

Part IV

Recovery Operations Plan

Section A. Introduction

1. Purpose

The Purpose of the Recover Operations Plan is to:

- a. To describe the general process for accessing state and federal disaster assistance programs available to governmental agencies, private sector organizations, and individual citizens.
- b. To outline the roles and responsibilities of the City following a disaster.

2. General Information on Recovery Operations

- a. Definitions
 - i. **Individual Assistance**—state and federal programs which provide disaster victims with recovery and rehabilitation assistance. This includes businesses.
 - ii. **Public Assistance**—state and federal disaster assistance programs targeted for the repair and restoration of public facilities and services.
- b. Recovery consists of picking up and putting all of the City's pieces (government, individuals, and businesses) back together after a disaster strikes. The assistance programs and procedures described or referenced here pertain to non-wartime disasters.
- c. Most recoveries have two phases—Short-term and Long-term recoveries.
 - i. Short-term:
Short-term recovery is usually measured in months and there are a number of programs to assist local government, private sector organizations, and individual citizens. Emphasis is placed on safeguarding the population and providing victims with:
 - Food.

- Water.
- Shelter.
- Medical Assistance.

Local government is assisted with:

- Debris clearance and removal.
- Restoration and maintenance of power.
- Sanitation.
- Communications systems.
- Transportation systems.

ii. Long-term:

Long-term recovery is usually measured in years. The process aims at restoring the city to normal or improved service levels.

During long-time recovery, redevelopment and reconstruction will be addressed by both public and private sector entities. The objective of the redevelopment will be to develop a long-range master recovery plan".

Such a plan should:

- Set priorities.
- Formulate an optimum public/private sector reinvestment strategy.
- Recommend or establish mitigation measures:
 - New Zoning.
 - Improved land use.
 - Improved building codes.
 - Additional flood control projects.
 - Improved preparedness and response planning.
 - Better public education.
 - Streamline building permit process

Section B. Recovery Operations

1. Overview of Recovery Operations

The City provides the first line of response and assistance to victims in any affected area of the incorporated City of South Lake Tahoe.

- a. If the extent of damage clearly exceeds the City's capabilities and/or resources, the Director of Emergency Services will request state assistance through the El Dorado County Office of Emergency Services (OES).
- b. If the extent of damage warrants a Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency, some or all of the state's public and individual assistance programs will be activated.
- c. If the level of damage does not warrant a Gubernatorial Proclamation, some state assistance may be available.
- d. If the application of state assistance is determined by the Governor to be inadequate to meet City needs, he will request federal assistance from the President. Upon a President's Declaration of a Major Disaster or Emergency, federal disaster relief is made available under the provisions of the "Emergency Assistance Act" (PL 93-288) and the "Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief Act and Emergency Assistance Act" (PL 100-707).

2. Disaster Application Centers (DACs)

- a. The City may ask El Dorado County Office of Emergency Services to request Disaster Application Centers (DACs) be set up in or near stricken areas.

DACs help to ensure that disaster victims can apply for individual assistance with minimum inconvenience. One or more DACs may be established as the situation dictates.

- b. Representatives from city, county, state and federal agencies, and private sector relief organizations such as the American Red Cross, and Salvation Army may be requested to be present in the DACs.
- c. In all situations, when it is determined that a DAC is to be established, appropriate coordination between El Dorado County Operational Area OES and the City of South Lake Tahoe will be initiated as soon as possible.
- d. In addition to local representation as noted above, DACs will be staffed and managed by State and FEMA trained staff.
- e. In order to best serve the citizens of the City of South Lake Tahoe, the City will utilize the Public Information Officer (PIO) to inform the public of disaster recovery assistance. The PIO will inform the public of:
 - General types of assistance available.
 - How to get detailed information on assistance.
 - Where to go for assistance applications.
- f. For detailed DAC procedures, refer to the El Dorado County Multi-Hazard Functional Plan of October 1993, Part IV, Appendices C and E.

3. After Emergency Report

Each person participating in the function of the EOC during an emergency should be prepared to attend meetings to evaluate the emergency operations. Each position checklist contains this requirement.