

# Update on the Emergency Response Program

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#### **Emergency Management**



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#### **Emergency Response: Maintain Readiness**

Organize Response
Teams and Command
Centers

Ensure Adequate Equipment and Supplies

Coordinate with Member Agencies and Emergency Partners

**Conduct Exercises** 

Communicate Effectively

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# Organize Response Teams and Command Centers

## Incident Command Centers (ICC)

- Diemer
- Jensen
- Mills
- Skinner
- Weymouth
- Western Distribution
- Eastern Distribution
- Desert



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# Organize Response Teams and Command Centers

- Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
  - Automatic activation
  - Directed activation
- Emergency Response Organization (ERO)
  - Emergency Response Plan and staffing assignments updated annually
  - Complies with national standards



#### Ensure Adequate Equipment and Supplies

Prepared to respond to two simultaneous events







Track heavy equipment for quick mobilization

Maintain Structural Supplies Maintain Shop
Capacity

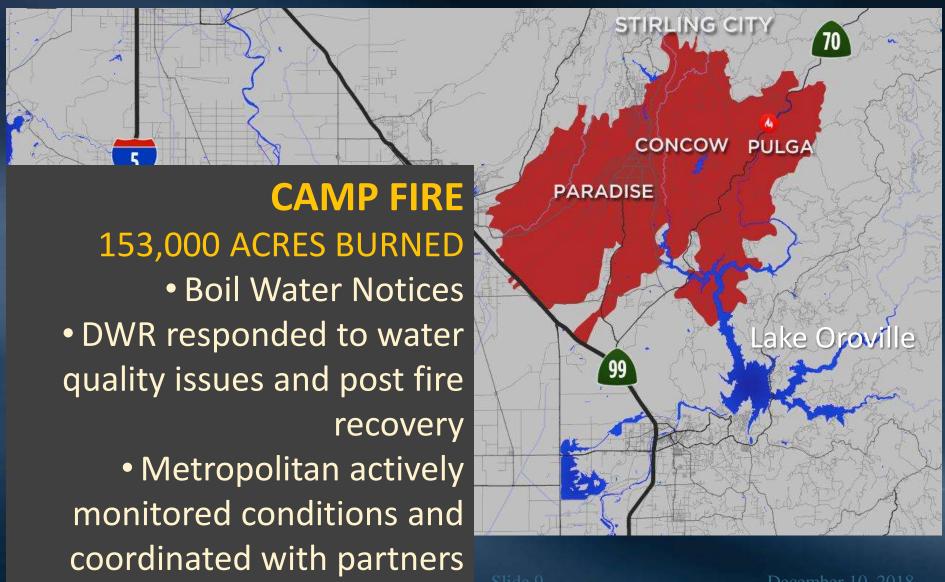
#### Coordinate with Member Agencies and Emergency Partners

- California Utilities Emergency Association (CUEA)
  - Link between utilities in the State and the California
     Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES)
- California Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (CalWARN)
  - Links multiple water agencies in the State
- Member Agency Response System
  - Allows member agencies to assist each other during an emergency

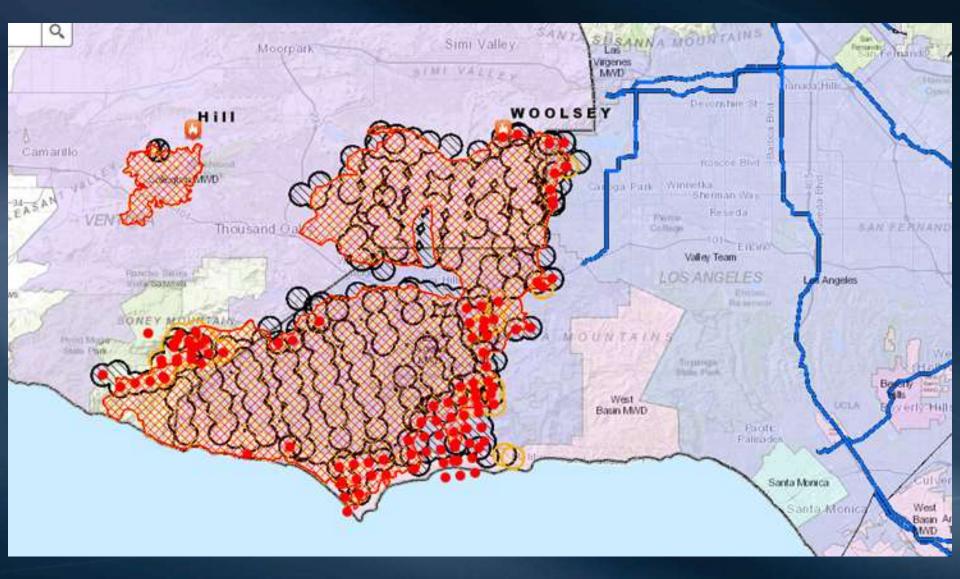
#### Coordinate with Member Agencies and Emergency Partners

- Counties
  - Participate in regular County emergency management meetings and exercises
- State agencies
  - Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES)
  - Department of Water Resources (DWR)
- Utility partners

#### Update on Recent Wildfires in the State Northern California

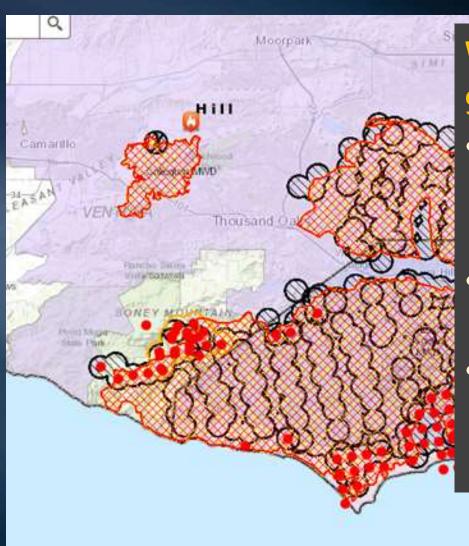


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### **WOOLSEY FIRE**97,000 ACRES BURNED

- Impacted Calleguas, Las
   Virgenes, and West Basin agencies
- Metropolitan prepared to assist
- Metropolitan staff responded by increasing water pressure to support higher flows

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### Conduct Exercises 5-Year Exercise Plan

- Member agencies and external partners invited to actively participate in annual exercises
- Member agencies involved in the design, development and execution of the annual exercise
- Regular field drills, exercises, and post-exercise evaluations to keep local response teams trained and ready

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### Successful 2018 Annual Emergency Exercise Operation Nomad (Brushfire scenario)

- Successfully relocated multiple mission-critical operations
- Trained new EOC staff
- Trained local command center staff
- Four Member Agencies ran tabletop exercises







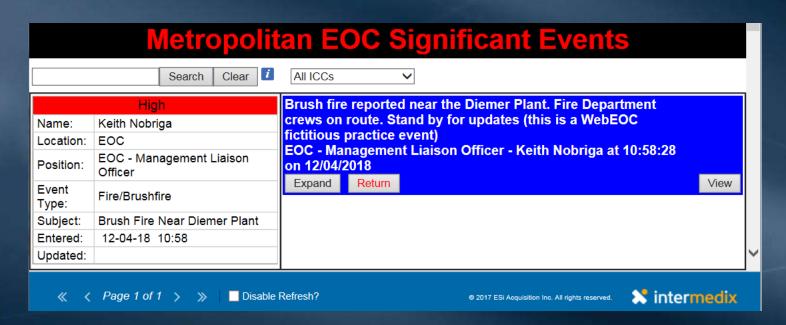
#### Communicate Effectively

- Emergency radio system
  - Recently upgraded
  - Tested monthly
  - Connects to Member Agencies, Metropolitan, and DWR
- Met-Alert
  - Mass notification system
  - Tested regularly
- Satellite phones
  - Tested regularly



### Communicate Effectively Online Information Sharing (WebEOC)

- Virtually connects Metropolitan command centers
- Standardizes emergency information
- Real-time status updates to entire response team



#### **Future Actions**

- Continue maintaining emergency response readiness
- 2019 highlights
  - Credentialing emergency response staff
  - Starting second Five-Year Exercise Plan

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