



SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

DEL NORTE COUNTY DISASTER COUNCIL

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Date: 9/17/2026

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: Board of Supervisors Chambers, 981 H Street, Suite 100, Crescent City, CA 95531

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) NOTICE

Incompliance with the ADA, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the County Emergency Management Office at (707) 464-7255. Notification 24 hours prior to the meeting will enable the County to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility.

PUBLIC COMMENT NOTICE (BROWN ACT)

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54954.3, members of the public may address the Disaster Council concerning any item that has been described in this notice before or during consideration of that item. No other business may be considered at this special meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

- 1.1 Call to Order by Chairman/chairman of the Board of Supervisors
- 1.2 Roll Call & Establishment of Quorum (Voting Members)

2. BUSINESS ITEMS (DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION)

- **2.1 Receive a brief update from Del Norte County OES**

Description: Del Norte County OES will provide a brief update on the current status and future plans for OES.

Recommended Action: N/A

- **2.2 Receive a brief update from Cal OES**

Description: The Cal OES Emergency Services Coordinator for Del Norte County will provide a short update on the role of Cal OES in the Operational Area.

Recommended Action: N/A

- **2.3 Review and Approval of the Updated County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP)**

Description: The Disaster Council will review and discuss the updated Del Norte County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Council will consider recommending that the Board of Supervisors formally adopt the plan.

Recommended Action: Recommend the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan for adoption by the Board of Supervisors.

- **2.4 Review and Approval of the Multi-Agency Disaster Feeding Plan**

Description: Presentation from Iya Mahan from Del Norte & Tribal Lands Community Food Council on the newly drafted Multi-Agency Disaster Feeding Plan, detailing feeding coordination, distribution logistics, and partner agency roles during an emergency or disaster event in Del Norte County.

Recommended Action: Action: Recommend the Multi-Agency Disaster Feeding Plan for adoption by the Board of Supervisors.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- This time is reserved for members of the public to address the Disaster Council exclusively on the specific business items listed on this special meeting agenda.

4. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to Adjourn

Del Norte County Office of Emergency Services (OES) update

Del Norte County OES has 3 full time staff positions as well as a Director and an Assistant Director that oversee the program.

Director of Emergency Services- County Administrative Officer

Assistant Director of Emergency Services- Assistant County Administrative Officer (appointed by CAO)

Emergency Services Manager (Full time position)

Emergency Services Coordinator (Full time position)

Fiscal Manager (Full time position)

In 2027 DN OES will work with Cal OES to review the Emergency Operations Plan EOP. The plan was written in 2021 and received a small update in 2023. The six approved annexes to the EOP are Mass Fatality Incident Management Plan, Evacuation and Transportation Support Annex, Volunteer and Donations Annex, Power Outage Annex, Disaster Debris Management Annex, and Natural and Cultural Resource Protection and Preservation Program (NCRP3) Disaster Plan. There is an identified need for the following additional annexes to the EOP- Mass Care and Shelter, Tsunami Response, and Public Information Communications.

The Integrated Preparedness Plan (IPP) is a plan that is updated annually with a 3-5 year outlook on preparedness activities for the operational area. The plan is required to maintain grant funding OES. Within this plan we identify and address preparedness gaps through planning, organizing, equipping, training, exercising, and continuous improvement. The IPP helps ensure that resources, training opportunities, exercises, and preparedness activities are focused on the county's hazards, capability gaps, and community needs. The plan includes efforts that are made by agencies outside of OES that help to improve preparedness within the operational area.

Del Norte County has received \$209, 013 in Next Generation Warning Systems grant to replace 3 of the public alerting sirens (tsunami sirens). Over the next 18 months OES will take the steps necessary to obtain and install the sirens.

The Emergency Services Coordinator has been leading a business initiative to help educate local businesses. Participating businesses that are located within the tsunami inundation are given information on what to look for, what to do during and after a tsunami, and provided site specific maps that show evacuation guidance.

The Emergency Services Coordinator worked with Cal OES and the City of Crescent City to create 8 informational site-specific tsunami evacuation guidance kiosks. The kiosks have been built and received and we are currently working with local partners to finish the installation.

2.60.30 Disaster Council; Membership

The Del Norte Disaster Council is created and shall consist of the following:

1. The chairman of the board of supervisors, who shall be chairman.
2. The director of emergency services, who shall be vice-chairman.
3. The assistant director of emergency services.
4. Such chiefs of emergency services as are provided for in a current emergency plan of this county, adopted pursuant to this chapter,
5. Such representatives of civic, business, labor, veterans, professional, or other organizations having an official emergency responsibility, as may be appointed by the board of supervisors.

[\(Ord. 91-17 § 3, 1991\)](#)

2.60.40 Disaster Council; Powers And Duties

It shall be the duty of the Del Norte Disaster Council, and it is empowered, to develop and recommend for adoption by the board of supervisors, emergency and mutual aid plans and agreements and such ordinances and resolution and rules and regulations as are necessary to implement such plans and agreements. The disaster council shall meet upon call of the chairman or, in his absence from the county or inability to call such a meeting, upon call of the vice chairman.

[\(Ord. 91-17 § 4, 1991\)](#)

2.60.50 Director And Assistant Director Of Emergency Services

1. There is created the office of director of emergency services. The county administrative officer shall be the director of emergency services.
2. There is created the office of assistant director of emergency services, who shall be appointed by the director.

[\(Ord. 97-10 § 2, 1997; Ord. 96-22 § 2, 1996; Ord. 91-17 § 5, 1991\)](#)

2.60.80 Emergency Plan

The Del Norte disaster council shall be responsible for the development of the county emergency plan, which plan shall provide for the effective mobilization of all of the resources of this county, both public and private, to meet any condition constituting a local emergency, state of emergency, or state of war emergency, and shall provide for the organization, powers and duties, services, and staff of the emergency organization. Such plan shall take effect upon adoption by resolution of the board of supervisors.

[\(Ord. 91-17 § 8, 1991\)](#)

Page iii of the 2021 Del Norte County Operational Area Emergency Operations Plan officially establishes the "chiefs of emergency services" as the following:

- The Emergency Services Manager
- The Public Health Officer
- The Chairman of the Del Norte County Fire Chiefs' Association
- The Sheriff
- The Crescent City Chief of Police.

STAFF BRIEFING DOCUMENT

Del Norte County OES staff recommends that the Del Norte Disaster Council recommend the the updated 2026 Del Norte County Hazard Mitigation Plan be adopted by the Del Norte County Board of Supervisors. The 2026 plan update reflects current hazard data, recent events, and updated vulnerability and mitigation strategies. Each jurisdiction participating in the plan must formally adopt it in order to maintain eligibility for funding under Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant programs. Adoption of the plan does not obligate the jurisdiction to fund or implement any specific mitigation project; rather, it establishes an approved policy framework that supports future planning, funding, and resilience efforts.

Hazard mitigation is the use of long-term and short-term policies, programs, projects, and other activities to minimize the loss of life, injury, and property damage that can result from a disaster. Hazard mitigation is an important part of reducing risk and is the most effective way to reduce costs associated with hazards. This hazard mitigation plan examines the region's vulnerability to identified hazards and outlines actions that can be taken to mitigate those hazards.

This 2026 update to the plan was coordinated with and will apply to the City of Crescent City, Elk Valley Rancheria, four Community Service Districts, and two Fire Protection Districts through 2031. The process started in June of 2023 when the County of Del Norte invited Crescent City, Elk Valley Rancheria, the special districts, and County departments to participate in the planning process. The final plan was reviewed and recently approved by both the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and FEMA.

The hazards examined in the plan include the following:

- Drought
- Earthquake
- Excessive Rainfall
- Extreme Heat
- Extreme Wind
- Flood
- Landslide
- Tsunami
- Wildfire

The risk and vulnerability associated with each of these hazards were determined for each participating jurisdiction, based on past events, past and predicted future losses, and the expected probability of future occurrence. From this data, each jurisdiction identified actions that can be taken to mitigate the hazards. Each annex to the plan identifies the participating jurisdictions' risk and vulnerability to the hazards and actions the jurisdictions will take to mitigate them.

The following goals and objectives were established for the 2026 Del Norte County Hazard Mitigation Plan:

- **Goal 1**—Reduce the risk of natural hazard impacts to human life and safety in Del Norte County

- **Goal 2**—Protect the continuity of community lifelines and critical services/functions throughout Del Norte County before, during, and after a hazard event
- **Goal 3**—Safeguard Del Norte County’s economy by mitigating risks to public infrastructure and private property/businesses and promote the efficient use of public funds
- **Goal 4**—Foster an educated community on natural hazards to elevate access and awareness of Del Norte County resources, especially for historically vulnerable and marginalized populations
- **Goal 5**—Conserve Del Norte County’s unique environmental and cultural resources that contribute to its rural character
- **Objective 1**—Prioritize cost-effective and feasible mitigation measures that reduce long-term risk exposure and promote the adaptive capacity of Del Norte County and its constituents
- **Objective 2**—Increase capacity, redundancy, and/or resilience of local infrastructure and utilities to reduce potential for community isolation after a hazard event
- **Objective 3**—Expand awareness of available resources for residents and business owners, focusing on accessibility for individuals in socially vulnerable situations
- **Objective 4**—Protect community lifelines and critical infrastructure to the 100-year or worst-case scenarios to safeguard continuity of operations in Del Norte County
- **Objective 5**—Incorporate the best available hazard data in development and construction standards and long-term capital investments to encourage mitigation in new growth areas in Del Norte County

Upon adoption by the Board of Supervisors, the jurisdiction will remain eligible for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance, may participate in plan implementation, annual monitoring, and future updates, and may pursue mitigation projects identified in the annex through separate funding or approval processes. Maintenance of the plan includes a schedule for monitoring and evaluating the plan annually and producing an updated plan every five years.

Summary of the Del Norte & Tribal Lands Multi-Agency Disaster Feeding Plan

The Del Norte County Multi-Agency Disaster Feeding Plan establishes a coordinated framework for providing food and water to residents, visitors, emergency responders, and vulnerable populations during emergencies and disasters. The plan is intended to serve as an annex to the County's Emergency Operations Plan and was developed by the Del Norte & Tribal Lands Food Council. Del Norte County OES and Del Norte County DHHS participated throughout the development of the plan.

Approval and adoption of this plan by the County of Del Norte does not transfer statutory authority, require expenditures, or supersede agency policy, Tribal sovereignty, mutual-aid agreements, or incident command.

The need for this plan is particularly important because of Del Norte County's rural and geographically isolated location. Earthquakes, tsunamis, winter storms, wildfires, landslides, extended power outages, or other emergencies could disrupt Highways 101 and 199, utilities, transportation, grocery deliveries, and normal food distribution systems. The plan recognizes that outside feeding organizations, commodities, and mutual-aid resources may take several days to arrive. It is essential that local agencies, Tribal partners, nonprofits, food providers, businesses, and community organizations are prepared to work together immediately.

The Del Norte Emergency Feeding Task Force (EFTF), serves as the central coordinating body for emergency feeding operations when multi-agency coordination is needed. The Task Force brings together government agencies, nonprofit organizations, community groups, Tribal partners, food providers, and private-sector partners. It can be activated without a local emergency proclamation and coordinates closely with the County Emergency Operations Center if the EOC is activated.

The plan establishes a scalable approach beginning with preparedness before an emergency, moving through immediate (1-4 days), sustained (4-14 days), and long term (14-30+ days) disaster feeding operations, and ultimately recovery and demobilization.

Depending on the incident, feeding methods may include food bank and pantry distributions, mobile meal delivery, community meal sites, Tribal and rural distribution networks, emergency kitchens and mass-feeding operations.

Special attention is given to ensuring equitable access for seniors, people with disabilities and access and functional needs, children and families, people with medical or dietary requirements, residents without transportation, and people living in remote communities such as Gasquet, Hiouchi, Klamath, and Smith River. The plan includes strategies such as mobile food distribution, local community hubs, transportation assistance, and volunteer delivery networks to help ensure rural and underserved communities are not overlooked.

The plan also addresses critical operational issues including food safety, refrigeration and generator needs, fuel, transportation, donations, volunteers, resource tracking, public information, cost recovery, and coordination with state and federal resources. It establishes procedures for reporting feeding needs and activities to the EOC so decision-makers have accurate information about where resources are needed.

Ultimately, the Multi-Agency Emergency Feeding Plan strengthens Del Norte County's ability to be locally prepared and self-reliant during the critical period before outside assistance arrives. It does not

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replace the existing responsibilities of participating organizations; instead, it creates a common framework so those organizations can communicate, coordinate resources, identify gaps, and work together more effectively during an emergency. The plan calls for annual review, training, and exercises so it remains current and improves as lessons are learned.

After the 2023 Smith River Complex Fires the DNATL Food Council held several focus groups that captured information about feeding operations and capabilities as well as discussing lessons learned during the fires. In 2025 the Emergency Feeding task force activated in response to the federal government shutdown that caused a disruption to SNAP/CalFresh benefits.