

Sonoma Water and Water Contractor Emergency Training & Coordination Program

PURPOSE

Sonoma Water, in partnership with its wholesale water customers, will develop and implement a training and coordination program designed to enhance and refine the interoperability and emergency response and recovery capabilities of the participating agencies. In support of this, an Emergency Training & Coordination Subcommittee will be created subordinate to the Water Contractor Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). This program will not replace individual agency policies, procedures, or priorities nor supersede any Operational Area programs or coordination efforts.

PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

- City of Cotati
- City of Petaluma
- City of Rohnert Park
- City of Santa Rosa
- City of Sonoma
- Marin Municipal Water District
- North Marin Water District
- Sonoma Water
- Town of Windsor
- Valley of the Moon Water District
- County of Sonoma Department of
Emergency Management (advisory)

SCOPE

The goals of the coordination and training program are:

- Provide a forum and structure for quarterly, or as needed, coordination meetings and workshops.
- Enhance the working relationship between Sonoma Water and the local retail water agencies (water contractors and Marin Municipal Water District), including through joint trainings and exercises.
- Develop mutual aid processes, systems, trainings, and exercises designed to support enhanced interoperability and coordination.
- Increase regional readiness and response by practicing field command, control, and coordination and operational collaboration
- Opportunistically use scheduled project improvements as training opportunities

ORGANIZATIONAL ROLES

Sonoma Water

- Chair the Emergency Training & Coordination Subcommittee (ET&C)
- Facilitate design and development of training and coordination program as well as establishment of annual program goals
- Provide logistical support and guidance for trainings and coordination meetings
- Identify and seek training opportunities
- Manage training or other type consultant contracts

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

- Review and approve final training and coordination program
- Annually review and approve training and coordination program schedule and goals
- Ensure designated representation on the Emergency Training & Coordination Subcommittee

Emergency Training & Coordination Subcommittee (ET&C)

- Participate in the review, development, and implementation of coordination and training program
- Participate in development of annual training and exercise goals
- Participate in development and implementation of trainings and exercises
- Ensure staff participation in program training and exercise goals
- Recommend Sonoma Water training budget sufficient to achieve training program goals

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION AND BUDGET

- Subcommittee members will participate in the implementation of the training program; assist in pre-planning efforts to identify joint trainings and exercises and budgetary estimates; participate in an annual presentation to the TAC for approval of the training program schedule and goals; will participate in joint training and exercise activities; and will participate in the annual reporting of training program goal accomplishments to the TAC.
- Sonoma Water, based on recommendations from the ET&C Subcommittee, will include in the Water Transmission System budget an annual amount for Joint Emergency Training (based on approval by the Water Contractors).