SEMS FACT SHEET

The State of California Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) was made effective in 1993 by Senator Petris after the Oakland fires. It is a framework for responding to and managing emergencies and disasters involving multiple jurisdictions or multiple agency responses. It includes and requires:

Major components of SEMS
- Use of the Incident Command System (ICS)
- Multi-agency or Inter-agency Coordination System (MACS)
- Master Mutual Aid Agreement/Systems
- Operational Area Concept

Five Levels of Response (depending upon situation)
- Field Response
- Local Government
- Operational Area
- Regional
- State

Standard Incident Command System/Emergency Management Functions
- Management/Command
- Operations
- Planning/Intelligence
- Logistics
- Finance/Administration

Incident Command System Benefits
- Flexibility
- Clear Accountability and Coordination of Resources
- Span of Control
- Common Terminology
- Management by Objectives
- Action Planning
- Operational Periods

Operational Area (OA)
The OA is “an intermediate level of the state of emergency services organization, consisting of all political subdivisions within a County”. It is a special purpose organization consisting of the geographic area of the County, created to prepare for and coordinate emergency response information, resources, and priorities among local governments within the OA. It serves as the coordination and communication link between the local government level and the regional level. The County is the lead agency for the OA, providing the 24 hour contact point and initial staffing. The County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is used as the OA EOC.
# MUTUAL AID REGIONS

### REGION 1
- Los Angeles
- Orange
- San Luis Obispo
- Santa Barbara
- Ventura

### REGION 2
- Alameda
- Contra Costa
- Del Norte
- Humboldt
- Lake
- Marin
- Mendocino
- Monterey

### REGION 3
- Butte
- Colusa
- Glenn
- Lassen
- Modoc
- Plumas
- Shasta
- Sierra
- Siskiyou
- Sutter
- Tehama
- Trinity
- Yuba

### REGION 4
- Alpine
- Amador
- Calaveras
- El Dorado
- Nevada
- Placer
- Sacramento
- San Joaquin
- Stanislaus
- Tuolumne
- Yolo

### REGION 5
- Mariposa
- Merced
- Madera
- Fresno
- Tulare
- Kings
- Kern

### REGION 6
- Mono
- Inyo
- San Bernardino
- Riverside
- San Diego
- Imperial