



## **News from the Emergency Management Committee Chair (9/2/22)**

### **2022 Cooling Centers Open During the Ongoing Extreme Heat Incident**

[The Governor's Office of Emergency Services \(Cal OES\)](#) has provided an interactive map to find a cooling center near you. High record temperatures can lead to emergency situations. Cooling centers provide a safe space for you to remain cool and safe during an extreme heat event.

By following a few [important steps](#), you can keep yourself, your loved ones, neighbors, and pets comfortable and safe during a heatwave.

[Click here](#) to view the interactive map. The information is populated based off information provided by local jurisdictions.

### **As Heat Wave Grips Western U.S., Governor Newsom Takes Action to Increase Energy Supplies and Reduce Demand**

[The Office of Governor Newsom announced](#) beginning Wednesday, California and the western U.S. will experience extreme heat that will strain the grid with increased energy demands. In response, Governor Gavin Newsom has [proclaimed a State of Emergency](#) to temporarily increase energy production and reduce demand. The California Independent System Operator has called a Flex Alert for today, August 31, asking Californians to reduce their electricity consumption between 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. to save power and reduce the risk of outages.

Actions the state has taken to accelerate our transition to clean energy have put an estimated 4,000 megawatts on the grid that were not available in July 2020. Since then, the state has also developed emergency measures including adding generators and a Strategic Energy Reserve, additional procurement, and demand response to produce 2,000 megawatts available to respond to emergency conditions like what we are facing today. However, because this heat wave is impacting the entire western United States, limited energy resources are being stretched across multiple states. The prolonged drought has also greatly reduced the state's ability to generate hydroelectric power. Additionally, the duration of this heat wave is unlike those experienced in recent history increasing the length of time the grid will face peak demand.

This emergency proclamation will allow power plants to generate additional electricity, permits use of backup generators to reduce the amount of energy they need to draw from the grid during the periods of peak energy demand during this heat wave, and allows ships in California ports to reduce their consumption of electricity from the grid. These are emergency, temporary measures,

and the state will implement additional mitigation measures to counteract the increased emissions they will cause.

Temperatures are forecasted to begin rising Wednesday, August 31, intensifying through the holiday weekend and extending to Wednesday, September 7. In what's likely to be a record heat wave in the West, temperatures in Northern California are expected to be 10-20 degrees warmer than normal, and Southern California temperatures are expected to be 10-18 degrees warmer than normal.

The California Independent System Operator called on Californians to reduce their energy use via Flex Alert today, and will likely issue additional Flex Alerts in the coming days. For the coming week, and especially on Sunday and Monday, Californians should use their AC to pre-cool their homes before 4 p.m., and use major appliances like the washer and dryer during this period. From 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., Californians should set their thermostat to 78 degrees or higher, avoid using major appliances and turn off unnecessary lights, unless it is unsafe for them to do so.

Today's action comes amid climate-driven changes to weather patterns across the western United States making heat waves more frequent and severe, taking a toll on public health and critical infrastructure. Extreme heat especially endangers workers, children, seniors, historically underserved and overburdened communities, and people with underlying health conditions – more information about workers' rights and resources for workers can be found [HERE](#) and [HERE](#). Resources for Californians facing extreme heat, including safety tips and other information, can be found [HERE](#). A map of cooling centers is available [HERE](#).

Severe heat is dangerous to everyone and can be fatal, especially when temperature extremes last more than a couple of days. Factors that increase risk include advanced age, chronic and severe illness, and environmental overexposure (e.g. certain jobs or homelessness). If you care for someone at increased risk, please:

- Keep in regular contact with that person, ensure they can access air conditioned buildings (e.g. cooling centers, public buildings), and keep hydrated
- Watch out for heat-related illnesses, especially heat stroke, and call 9-1-1 if needed
- Wear lightweight, light colored, loose-fitting clothing. Wear sunscreen. Try to be less active during the hottest part of the day. Rest often and pace yourself
- Don't forget to protect your pets from the heat, and never leave a child or pet in the car, even if the windows are partially open.

### **Governor Newsom's Update on Extreme Heat and Grid Reliability**

[Governor Newsom provided an update Thursday](#) following his emergency proclamation he issued on the prior day. On Wednesday, California and the West experienced extreme heat, driving with temperatures across the state 10 to 20 degrees hotter than normal. This kind of weather drives up energy demand, straining power generation equipment as people run their air conditioning. Since yesterday, two new fires have started that threaten transmission lines that supply power to millions of homes.

Thanks to the Governor's [Emergency Proclamation](#) and efforts made by large energy users, energy producers and California residents, the state avoided power outages. These savings were critical to yesterday's success, but extreme heat continues to grip the state. With triple-digit

temperatures in much of California and the West, the power grid operator is again expecting high electricity demand, primarily from air conditioning use, and needs voluntary conservation steps to help balance supply and demand.

[Cal ISO has called for another Flex Alert Friday](#), encouraging Californians to pre-cool their homes before 4 PM, then turn up thermostats to 78 degrees and avoid using major appliances from 4 – 9 PM.

For further details, [view the Governor’s full update](#).

## **California Heat Wave: What to Know about Heat Cramps, Heat Exhaustion, and Heatstroke**

[KCRA 3 reports](#) with extreme temperatures in the forecast for California, public health officials want people to be aware of warning signs that the heat may be taking a toll on your health.

Each year, emergency crews respond to numerous calls of people suffering from heat-related illnesses to varying degrees.

[According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), there are several kinds of heat-related illnesses to watch out for. To read the full warning signs for heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heatstroke, [visit KCRA 3’s full article](#).

## **How to Keep Your Pets Safe During Southern California Heat Wave**

[KTLA reports](#) with excessive heat warnings now affecting millions of people throughout Southern California, and with Riverside and San Bernardino counties expected to see temperatures between 105 and 112 degrees, the conditions are extremely dangerous not only for humans, but pets too.

Dr. Ayden Ables is a veterinarian with So Cal Vet Group. He said he recently took in a dog patient with a temperature of 107 degrees. If you’re wondering how that happens, it’s actually dangerously easy.

Ables said the dog had to be put on a catheter with active cooling needed both inside and outside of its body.

“[At] temperatures that high, our organs don’t function as well so they can go into organ failure, kidney failure and have blood clotting abnormalities,” Ables said.

For pet owners there are some dos and don’ts to keep your pet safe in the heat wave.

For instance, do give pets ice water, but don’t leave it out in the heat, especially in a metal bowl that can get searing hot.

You should walk your dog in the early morning hours or later when it’s cooler, not at peak heat in the afternoons when your dog’s paws can burn on the asphalt.

And very importantly, don’t leave them outside for prolonged period or inside a hot car.

In just 10 minutes, temperatures inside a car can soar 20 degrees, even with the windows wide open. That can lead to heat-related illness.

John Welsh of Riverside County Animal Services says local vets and shelters are already packed with animals and a health emergency could mean serious complications or even death for pets who experience heat illnesses.

“This is not the time to have an emergency situation,” Welsh said. “Vet offices are packed, emergency vet hospitals have client after client. They cannot probably see you because the demand for vet services is so high right now and there’s so few vets, not just here in SoCal, but beyond.”

For pet owners, the message is clear: now’s the time to bring your pets indoors and pay as close attention to them as you would yourself or another loved one.

Pups Without Borders, a local nonprofit, is collecting tax deductible donations to buy massive blocks of ice to give the dogs something to keep them cool and hydrated. To donate, [click here](#).

### **Extreme Heat Begins Pummeling California as Crews Battle Wildfires**

[The New York Times reports](#) California’s most intense heat wave so far this year has arrived, walloping residents with record-breaking temperatures, intensifying wildfires and stretching the state’s electricity supplies.

On Wednesday, temperatures in San Fernando Valley communities north of Los Angeles reached new daily highs of 112 degrees, [according to the National Weather Service](#), while Lancaster, a city in the desert northeast of the city, tied a record of 109 degrees, set in 1948.

Across most of the state, [excessive heat warnings](#) were in effect.

Local officials also said that high temperatures and bone-dry conditions were making it difficult to fight the Route fire, which had burned more than 5,200 acres of brush-covered hillsides in the Castaic area of Los Angeles County, prompting evacuation orders and road closures. Crews had begun to contain the fire on Thursday, but seven firefighters had been treated for heat-related injuries, officials said.

Further south, the Border 32 fire had burned 4,246 acres east of San Diego, leading to evacuations and [forcing the closure of the Tecate Port of Entry](#) at the border with Mexico.

“At Barrett Lake, it’s 108 degrees right now, and firefighters are out there fighting this fire,” Nathan Fletcher, chairman of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, [said on Thursday](#).

Some inland areas could experience even worse heat on Sunday and Monday, according to the National Weather Service. The [forecast for Paso Robles](#) in Central California shows temperatures reaching 115 degrees those days.

In anticipation, Gov. Gavin Newsom on Wednesday declared a state of emergency meant to stave off blackouts as Californians began cranking up air-conditioners and fans. The order will formally permit power plants to shift into overdrive and allows the use of backup generators.

Though California’s summer had been relatively mild, experts say this heat wave — which meteorologists have predicted will last for a full week — is just the latest manifestation of [climate change-driven trends](#).

Extreme heat has exacerbated the effects of the catastrophic drought plaguing the West by creating more dangerous wildfire conditions and reducing the state's ability to generate hydroelectric power.

As a result of such compounding crises, leaders in California have for years been scrambling to shore up utility systems not designed for the duration, intensity or frequency of extreme heat.

Policymakers have tried to walk a fine line between tackling the root causes of climate change and addressing immediate emergencies.

Late on Wednesday, California lawmakers approved a wave of aggressive climate measures backed by the governor.

They also moved forward a plan to extend the life of the state's last nuclear facility, the Diablo Canyon Power Plant, which was scheduled to close its reactors in 2024 and 2025. Mr. Newsom and other leaders have said the state needs the electricity it generates.

### **California Wildfires Force Evacuations Amid Heat Wave**

[CBS News reports](#) California [wildfires](#) erupted Wednesday in rural areas, racing through bone-dry brush and prompting evacuations as the state sweltered under a heat wave that could last through Labor Day.

The fast-moving Route Fire in Castaic in northwestern Los Angeles County had burned 4,625 acres of hills as of Wednesday night. The 5 Freeway, a major north-south route, was closed by the flames. Eight firefighters were injured, six of whom required hospitalization, L.A. County Fire Capt. Sheila Kelliher said in a Wednesday evening news briefing.

No structures had been destroyed as of Wednesday night. A total of about 200 homes were under evacuation orders, Kelliher said.

Media reports showed a wall of flames advancing uphill and smoke billowing thousands of feet into the air while planes dumped water from nearby Castaic Lake.

The fire was moving erratically, and more resources were called in, including giant tanker planes, the L.A. County Fire Department tweeted.

An elementary school also was evacuated as the fire scorched bone-dry brush. Temperatures in the area hit 107 degrees and winds gusted to 17 mph, forecasters said.

Another fire burned a structure and prompted evacuations in the Dulzura area in eastern San Diego County near the Mexican border. It swiftly grew to about 1,400 acres and prompted evacuations, authorities said.

State Route 94 was closed.

The National Weather Service said many valleys, foothills, mountains and desert areas of the state remained under an elevated fire risk because of low humidity and high temperatures, which set several records for the day. The hottest days were expected to be Sunday and Monday.

Wildfires have sprung up this summer throughout the Western states. The largest and deadliest blaze in California this year erupted in late July in Siskiyou County, near the Oregon border. It killed four people and destroyed much of the small community of Klamath River.

Scientists have said climate change has made the West warmer and drier over the last three decades and will continue to make weather more extreme and wildfires more frequent and destructive. Across the American West, a 22-year megadrought deepened so much in 2021 that the region is now in the driest spell in at least 1,200 years.

### **Cal OES Prepositions Firefighting Resources, Personnel in 12 Counties Due to Concerns of Extreme Fire Conditions, Scorching Heat**

[The Governor's Office of Emergency Services \(Cal OES\)](#) has strategically prepositioned critical fire resources to include fire engines, water tenders, hand crews, dozers and dispatchers in 12 counties across the state as the holiday weekend approaches and extreme fire conditions are expected to increase with rising temperatures.

[Click here](#) to view the full list of prepositioned fire resources by county.

The National Weather Service is forecasting widespread dangerous fire conditions and extreme heat throughout the majority of the state into late next week. A Red Flag Warning is in effect for Siskiyou County and Modoc County until 11 p.m. on Friday due to gusty wind and low humidity.

Click [here](#) to see the latest weather updates for southern California and [here](#) for the northern part of the state.

The public is urged to remain aware of their surrounding conditions and to avoid outdoor activities that can cause a spark near dry vegetation. The public is also reminded to have an emergency plan in place, emergency preparedness kits at home and vehicles full of fuel. Sign-up for emergency alerts, listen to local authorities and warnings, and be prepared to evacuate if necessary.

The Cal OES Warning Center and State Operations Center will monitor conditions and be ready for further resource requests as necessary.

### **Brush Fire near Castaic Grows to 4,600 Acres; Evacuations Ordered; 8 Firefighters Injured**

[KTLA reports](#) what had been a relatively tame fire season abruptly ended Wednesday as a brush fire exploded near Castaic, prompting evacuations and the complete closure of the 5 Freeway.

As of 8 p.m., the Route Fire had scorched 4,600 acres of primarily dry grass and brush.

Eight firefighters suffered heat-related injuries as crews struggled with not only the intensity of the fire but also the effects of 100-degree temperatures as a heat wave developed over much of Southern California.

The Los Angeles County Fire Department said six of those firefighters required hospitalization.

“We’re really at Day One of a 9 to 10-day, fairly extreme heat period,” Deputy Chief Tom Ewald of the Los Angeles County Fire Department said at a media briefing Wednesday evening. “If you can imagine wearing heavy firefighting gear, carrying packs, dragging hose, swinging tools...the folks out there are just taking a beating.”

Hundreds of firefighters attempted to dig containment lines as helicopters and planes attacked the fire from above with water and flame retardant.

There was no containment Wednesday evening. The cause of the fire was unknown.

Approximately 100-200 homes were evacuated in areas north of Lake Hughes Road, south of Templin Highway, west of the Castaic lagoon, and east of the 5 Freeway, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department said.

At 9:35 p.m., evacuation orders were "lifted south of Northlake Hills Elementary School (Northlake, Stone Gate, Castaic Road)," the [LASD said on Twitter](#).

The evacuation orders remain north of the school, as well as in Paradise Valley and the areas previously evacuated.

The Red Cross established an evacuation center at Frazier Mountain High School, located at 700 Falcon Way in Lebec. Small animals could be taken to the Castaic Animal Shelter, located at 31044 North Charlie Canyon Road.

The fire was initially reported around noon near northbound lanes of the 5 Freeway north of Lake Hughes Road, according to the [Angeles National Forest](#).

By 1:30 p.m. the fire had jumped to the other side of the 5 Freeway and was burning on both sides of the interstate, prompting California Highway Patrol to close all lanes of travel.

Northbound traffic on the interstate was being turned around via a median gate.

By 9 p.m., the northbound 5 Freeway remained closed at Lake Hughes Road, while southbound traffic was closed at Vista Del Lago, Caltrans [said on Twitter](#).

Dark, black smoke could be seen for miles, and the South Coast Air Quality Management District issued a smoke advisory.

"Overall, the air quality is not expected to degrade beyond Moderate except in areas close to the fire, where Unhealthy conditions may be possible for several hours. Additional portions of Central Los Angeles County may also be affected by smoke from the Route Fire. However, in the afternoon hours, [high levels of ozone](#) caused by the current heat wave and unrelated to the fire may also lead to poor air quality in the region," the AQMD said in a press release.

#### **4,200-Acre Fire in Dulzura Forces Evacuations, Closes Tecate Border Crossing**

[NBC San Diego reports](#) a brush fire that sparked Wednesday afternoon in Dulzura in far East San Diego County exploded to more than 4,000 acres and forced evacuations and road closures that stretched into Thursday.

The Border 32 fire started at about 2:30 p.m. in a remote area near state Route 94 and Barret Lake Road. In its final update of the day at 10 p.m., Cal Fire estimated the fire at 4,243 acres and said it was 5% contained.

More than 400 residents were forced to evacuate due to the fire, [Cal Fire said](#). Evacuation orders are in place along Barrett Lake Road, Coyote Holler Road, and Round Potrero Road, according to San Diego County.

The only temporary evacuation site open as of 10 p.m. is Mountain Empire High School at 3305 Buckman Springs Rd., which will stay open for evacuees overnight, according to the county.

Eastbound SR-94 is closed at Otay Lakes Road and westbound lanes are closed at Forrest Gate Road, as well as Barrett School Road, according to Caltrans. The Tecate Port of Entry was also forced to close at 7 p.m. (it normally closes at 10 p.m.), and will remain closed on Thursday as a result of the blaze.

Two civilians reported burn injuries and four structures have been destroyed, according to Cal Fire. The agency said more than 200 firefighters are fighting the fire, including crews from the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department and Cleveland National Forest firefighters.

The Mountain Empire Unified School District will be closed Thursday due to the fire and the Jamul-Dulzura Union School District has canceled or adjusted [several bus routes](#), according to the San Diego County Office of Education.

Pets can be taken to San Diego County Animal Shelter located at 5821 Sweetwater Road in Bonita. For more information, call County Animal Services at (619) 236-2341.

The San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) [issued a smoke advisory](#) in response to the fire, saying air quality could reach unhealthy levels. Winds are blowing west and are expected to stay blowing in that direction, the APCD said.

It was not immediately clear what caused the fire or if there were any injuries.

The best way to prepare for a wildfire is to plan ahead. Tailor this plan to your household's needs and make sure all family members are familiar with its details. [Click here to see what your plan should include.](#)

### **Update: Cal Fire Says Branstetter Fire Started by Illegal Camp Fire**

[Record Searchlight reports](#) the Branstetter Fire, which burned 34 acres in south Redding on Thursday, was caused when someone had an illegal campfire in the area, according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Thursday's fire, allegedly caused by people illegally camping, was just the latest in a string of fires that officials say have been started by escaped camp fires.

The Redding Fire Department issued a press release Thursday morning noting that 10 fires were started this year in the area west of North Market Street hill were started by homeless people camping in that area.

### **Air Pollution Can Raise Risk of COVID-19 Death 51%, Study Says**

[Environmental Health News reports](#) people who live in areas that come with long-term exposure to high levels of air pollution face a 51% higher chance of dying from Covid-19, and thousands of lives could have been saved during the pandemic if air quality standards were met, a new [public health research study](#) has found.

The study, which focused on California residents, is the latest of several exploring the impacts of air pollution on the incidence and severity of Covid-19 infections. And the research adds to a

growing body of global research highlighting the importance of reducing air pollution for overall health.

The researchers determined that 9%, or at least 4,250 Covid-19 deaths, could have been prevented if California met national air quality standards.

The most vulnerable people in terms of air pollution exposure were likely to be Latinos and those living in low-income areas, the researchers found.

The study, published in [Environmental Advances](#), was authored by Paul English, director of the Public Health Institute and its “Tracking California” program, along with ten other researchers, including some affiliated with the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) department of medicine and the UCSF department of epidemiology and biostatistics.

“People of color live in communities that have some of the worst air pollution, and also have greater chances of getting sick and even greater chances of dying from COVID,” English said in [a release](#) announcing the study.

“This is really concerning, especially in regions like the San Joaquin Valley where wildfires are occurring right now and contributing to greater air pollution. We can save lives by making sure families and schools have access to free and low-cost air cleaners, and that outdoor workers receive paid time off and adequate personal protection during high-pollution events like wildfires,” English stated in the release.

For further details on the findings of this study, [visit the full article](#).

### **LA County May Drop into ‘Low’ COVID Category Soon**

[Los Angeles Daily News reports](#) just weeks after moving from the federal government’s “high” COVID-19 activity category to the “medium” rating thanks to falling hospitalization rates, Los Angeles County could soon graduate into the “low” category as case numbers continue to fall, the public health director said on Tuesday, Aug. 30.

Barbara Ferrer told the Board of Supervisors that transmission of the virus still remains elevated, but based on official infection numbers, the county could move to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s “low” virus-activity category within the next week.

The categorization change would have no practical effect for residents, other than sending a message of an overall slowing of virus transmission.

The county moved into the “high” virus level in mid-July, thanks to a new infection rate that topped 200 per 100,000 residents and an average daily virus-related hospitalization rate that topped 10 per 100,000 residents. On Aug. 12, however, the county moved back to the “medium” category when the hospitalization rate fell below 10 per 100,000 residents.

Moving into the “low” category will require the county’s hospitalization rate to remain below that threshold, and for the rate of new infections to fall below 200 per 100,000 residents. That rate has been steadily falling, reaching 213 per 100,000 people as of Tuesday, down substantially from a month ago, Ferrer said.

“It’s possible L.A. County ... could move to the low community level in this next week, should that case rate drop below 200,” Ferrer said.

She noted, however, that the official infection numbers reported by the county and the CDC represent an undercount of the actual number of cases that are occurring locally — thanks to the proliferation of at-home tests.

Ferrer also noted that the hospitalization rate is still fluctuating. Last week, the county's hospitalization rate ticked up to 9.6 per 100,000 residents.

But Ferrer said the recent hospital numbers have been flawed by a glitch in the data-collection system utilized by hospitals to report admission numbers to the state. That issue has led to a revision of hospital numbers over the past week. She said that as of Tuesday, the COVID hospital admission rate in the county was at 8.7 per 100,000.

She also said that while the falling transmission rate is good news, a rate of 200 per 100,000 residents "is still high," and residents should continue to take all available prevention measures to prevent infections. She urged residents to take that message to heart over the upcoming Labor Day weekend.

The county on Tuesday reported another 2,090 new COVID cases, raising the overall total from throughout the pandemic to 3,405,184. Another 14 virus-related deaths were also reported, giving the county a death toll of 33,138.

All of the 14 newly reported deaths had underlying health conditions.

The average daily rate of people testing positive for the virus was 8.1% as of Tuesday.

According to state data — which is being reviewed due to the glitch in the data-collection system, there were 841 COVID-positive patients in county hospitals as of Tuesday, down from 889 on Saturday. Of those patients, 92 were being treated in intensive care, down from 102 on Saturday.

Health officials have said roughly 43% of COVID-positive hospital patients were actually admitted for virus-related illness, while the others were admitted for other reasons, with some only learning they were infected when they were tested at the hospital.

### **COVID Boosters Targeting Omicron Will Soon be Available. Should You Get One Right Away?**

[The San Francisco Chronicle reports](#) updated COVID-19 vaccine booster shots that target omicron strains will likely roll out within days after the Food and Drug Administration authorized them Wednesday morning. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention was expected to give the vaccines a final sign-off in the coming days.

The reformulated versions made by Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna are called bivalent because they work against both the original coronavirus and the currently dominant BA.5 and BA.4 subvariants. Their use is designed to increase protection against severe disease, hospitalization and death from COVID-19 during a potential surge this fall or winter, as the effectiveness of earlier vaccinations wanes.

[The FDA authorized](#) a single booster dose of the updated mRNA vaccines for individuals who previously completed a primary series of a COVID vaccine. That dose will not vary, regardless of the number or type of prior booster doses received.

Pfizer's bivalent booster may be used by adolescents and adults 12 years and older, while Moderna's is for adults 18 and older.

Here's what's allowed under current booster guidelines:

- Ages 6 months to 4 years: not yet eligible for boosters.
- 5 years and up: one booster dose after completing primary vaccine series.
- 50 and older: two booster doses after completing primary vaccine series.
- Individuals 12 and older who are moderately or severely immunocompromised: two booster doses. Also eligible for a third primary dose.

For more information as to when you should get the booster dose, what brand you should get, and when the new vaccines will be available, [visit the full article](#).

### ICYMI: Funding Opportunities Ending Soon

- **Local Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP);** *transportation*
  - Funded by: Department of Transportation
  - Deadline: **Monday, September 12, 2022**
  - Total Estimated Funding: \$210 million
  - Full Grant Guidelines: [linked here](#)
    - **Online Application:** [linked here](#)
- **2022-23 Domestic Violence Mobile Health Care Services (FO);** *disaster prevention & relief; health & human services; law, justice, and legal services*
  - Funded by: Governor's Office of Emergency Services
  - Deadline: **Tuesday, September 13, 2022**
  - Total Estimated Funding: \$34,505,575
  - Full Grant Guidelines: [linked here](#)
- **2022-23 Effectiveness Monitoring Committee Request for Research Proposals to Test the Efficacy of the California Forest Practice Rules and Related Regulations;** *agriculture; environment & water; science, technology, and research & development*
  - Funded by: Board of Forestry
  - Deadline: **Wednesday, September 14, 2022**
  - Total Estimated Funding: Dependent
  - Full Grant Guidelines: [linked here](#)

### Funding Opportunities

#### 2022-23 Unserved/Underserved Victim Advocacy and Outreach (UV) Program

[The Governor's Office of Emergency Services](#) has created the UV Program to increase access to culturally appropriate victim services for unserved/underserved victims/survivors of crime.

Many victims/survivors of crime in California do not receive services and support that meet their physical, emotional, spiritual, and financial needs after victimization. Meeting their needs is far more difficult when their access to services is complicated by factors such as race, ethnicity, geographic isolation, language barriers, cultural intolerance, disability, lack of knowledge of the criminal justice system and their rights, and/or lack of appropriate social support.

There is no single way to meet the needs of all unserved/underserved populations because of the uniqueness of each group. However, programs can improve their response to these victims/survivors by looking carefully at specific populations and asking for feedback.

The purpose of the Program is to increase access to culturally appropriate victim services for unserved/underserved victims/survivors of crime. This can be accomplished by enhancing existing programs to commit staff time to specifically address the needs of the identified unserved/underserved victim/survivor population, hiring staff that reflect the identified population, training all staff on the cultural norms of the population, and increasing outreach efforts.

Unserved/underserved populations can be any victim/survivor population that disproportionately accesses victim services in your service area. Subrecipients must focus on only one specific unserved/underserved victim population. Subrecipients may choose to focus on one victim/survivor population from the following list or identify an additional unserved/underserved victim/survivor.

For a proposal to be eligible to compete for funding (i.e., read and rated) all the following conditions must be met:

- Applicants must be a governmental or non-governmental organization that provides direct services to victims/survivors of crime.
- The Unserved/Underserved Population Certification Form (Attachment A) must be completed and included in the proposal.
- The proposal must be submitted per the instructions in Part I, Subpart C.

To request a match waiver, Applicants must submit the VOCA Match Waiver Request Form (Cal OES Form 2-159) with their proposal. Up to two VOCA fund sources can be entered on one form. An additional VOCA Match Waiver Request Form may be necessary when there are more than two VOCA fund sources. All sections of the form must be completed and answers to questions 6 and 7 must be specific and unique to the Applicant and Program.

The deadline to apply for this funding is **Friday, September 30, 2022**. Total estimated funding available is \$15,161,782. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#).

### **2022-23 California State Nonprofit Security Grant Program (CSNSGP) RFP**

[The Governor's Office of Emergency Services](#) has created the CSNSGP to provide funding support for target hardening and other physical security enhancements to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk for violent attacks and hate crimes due to ideology, beliefs, or mission.

The purpose of the CSNSGP is to provide funding support for physical security enhancements and other security-related activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk for violent attacks and hate crimes due to ideology, beliefs, or mission. The CSNSGP seeks to integrate the preparedness activities of nonprofit organizations with broader state and local preparedness efforts. The CSNSGP also promotes emergency preparedness coordination and collaboration activities between public and private community representatives as well as state and local government agencies.

Restricted to California nonprofit organizations that are described under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (IRC) and exempt from tax under Section 501(a) of such code.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) does not require certain organizations such as churches, mosques, and synagogues to apply for and receive recognition of exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRC.

The deadline to apply for this funding is **Friday, October 28, 2022**. Total estimated funding available is \$47.5 million. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#).

### **Licensed Mental Health Services Provider Education Program 2022**

[The Department of Health Care Access and Information](#) has created the Licensed Mental Health Services Provider Education Program (LMH) is to increase the number of appropriately trained mental healthcare professionals providing direct client care in qualified facility or area in California.

The Licensed Mental Health Services Provider Education Program is a loan repayment program where eligible applicants may receive loan repayments of up to \$30,000 in exchange for a 24-month service obligation practicing and providing direct client care in a qualified facility in California.

To be eligible for an LMHSPEP award, applicants must possess a valid unrestricted professional license and/or certification to practice their profession in California. Applicants must be in good standing with their respective board and/or certifying organization and not have any other existing service obligations with other entities, including HCAI. They must have unpaid educational loans and not be in breach of any other service obligation.

Applicants must be working in a qualifying facility in either an eligible geographic or site designation.

The deadline to apply for this funding is **Monday, October 31, 2022**. Total estimated funding available is \$7 million. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#). To view the online application, [click here](#).