

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES COUNCIL

The membership of San Joaquin County Emergency Services Council, was established by Board Order based on the original Disaster Ordinance enacted in 1971. The Emergency Services Act is the basis for disaster councils. California Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS), does not address the composition or operations of disaster councils. Emergency plans, however, must incorporate SEMS requirements and since disaster councils generally approve these plans, it is indirectly necessary to have one to comply with SEMS.

San Joaquin's Emergency Services Council, has broad community representation, and concerns itself with all disaster issues. A recent ordinance change by the Board of Supervisors placed more plan approval authority with this council, and allows the Coordinator of Emergency Services to approve updates and revisions.

The San Joaquin Operational Area was officially formed in May, 1993 by the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors. The Board then invited the cities and special districts to join in on an Operational Area Agreement, this would then include them into the Emergency Council organization.

Since SEMS does specifically require the formation of an operational area, some means for the jurisdictions participating in this organization to meet and make decisions was created. In order to meet this requirement, a San Joaquin Operational Area Steering Committee was formed. This body is composed of signatories to the operational area agreement. This steering committee oversees the operation of this SEMS function and will approve future use of Emergency Management Assistance Funds in accordance with the guidance from State OES.

4-3002 - EMERGENCY SERVICES COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP.

The San Joaquin County Emergency Services Council is hereby created and shall consist of the following:

- The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors who shall be the Chairman of the Council and the Director of Emergency Services.
- The County Administrator.
- The Director of Emergency Operations who shall be Vice Chairman of the Emergency Services Council.
- All Chiefs of Emergency Services as are provided for in a current Emergency Services Operations Plan of this County, adopted pursuant to this chapter.
- Such representatives of municipalities, civic, professional and industry organizations having an official responsibility as may be appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

4-3003 - EMERGENCY SERVICES COUNCIL POWERS AND DUTIES.

- It shall be the duty of the San Joaquin County Emergency Services Council, and it is hereby empowered, to review and approve emergency and mutual aid plans developed by the Director of Emergency Operations in cooperation with the Chiefs of Emergency Services at least every three (3) years. The Emergency Services Council shall meet upon call of the Director of Emergency Services.