

# CUEA

## CALIFORNIA UTILITIES EMERGENCY ASSOCIATION



# “Common Threads”

## Integrating Public/Private Partnerships into the Emergency Management System



**Executive Order S-04-06**

# CA Office of Emergency Services

- Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES)
- Cabinet Office
- Three Administrative Regions
  - Coastal (Oakland)
  - Inland (Sacramento)
  - Southern (Los Alamitos)
- Six Mutual Aid Regions
  - Law, Fire,



Henry Renteria  
OES Director

# History

- Governor chartered CUEA in 1952 as part of the state's Civil Defense Plan
- The association was created by a Joint Powers Agreement to represent Utilities on Emergency - related issues.
- CUEA incorporated in 1998 as 501(c)4
- CUEA received state tax exempt status in 1999



# Mission

- Provides structure for efficient communication / coordination between governmental organizations and the Utility industry
- Provide a strategic point of insight on state disaster policies.
- Provides emergency operations support to ensure preservation of lives and property



# Leadership and Support

## **Board of Directors:**

Comprised of Senior-level officers from California public and private utilities; functions as the Association's policy-making body

## **Utility Emergency Coordinators:**

Senior managers from California public and private utilities provide functional and project support on CUEA and CA State OES projects.

# Funding

The Association is funded primarily by member Utilities through annual membership dues.

Members include AT&T, CA ISO, City of Anaheim, East Bay MUD, LADWP, Metropolitan Water District, SMUD, Southern CA Edison, Sempra Energy Utilities, Verizon Wireless, and more.



# Information Exchange

- Investor Owned

  - Not required to share information

  - Loss of public confidence

  - Loss of market share

- Public

  - Required to provide public information

  - No loss of market share

# CUEA / CA OES Partnership

Allows for meeting Utility Emergency Management Needs

- Planning
- Preparedness
- Mitigation
- Response
- Recovery



# CUEA EOC

- Co-located within CA OES; provides structure to address Utility emergency related issues.
- Senior managers from CA Utilities staff the EOC.
- CUEA is activated for response and recovery issues to enhance the CUEA Emergency Plan and the California State Emergency Plan.
- The Executive Director serves as the utilities liaison to CA OES through the state operations center.



# CUEA Overview



## Utility Industries

- Gas/Pipeline
- Energy
- Telecom
- Cable
- Water/Wastewater

partnering with

**OHS/OES and other  
Governmental Agencies**

# CUEA Sponsored Events

- Annual Meeting
- Critical Information Workshop
- SEMS Specialist Committee
- CSTI Water Programs
- CUEA/CA OES Quarterly Meeting
- Publish Quarterly Newsletter
- EDIS and Equipment Capability Test

# Some Current Initiatives

- SEMS/NIMS Integration
- Potable Water document
- Golden Guardian 2007
- Golden Guardian 2008
- Chair Emergency Partnership Advisory Workgroup
- State Mass Fatality Management Planning Committee
- CA Disaster Resource and Capability Preparedness Assessment Project

# Summary

- The commitment to partner and train will establish a level of trust and shared vision
- The opportunity for integration is current, the responsibility shared and the benefits will be critical and long term.





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**Thank you for your attention!**