waste tires from landfills, prevent illegal tire dumping, and promote markets for recycled-content tire products. The Program promotes markets for recycled surfacing products derived from only CA-generated waste tires. It is aimed

at encouraging first-time/limited users of rubberized pavement in two project types – Rubberized Asphalt Concrete Hot-Mix and Rubberized Chip Seal.

An application may include rubberized pavement (hot-mix and chip seal) projects for roadways, Class 1 bikeways (as defined in [Streets and Highway Code section 890.4\(a\)](#)), greenways, and disability access at parks. A greenway is a travel corridor for pedestrians, bicycles, non-motorized vehicle transportation, recreation, or a combination thereof, located along natural landscape features, such as an urban watercourse.

State agencies are eligible only for projects for Class 1 bikeways, greenways, and disability access at parks.

All projects are subject to the following requirements:

- The grantee will construct one or more Rubberized Asphalt Concrete (RAC) Hot-Mix or Rubberized Chip Seal project(s) at the location(s) specified in the approved grant application, unless otherwise approved by the Grant Manager.
- Only California-generated waste tires, processed in California, shall be used in the crumb rubber portion of the project(s). Recycled end-of-life crumb rubber that meets all specifications and standards can be used, as appropriate.
- The project(s) must be located in California.
- Projects must be owned and maintained by the applicant and accessible to the public.
- Reimbursement will not exceed the amount stated on the Grant Agreement Cover Sheet (CalRecycle 110).
- Construction of the RAC portion of any project must commence on or after the date indicated in the Notice to Proceed and be completed by April 1, 2024.
- The binder material must contain a minimum of 300 pounds (equivalent to 15 percent by weight) of the tire-derived crumb rubber per ton of rubberized binder. The binder may be either asphalt rubber/field blend or terminal blend.

Additionally, the following are project requirements specific to the project type indicated:

- Hot-Mix Project: Project(s) must use a minimum of **2,000 tons** of RAC hot-mix.
- Chip Seal Project: Project(s) must use a minimum area of **40,000 square yards** of chip seal material.

Please visit their [grants website](#) for eligible costs and additional grant specific information.

Because of the amount of paving material used, local government and Qualifying Indian tribe applicants may combine projects for Class 1 bikeways, greenways, and disability access at parks with eligible roadway projects in order to satisfy Pavement Grant Program minimums.

Eligible applicants include:

- Local Governments (cities and counties)
- Other local governmental agencies (including regional park districts, special districts, and Joint Powers Authorities)
- Qualifying Indian Tribes
- State agencies. State agencies are only eligible for projects for Class 1 bikeways, greenways, and disability access at parks

Please visit our [grants website](#) for a complete description and additional grant specific information.

Applicants with a median household income less than 80 percent of the statewide median household income and whose grant request seeks a majority of funding (greater than 50 percent) for a greenway shall be given priority funding.

The deadline to apply is **Wednesday, September 29, 2021**. Total estimated funding available is \$3,549,703. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#). To view the online application, [click here](#).

2021-22 Law Enforcement Specialized Units (LE) Program RFP

[The Governor's Office of Emergency Services](#) has created the LE Program with the purpose of creating or enhancing specialized units to provide a coordinated response to victims of domestic violence and their children. This will be accomplished through investigation of incidents, immediate victim advocacy, training for patrol officers/first responders, and the development of effective protocols and practices that will continue after the Grant Subaward performance cycle has ended.

To be eligible to receive funds:

- The applicant must be a city or county law enforcement department within the State of California, as defined in California Penal Code § 830.1.
- Receive a minimum of 50% of available points to be eligible for funding; however, a minimum score does not guarantee funding

Requires a cash or in-kind match equal to 25 percent of the total project cost. Tribes and victim service providers are exempt.

The deadline to apply is **Friday, October 15, 2021**. Total estimated funding available is \$1.422 million. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#).