



California Emergency Response/Recovery Exercise for Water Sector

Background

The California Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (WARN), the California – Nevada Section American Water Works Association (AWWA) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are co-sponsoring the *California Emergency Response Recovery Exercise for the Water Sector*, an emergency preparedness tabletop exercise targeting the water sector in California. The exercise is designed to prepare the water in California for the U.S. Geological Survey ARkStorm Exercise scheduled for May 2011.

When and Where will the Exercise be held?

Date: Friday, October 8, 2010	Time: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM PST
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The exercise will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento, California as part of the CA-NV AWWA 2010 Annual Fall Conference (October 5-8). There is NO cost to attend the exercise.

Exercise Goals and Objectives

- Improve integration of the water sector in the State of California’s Standardized Emergency Management System response.
 - Provide exposure on the utilization of the CalWARN Operational Plan and the California Joint Water Task Force Water (JWTF) Desk Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)
- Integrate the coordination of water sector mutual aid deployments within and outside the state.
 - Exercise the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) process to facilitate support from Arizona WARN and Nevada WARN
 - Integrate lessons from the working sessions of the CA-NV AWWA fall conference

Exercise Format, Audience, and Scenario

The *California Emergency Response/Recovery Exercise for the Water Sector* is a tabletop exercise, a type of discussion-based exercise (no field activities will occur). Participating organizations include: area drinking water and wastewater utilities; local, state, and federal water sector stakeholders; and others interested in water and wastewater issues.

“AR” in ARkStorm stands for “Atmospheric River” conditions that develop over the Pacific Ocean and enter the west coast. The ARkStorm scenario features an extreme winter storm with flooding, landslides, coastal erosion, and inundation hazards characterized by infrastructural, environmental, agricultural, social, and economic impacts.

To Register and for More Information

To register for the exercise, please visit the registration website at:

https://www.thetestportal.com/public/!alsded+portal_apps.warn_ttx.p_registration. For additional information, please contact Ray Riordan (CalWARN) at rayriordan@comcast.net or David Goldbloom-Helzner (EPA) at 202-564-2106.