



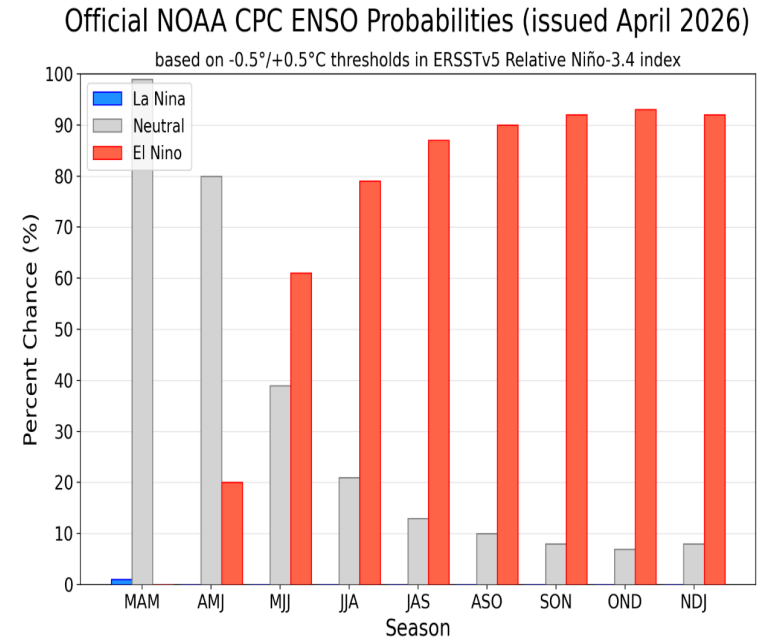
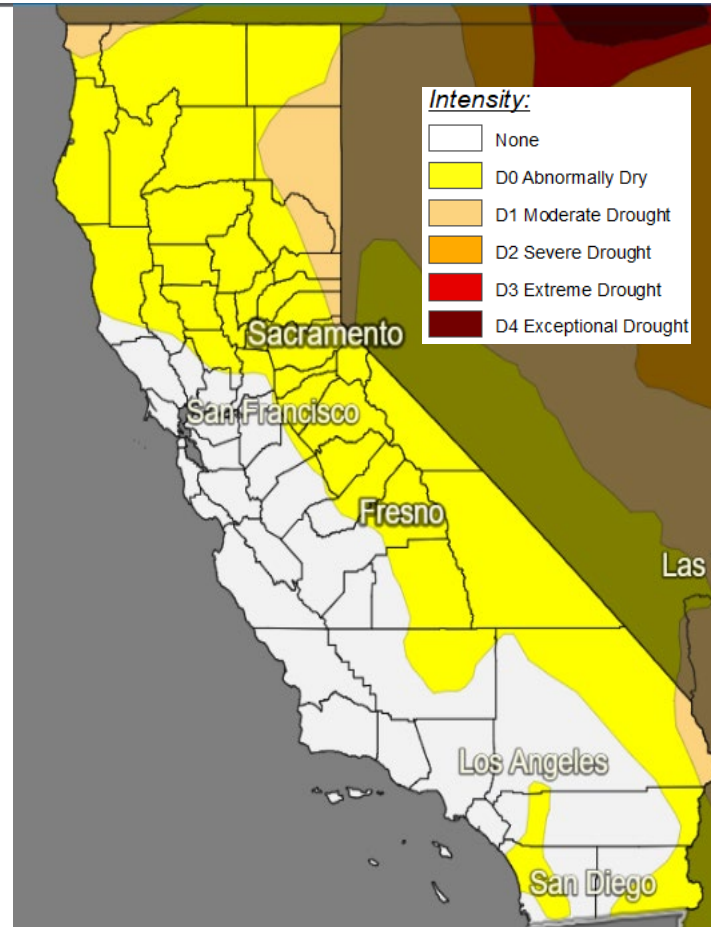
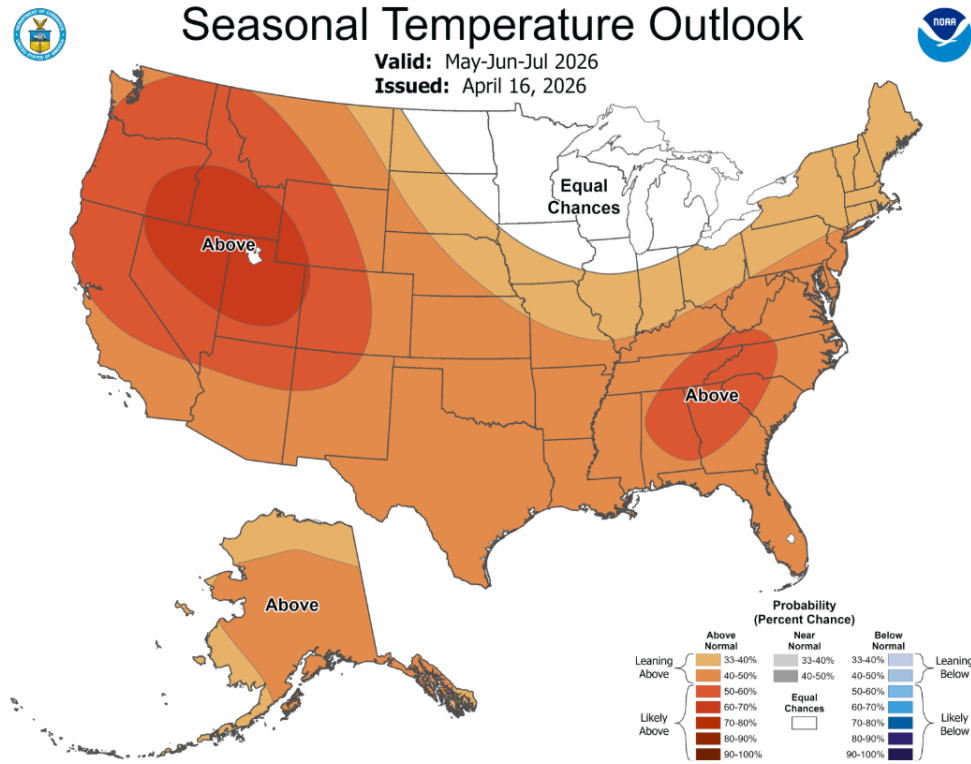
# 2026 Wildfire Preparedness Update

**Sonoma County Board of Supervisors**

May 19, 2026

# Fire Season Outlook

## U.S. Drought Monitor

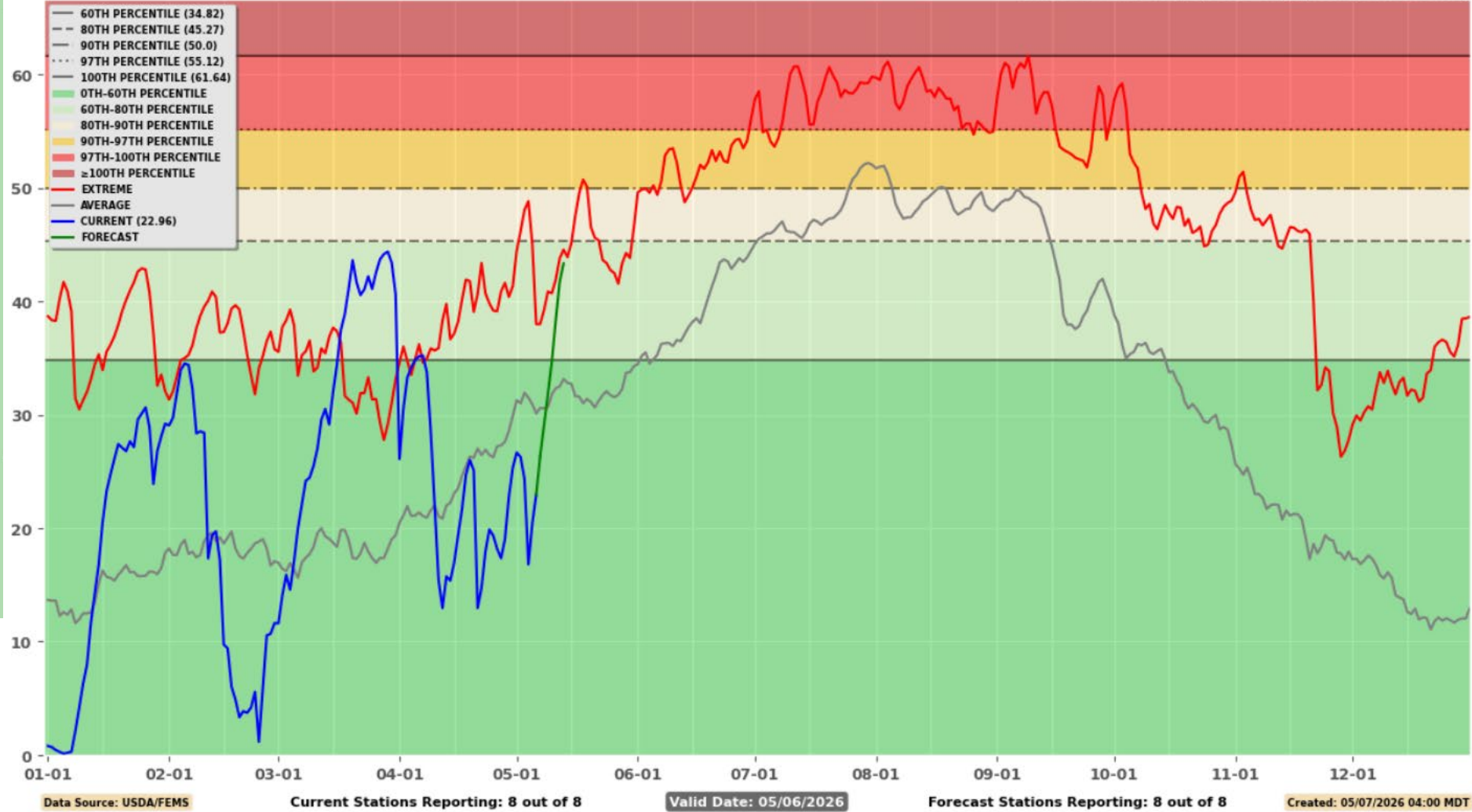


# Fuels/Fire Danger



Energy Release Component: PSA NC02 (Mid Coast To Mendocino)

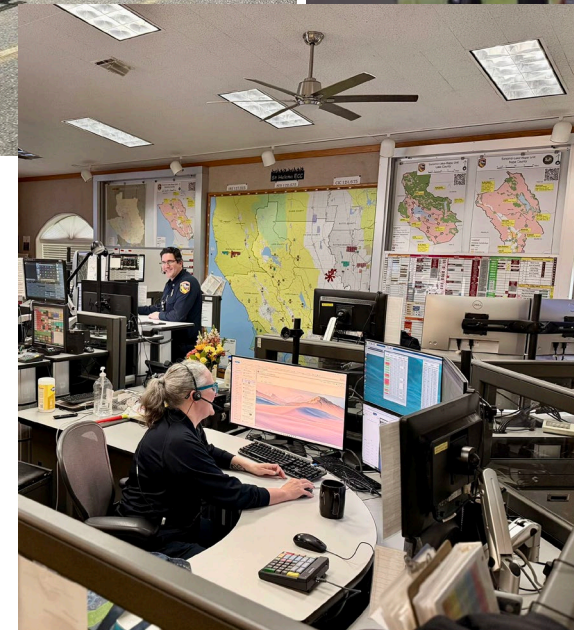
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Period Of Record: 01/01/2005 - 12/31/2022 (Fuel Model: Y)



# CAL Fire Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit

## Current Staffing Update

- Peak staffing in place (March–December)
- **31 fire engines** (14 assigned to Sonoma County)
- **6 bulldozers**
- **9 hand crews** (8 CDCR, 1 CAL FIRE Firefighter)



# CAL Fire Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit

## Aviation Resources (Initial Attack)

- **Sonoma Air Attack Base (SAAB)**

- 2 S-2 Airtankers
- 1 OV-10 Air Attack platform

- **Boggs Mountain Helitack Base**

- S-70i Fire Hawk

- **C-130 Airtanker Program**

## Exclusive Use Aircraft (Beginning June 1)

- **CH-47 Chinook – Napa Airport**

- **2 - UH-60 Blackhawks**

- 1 @ Sonoma Air Attack Base
- 1 @ Gness Field (Marin County Fire Dept)
- 1,000-gallon capacity each



# CAL Fire Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit

**CAL FIRE is undergoing one of the most significant transformations in its history:**

- Transition to a traditional staffing model (Captain, Engineer, Firefighter)
- Expansion to **permanent, year-round staffing**
  - **10 permanent engines added this winter**
- Increased capacity for **fuels reduction and prescribed fire operations**
- To support this effort, LNU has established:
  - **Deputy Chief of Community Risk Reduction – Ryan Isham**
    - Focused on advancing wildfire resilience, fuels management, and community protection



# Red Flag Warning & Particularly Dangerous Situation (PDS)


**Red Flag Warning Thursday PM - Saturday PM**  
 Weather Forecast Office  
 San Francisco Bay Area  
 Wednesday, October 16

**What**

- Offshore winds of 25-35 mph with gusts to 50 mph, isolated gusts to 65 mph across the highest terrain and ridgetops
- Daytime relative humidity as low as 10%

**Where**

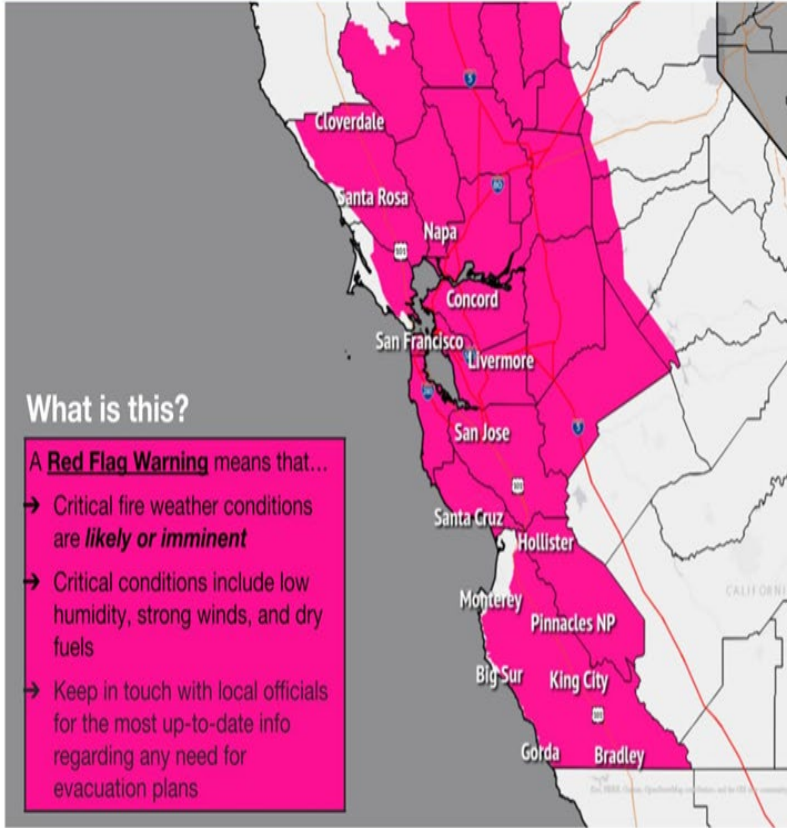
- Interior Bay Area and Central Coast, *including* the City of San Francisco, the SF Peninsula Coast, Santa Cruz region, and the SF Bay Shoreline.

**When**

- 11 PM Thursday until 5 PM Saturday

**Impacts & Safety**

- Easier fire starts & potential for rapid fire spread
- Exercise fire safety precautions
- Have an emergency plan in case a fire starts near you



**What is this?**

A **Red Flag Warning** means that...

- Critical fire weather conditions are *likely or imminent*
- Critical conditions include low humidity, strong winds, and dry fuels
- Keep in touch with local officials for the most up-to-date info regarding any need for evacuation plans


## Particularly Dangerous Situation (PDS) Red Flag Warnings

**EXTREME RISK – Take Immediate Action**

**\*\*\*3 PDS Areas\*\*\***


- **PDS Timing: Tuesday 4AM - Noon Wednesday**
- **Do NOT do anything that could spark a fire**
- **Have multiple ways to receive evacuation information**
- **Visit [www.fire.ca.gov/prepare](http://www.fire.ca.gov/prepare); Develop a wildfire action plan**
- **Peak winds for this next event will be weaker than those last week. Nevertheless, winds will be strong enough to potentially cause explosive fire growth**




**Weather: 45-70 mph gusts, locally damaging; 8-15% relative humidity**



**Ventura & Los Angeles Counties**

**\*\*\* Important: Red Flag conditions (though weaker winds) are expected in other areas of Southern California \*\*\***

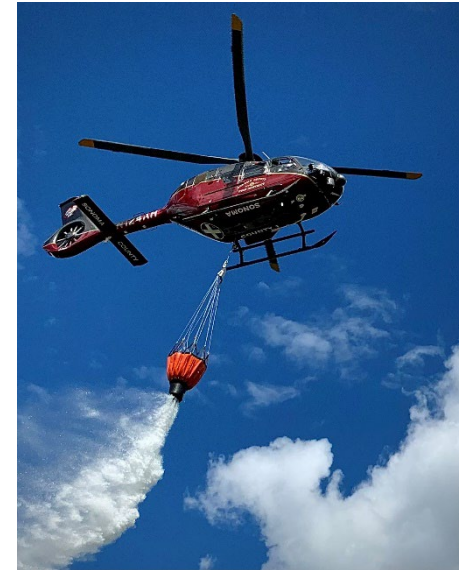

**weather.gov/LosAngeles**  
 Weather Forecast Office • Los Angeles/Oxnard, CA  
 Updated: Sunday January 12, 2025 at 1:30 pm

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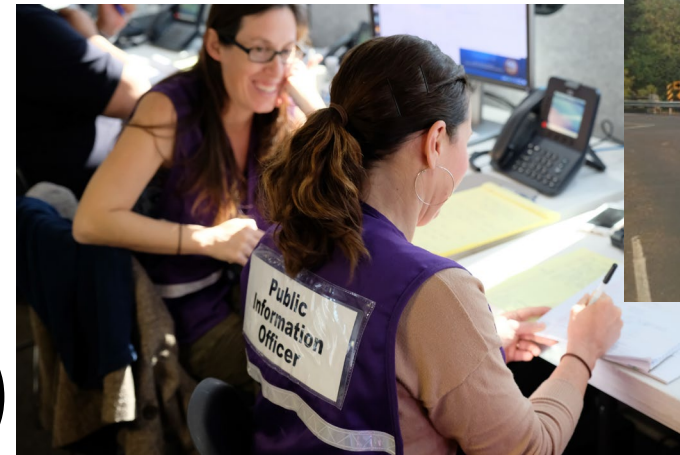
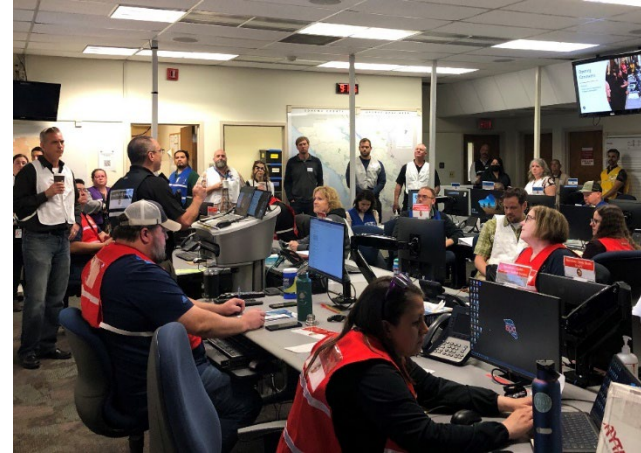
# Preparedness - County Fire Agencies

- Operational Area Fire Coordinator
- Cal OES upstaffing
- Resource coordination with adjoining county operational area coordinators
- REDCOM Fire Duty Officer
- Weekly planning conference call
- Special resources
  - Sonoma County Fire District – Sonoma County 1
  - Fire Integrated Real-Time Intelligence System Plane (FIRIS)



# Disaster Service Worker (DSW)- Department of Emergency Management

- County EOC/DSW Training:
  - Core EOC training
  - Tabletop Exercises
  - Lunch-n-Learns
  - Functional Exercise (May)
  - Temporary Evacuation Points (TEPs)
  - Mass Care & Shelter Training
  - Countywide DSW Awareness Training
- Operational Area Partners Training (EOC)
- Operational Area Partners Meeting (May)



# Duty Officer Program- Department of Emergency Management

- 24/7/365
- County government's "first response"
- Coordinate County resources
- Support field operations
  - Fire Camera System
  - OA Calls
  - Pre-Event
  - No Notice Events
  - Unified Evacuation Team (UET)



**Bottom Line Up Front:** at 3:15 p.m. REDCOMM received several 9-1-1 calls reporting a Vegetation fire in the Area of Lakeville Highway & Browns Lane in a large field. At this time units are on scene with Cal FIRE and Air Attack. The Fire is currently at 10 acres with the potential to spread to 100. Unconfirmed reports that the fire pushing towards Stage Gulch Rd.

Supervisor: **District 2- Rabbitt**

**Situation:**

- Large fire in an open field
- Weather: 72 degrees with wind in the area

**Actions Taken:**

- DEM Duty Officer has made contact with REDCOMM for a situation update
- DEM Duty Officer and staff are monitoring the situation.
- Alert & Warning Manager & DEM Leadership notification of the event
- County Executive level notification

DEM Duty Officer: Melanie Collins/ Lisa Figueroa

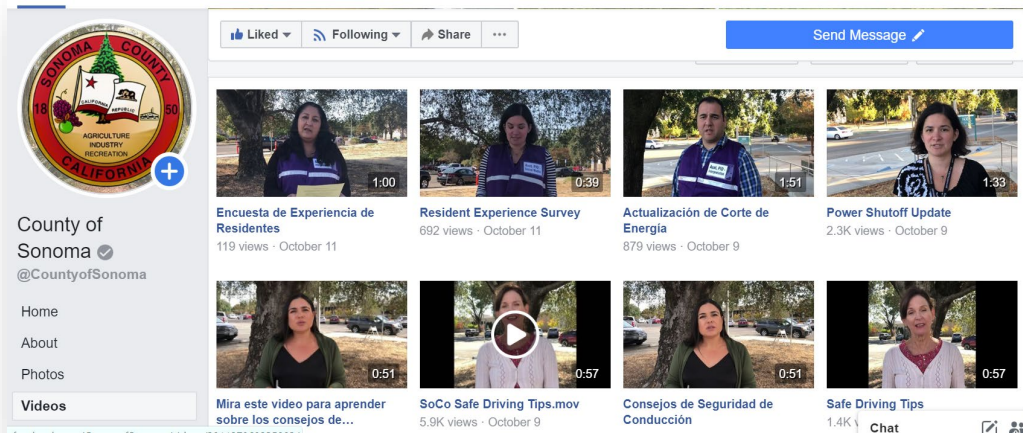
DEM Duty Phone: 707-565-3419

**Attachments:**



# Public Information Response

- SoCoEmergency.org Updating
- Evacuation Zone Map Updating
- Social Media
- 2-1-1 Coordination
- Joint Information Center (JIC)



# Alert & Warning Platforms

- *Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA)*



- *Hi-Lo Sirens*



- *SoCoAlert*



- *Neighbor to Neighbor*



- *Emergency Alert System (EAS)*



- *Nixle*



- *NOAA Weather Radio (NWR)*



- *ImageTrend*





# Ag Access Verification Program Update

**Applications received: 959 (April 21, 2026)**

Total staff hours in program work October 2022 through April 16, 2026: 652.7 hrs.

➤ **Issued: 567**

- 171 or 30% were issued to an Owner\*
- 396 or 70% were issued to an Employee
- 70 or 12% of total issued cards are for Livestock Producers
- 431 or 76% of total issued cards are for Plant Agricultural Producers
- 66 or 12% of total issued cards are for both Livestock and Plant Agricultural Producers

➤ **Pending: 52**

Of the 52 pending applications:

- 47 approved by AWM; sent to Sheriff's Office for issuance
- 5 pending AWM appointment to verify eligibility

➤ **Canceled: 316**

Of the 316 canceled applications:

- 285 canceled due to additional information requested by AWM not being received
- 20 canceled due to duplicate approved applications
- 11 failed e-signature verification

➤ **Denied: 24**

Of the 24 denied applications:

- 14 denied due to duplicate application
- 10 denied due to incomplete application





# Questions/Discussion

