



# CESA State Board Policy

<b>Title</b>	<b>CESA Legislative Platform Policy</b>	<b>Original Approval Date</b> January 2017
		<b>Revision &amp; Re-adoption Date(s)</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	<p>It is the overarching policy of the California Emergency Services Association (CESA) to support legislative and regulatory proposals that maximize local jurisdiction's and private enterprise's ability to effectively mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural and man-made disasters and public health emergencies, protecting both physical and fiscal health. Such proposals must recognize that all local agencies have unique characteristics, differing capacities, and diverse environments. In addition, emergency management and homeland security policies, practices, and funding should be designed to support the emergency management professional, promote innovation at the local level and permit maximum flexibility, so that services can best target individual community needs, hazards, threats, and capacities.</p>	
<b>Section</b>	<b>The Association Board adopted the following policy:</b>	
<b>1.0</b>	<p><b>Overall Legislative effort is to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further the Emergency Management profession and support the professional Emergency Manager.</li> <li>• Advocate for federal and state policies and requirements that are practically achievable by local governments.</li> <li>• Support adherence to the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) and the National Incident Management System (NIMS) processes.</li> <li>• Advocate for access to technologies that offer effective and wide-ranging communications capabilities for alerting the public in emergency situations.</li> <li>• Support full and flexible funding for on-going emergency preparedness and all hazard planning at all levels of government.</li> <li>• Support grant processes, procedures, and guidelines that allow full funding for personnel in order to carry out emergency management and homeland security mandates.</li> <li>• Support efforts to reform the existing state and federal grant funding structure that result in a streamlined and flexible process for the protection of Californians' physical and fiscal health and well-being.</li> <li>• Support full and flexible funding at the state and federal levels for response and recovery operations to help local jurisdictions return to pre-disaster operations levels as soon as practical.</li> <li>• Support full and flexible funding for on-going emergency preparedness exercises and training, focusing on an all hazards approach, at all levels.</li> </ul>	
<b>2.0</b>	<p><b>California Legislative effort is to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocate for improved coordination between state and local offices of emergency services and state and local departments with health and safety-related responsibilities (for example but not limited to law, fire, and public works agencies, California State Universities, University of California campuses, California Health and Human Services</li> </ul>	

	<p>Agency, Department of Health Services, and the Emergency Medical Services Authority, and local emergency management).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocate for programs that support all hazards planning and training among state agencies, between local governments, volunteer and private sector.</li> <li>• Support the existing language and funding provided under the California Disaster Assistance Act and the California Emergency Services Act.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<p><b>Federal Legislative effort is to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support legislation, regulations and policies which enhance timely, funded response and recovery from declared events.</li> <li>• Support adherence to the intent of the Stafford Act to support local recovery.</li> <li>• Support streamlining disaster assistance compliance objectives.</li> </ul>
<b>4.0</b>	<p><b>The CESA Legislative Committee as a standing committee is charged with the following tasks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor California and Federal legislative activities.</li> <li>• Meet with identified association, state, federal, or tribal representatives to promote the needs of the membership.</li> <li>• Meet with appropriate legislators to promote the needs of the membership.</li> <li>• Report on legislation that could impact tribes, federal or state agencies, county and local government and private sector emergency management activities.</li> <li>• Provide recommendation on actions by the Association Board and CESA members.</li> <li>• Identify allied associations to support common action.</li> <li>• Draft necessary letters, transmittals, and other documents that facilitate association and member response to legislative activities.</li> <li>• Identify, prepare and/or conduct appropriate training for members that will promote legislative involvement.</li> </ul>
<b>5.0</b>	<p><b>Agencies and Allied Associations:</b></p> <p>The following list of agencies and allied associations may be modified over time. The current list includes associations with whom the CESA Board considers to be an ally or provide support to CESA member needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Public Works Association <a href="http://apwa.net/">http://apwa.net/</a></li> <li>• American Red Cross <a href="http://www.redcross.org">http://www.redcross.org</a></li> <li>• Association of State Floodplain Managers <a href="http://www.floods.org/">http://www.floods.org/</a></li> <li>• Association of State and Territorial Health Officials <a href="http://www.astho.org">http://www.astho.org</a></li> <li>• California Association of School Business Officials <a href="http://www.casbo.org/">http://www.casbo.org/</a></li> <li>• California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) <a href="http://www.caloes.ca.gov">http://www.caloes.ca.gov</a></li> <li>• California Fire Chiefs Association <a href="http://calchiefs.org">http://calchiefs.org</a></li> <li>• California Operational Area Coalition</li> <li>• California Police Chiefs Association <a href="http://www.californiapolicechiefs.org/">http://www.californiapolicechiefs.org/</a></li> <li>• California School Boards Association <a href="http://www.csba.org/">http://www.csba.org/</a></li> <li>• California School Resource Officers <a href="http://www.csroa.org/">http://www.csroa.org/</a></li> <li>• California Special Districts Association (CSDA) <a href="http://csda.net/">http://csda.net/</a></li> <li>• California State Association of Counties (CSAC): <a href="http://www.csac.counties.org/">www.csac.counties.org/</a></li> <li>• California State Sheriffs Association <a href="http://www.calsheriffs.org">http://www.calsheriffs.org</a></li> <li>• California Volunteers <a href="http://www.californiavolunteers.org">http://www.californiavolunteers.org</a></li> <li>• Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) <a href="http://www.fema.gov">http://www.fema.gov</a></li> <li>• Floodplain Managers Association <a href="http://www.floodplain.org/">http://www.floodplain.org/</a></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Association of Emergency Managers – US <a href="http://www.iaem.com">http://www.iaem.com</a></li> <li>• International City Managers Association <a href="http://icma.org">http://icma.org</a></li> <li>• League of California Cities (LOCC) <a href="http://www.cacities.org">www.cacities.org</a></li> <li>• National Association of Counties <a href="http://www.naco.org">http://www.naco.org</a></li> <li>• National League of Cities <a href="http://www.nlc.org">http://www.nlc.org</a></li> <li>• Tribal Nation Organizations (to be determined)</li> <li>• US Conference of Mayors <a href="http://usmayors.org/">http://usmayors.org/</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>6.0</b></p>	<p><b>Action by Board:</b></p> <p>At established regular meetings of the Association Board, Legislative Platform issues will be discussed. In absence of meetings when a decision is needed or action taken, all effort will be made to comply with CESA Association Policy Action Without Meeting, which states: “Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Association Board may be taken without a meeting if all members of the Association Board shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such action. Such consent or consents shall have the same effect as a unanimous vote of the Association Board and shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Association Board.”</p> <p>There are times that urgent letters or actions are required due to limited time to respond to a legislative inquiry or action and not allow for a timely poll of the entire Association Board for approval. In this case, the Legislative Committee Chair will directly contact the President of each Chapter to obtain input and take appropriate action.</p>