



Letter of Promulgation

Approval Date: _____, 2025

To: Community of Sonoma County

The experiences from the 2017 Complex Fires, 2019 floods, Public Safety Power Shutoffs, 2019 Kincadee Fire, 2020 COVID-19 pandemic, 2020 Sonoma–Lake–Napa Unit Lightning Complex Fires and Glass Fire, and the 2024 Point Fire have taught us valuable lessons and best practices. These events have driven our leaders to enhance the County's recovery capabilities, ensuring we are better prepared for future emergencies. Providing short-, intermediate-, and long-term recovery services following an emergency or major disaster is a core responsibility of local, state, and federal government as the need for recovery assistance escalates. Recovery operations are inherently complex and present various challenges. The impacts of emergencies are often shared across jurisdictional boundaries, yet each may have different recovery priorities. Therefore, effective recovery requires comprehensive multijurisdictional coordination and community participation. Sonoma County, in collaboration with the cities, towns, special districts, community partners and community members has prepared this Operational Area (OA) Recovery Operations Plan to ensure the most effective recovery from the impacts of an emergency or major disaster.

While there is no executable plan that will result in complete recovery of a community from the damage or loss incurred during an emergency or major disaster, an effective plan conducted by knowledgeable and well-trained personnel can and will bolster recovery efforts, expedite desired outcomes, and enhance resilience among the whole community. This Plan establishes the OA's recovery organizational structure, defines roles and responsibilities, provides general procedures, and provides protocols for multijurisdictional coordination of recovery efforts utilizing the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS).

The purpose of this Plan is to efficiently incorporate all stakeholders, both within and outside the OA, into an organization, capable of effectively coordinating complex recovery operations, to achieve the best possible recovery outcomes for all organizations, businesses, and members of our communities.

The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors gives its full support to this Plan and urges all officials, government employees, and community members to do their share to support the total recovery efforts of the OA. This promulgation letter underscores Sonoma County's steadfast commitment to the communities within the OA, ensuring the provision of essential services during and after any emergency or major disaster.

The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors formally approves this plan.

Print Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature: _____

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Sonoma County Operational Area