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Subject: Promulgation of the Lake County Emergency Operations Plan

To: All County Departments, Emergency Management Partners, and Residents of Lake County

We are proud to announce the adoption and promulgation of the Lake County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). This comprehensive plan serves as the foundation for how Lake County prepares for, responds to, recovers from, and mitigates the impacts of emergencies and disasters.

The EOP represents a coordinated and unified effort to protect life, property, and the environment during times of crisis. It is the product of extensive collaboration among county departments, partner agencies, and stakeholders, ensuring that all entities work together effectively to manage emergencies.

Direction to County Departments

All county departments and agencies are directed to:

1. **Familiarize themselves with the EOP** and understand their roles and responsibilities.
2. **Incorporate the EOP's guidance and principles** into department-specific plans, policies, and training activities.
3. **Actively participate in exercises, training sessions, and plan updates** to maintain a state of readiness.
4. **Collaborate and coordinate** with the Office of Emergency Services (OES), other departments, and external partners to ensure effective implementation and ongoing improvement.

The EOP was developed to address the needs of the whole community through the active participation of the Lake County Emergency Management Organization. This includes first responders, local government agencies, non-governmental organizations, private sector

partners, and community members, all working together to ensure a unified response to disasters.

We urge all partners to continue fostering collaboration, communication, and coordination as we work together to safeguard our county.

Message to the General Public

To the residents of Lake County, your safety and well-being are at the forefront of our emergency management efforts. While your government and its partners are prepared to respond to disasters, individual and community preparedness are essential to building resilience. This EOP includes important steps you can take across all phases of emergency management. By following these steps, you can help ensure that Lake County remains strong and resilient in the face of emergencies and disasters.

Commitment and Authority

Emergencies and disasters, whether natural or human caused, can occur without warning, leaving chaos and destruction in their wake. As leaders of Lake County, we are committed to safeguarding our residents and providing a solid foundation for emergency preparedness, response, and recovery.

The Lake County EOP establishes multi-agency and multi-jurisdictional coordination during emergency operations, assigns functions and tasks consistent with the California Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) and the National Incident Management System (NIMS), and serves as the official policy for emergency management in the Operational Area.

This plan was developed for and with every department within the County of Lake and the broader Operational Area, which includes cities, special districts, school districts, and other political jurisdictions within the county's geographic boundaries. The EOP aligns with guidance from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Once adopted, this EOP is integrated into and operates as an extension of the State of California Emergency Plan, ensuring alignment and coordination with state and regional emergency management efforts. It will be periodically reviewed, tested, and updated to reflect changing conditions and ensure continued readiness.

We give our full support to the Lake County Emergency Operations Plan and urge all public employees, emergency management partners, and residents to prepare for emergencies before they occur. Together, through collaboration, planning, and action, we can ensure that Lake County remains resilient and ready for any challenge.

Signed,

Chair
Board of Supervisors

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OES Director