SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA

EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM PLAN (EAS PLAN)

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LOCAL BROADCASTER/CABLE SYSTEM AUTHENTICATION

Station Identification			
TV Radio	AM FM		
Frequency/Channel			
Call Sign			
Name:			
Signature:			
Date:			
State Emergency Communications Committee (SECC)			
Name:			
Signature:			
Date:			
Federal Communications Com			

Name:	
Signature:	
Date:	

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PART ONE - OVERVIEW

1. **INTRODUCTION**

1.1 PURPOSE

- 1.1.1 Provide a description of the organization, structure, and operation of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) in the San Luis Obispo County Operational Area.
- 1.1.2 Describe procedures for the activation of the EAS by designated government officials within the Operational Area, including the unincorporated areas of the county and the cities and other jurisdictions within the Operational Area.
- 1.1.3 Describe the interagency coordination between local government and the broadcast and cable industry.
- 1.1.4 This plan does not duplicate information available in applicable Federal regulations and guidance.
- 1.1.5 Describe the EAS facilities and equipment that are in addition to the State and Federal facilities and equipment.
- 1.1.6 Provide for the dissemination of emergency messages and protective action decisions (such as shelter in place, evacuation) to the public. Protective actions are those actions that the general public should take to reduce an imminent threat to the public health and safety. EAS messages are not general media releases or ongoing emergency public affairs releases.

1.2 OBJECTIVES

- 1.2.1 Disseminate emergency alerts in a controlled, coordinated, reliable, and expeditious manner to segments of the public threatened by a major emergency.
- 1.2.2 Ensure that EAS messages are authentic, accurate, complete, and timely so as to maximize public safety and reduce confusion.
- 1.2.3 Provide for simultaneous broadcast of EAS messages through methods that can be easily received by all participating local broadcast radio and TV stations and cable TV systems within the county.

1.3 BACKGROUND

1.3.1 The EAS is a voluntary, cooperative system involving local government and area broadcasters and cable systems. It is built on the structure and principles of the Federal EAS and utilizes the Federal EAS encoder/decoder equipment that media outlets already have in place.

- 1.3.2 This plan was prepared by the San Luis Obispo County Operational Area EAS Local Emergency Communications Committee (LECC) representing both media and operational area government agencies and is intended to provide a means for utilization of the EAS by designated Operational Area agencies. It can be activated for any emergency which presents a significant threat to life or property within the Operational Area.
- 1.3.3 Acceptance of, or participation in this plan shall not be deemed as a relinquishment of program control, nor will it prohibit a broadcast licensee or cable operator from exercising independent discretion and responsibility in any given situation. Broadcast stations and cable systems originating emergency communications shall be deemed to have conferred rebroadcast authority. The concept of management of each broadcast station and cable system to exercise discretion regarding the transmission of emergency information and instructions to the general public is provided by the FCC Rules.

1.4 AUTHORITIES & REFERENCES

USC Title 47, Part 151, FCC - Federal EAS regulations

CFR Title 47, Part 11, EAS - Federal EAS regulations

CGC Title 2, Division 1, Chapter 7, California Emergency Services Act

SLO County Code Section 2.80, SLO County Emergency Services Ordinance

San Luis Obispo County Emergency Operations Plan, Part Three

FEMA CPG 1-40 & 1-41, JUN 2008, EAS

1.5 RELATED DOCUMENTS

EAS Broadcast Station Engineer Contact List

EAS Messages in threat specific plans

Early Warning Siren System Procedures

EAS DASDEC (Encoder/Decoder) Operating Instructions

2. **SCOPE**

2.1 SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA

- 2.1.1 San Luis Obispo County Unincorporated Areas This plan provides the guidance necessary for the designated government agencies to activate the EAS.
- 2.1.2 San Luis Obispo County Cities and Special Districts Each city and special district, as part of the Operational Area, may utilize the EAS in

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accordance with this plan.

- 2.1.3 Where necessary, existing emergency plans and procedures should be modified to reflect any changes to this plan.
- 2.2 BROADCASTERS AND CABLE TV SYSTEMS
 - 2.2.1 Broadcasters and cable TV systems that are located in or whose market includes any portion of San Luis Obispo County are eligible to participate in this plan.
 - 2.2.2 Federal regulations require that affected broadcasters and cable TV systems that elect to not participate must notify the San Luis Obispo County Office of Emergency Services of their intent to be non-participants.

2.3 APPLICABILITY

- 2.3.1 This plan is applicable to the San Luis Obispo County Operational Area EAS.
- 2.3.2 This plan is not intended to duplicate the Federal or State EAS Plans, and does not address the activation of the Federal or State EAS.
- 2.3.3 It is the intent of this plan that only local agencies and the National Weather Service have the authority to activate the EAS.

3. **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 3.1 SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
 - 3.1.1. Provide coordination of local government agencies in all aspects of the EAS.
 - 3.1.2 Provide needed equipment at the San Luis Obispo County EOC to activate the EAS.
 - 3.1.3 Provide EAS receivers and directly associated equipment, as determined by County OES, on the County UHF Local Government channel ("Purple Net") at no cost to broadcasters and cable TV systems participating in the EAS, unless or until the functions of these receivers are integrated into other EAS equipment at broadcast stations and cable TV systems. This will include required maintenance and repairs.
 - 3.1.4 Provide training to County personnel in the use of the EAS.
- 3.2 LOCAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE (LECC)
 - 3.2.1 Provide coordination between the Operational Area and broadcasters and cable TV systems.

- 3.2.2 Provide coordination between the Operational Area and the State Emergency Communications Committee (SECC).
- 3.2.3 Provide coordination among broadcasters and cable TV systems.
- 3.3 BROADCASTERS AND CABLE TV SYSTEMS
 - 3.3.1 Provide the Federally required EAS equipment (encoder/decoder).
 - 3.3.2 Respond, as appropriate, to San Luis Obispo County OES initiated monthly tests of the EAS.
 - 3.3.3 Provide reasonable access to San Luis Obispo County Communications technicians with regard to County provided EAS equipment.
 - 3.3.4 Provide training to broadcast and cable personnel in the use of the EAS.
 - 3.3.5 Broadcast EAS messages received on the EAS system.
- 3.4 LOCAL AGENCIES REQUESTING EAS ACTIVATION
 - 3.4.1 Provide an agency protocol consistent with this Plan for using the EAS.
 - 3.4.2 Provide a written EAS message to County OES or the Sheriff's Watch Commander that has been approved by the Incident Commander.
 - 3.4.3 Provide an agency PIO to respond to the San Luis Obispo County EOC.
 - 3.4.4 Provide follow up information related to the emergency to the San Luis Obispo County EOC, if activated, or to the OES Duty Emergency Services Coordinator.

4. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

- 4.1 CRITERIA FOR ACTIVATION OF EAS
 - 4.1.1 The primary criteria for activation of the EAS is that the emergency alert requires some type of public protective action, usually shelter-in-place or evacuation. EAS activation is not used for information only messages, but only when a significant threat to life or property exists. Examples of incidents that could result in activation include but are not limited to: dam/levee failure, hazardous material spills, tsunami warnings, wildland fires, nuclear power plant accidents and weapons of mass destruction incidents.
 - 4.1.2 Threats requiring EAS activation can be either actual or imminent and should have the potential to impact a significant portion of the population.
 - 4.1.3 While the EAS is activated by the government, the actual broadcast of the EAS message is done voluntarily by cooperating broadcast stations and cable TV systems.

4.2 AUTHORITY TO ACTIVATE EAS

The individuals listed below have the authority to activate the EAS for emergencies in the unincorporated areas of the County, and on behalf of any city or special district in the County.

- 4.2.1. County Sheriff's Watch Commander
- 4.2.2. County Emergency Services Coordinators (ESCs)
- 4.2.3. Designated County PIO
- 4.2.4. County Communications staff or designee
- 4.2.5. Designated radio station upon request from any of the above individuals, in the event that the EAS is not accessible remotely or from the County EOC.
- 4.3 AUTHORITY TO REQUEST EAS the officials listed below may request to activate the EAS.
 - 4.3.1 County/City Emergency Services Director
 - 4.3.2 City Emergency Services Coordinator
 - 4.3.3 County/City Fire Chief
 - 4.3.4 Sheriff/City Police Chief
 - 4.3.5 Field Incident Commander (IC)
- 4.4 EAS REQUESTS
 - 4.4.1 Those officials with authority to request the EAS may do so by contacting the Sheriff's Watch Commander at (
- 4.3 MESSAGE PREPARATION
 - 4.3.1 Responsibility

The agency and official requesting activation of the EAS has the responsibility to develop and approve the EAS message, and has absolute responsibility for its content.

The requesting official must provide the following information:

- Contact name and title
- Jurisdiction name and area
- Call back number

- Full EAS text including Public Information Officer contact info (see 4.3.2).
- Updated EAS every 30 minutes as appropriate.
- Termination request.

4.3.2 Content

The EAS message shall be no longer than 2 minutes and provide short, concise and accurate information based only on facts. The full EAS message must be provided to the Sheriff's Watch Commander upon request of usage of the system. The EAS massage will be broadcast as written. The person requesting the EAS system assumes responsibility for the content of the message broadcast. Once the emergency has been terminated, an official termination message will be required.

Ensure message includes at a minimum:

- Officials issuing statement
- Areas affected
- Actions necessary
- Phone number for assistance

4.4 ACTIVATION POINTS

4.4.1 The EAS may be activated from the Sheriff Watch Commander's Office, the PIO Room at the County EOC, or remotely with access to the County Network. EOC activation is not required for EAS utilization.

4.5 METHOD OF REQUESTING ACTIVATION

- 4.5.1 The San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office Watch Commander is the 24 hour point of contact for activation of the EAS by San Luis Obispo County agencies. Actual activation is done by Sheriff's Watch Commander or San Luis Obispo County OES personnel. Specific checklists and instructions for activation are located in the Watch Commander's Office and PIO Room of the San Luis Obispo County EOC.
 - 4.5.1.1 Commercial Phone,
 - 4.5.1.2 Ring down phone or RED phone

4.5.1.3 FAX (

- 4.5.1.4 California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS)
- 4.5.1.5 Law enforcement radio systems

4.6	STATI	ATION DESIGNATIONS AND MONITORING ASSIGNMENTS			
	4.6.1	LP1 (KKJG)	98.1 F	M, San Luis Obisp	00
		Monitors:	NWS; KIH 31	, 162.550 MHz	
		County UHF L	_ocal Governm	ent, "Purple Net,"	453.200 MHz
		(KHTY)	EDIS	IPAWS	
	4.6.2	LP2	920 AM, San	Luis Obispo	
		Monitors:	98.1 FM		
		NWS			
		County UHF L	_ocal Governm	ent	
		EDIS IF	PAWS		
	4.6.3	LP2	1400 AM, Sar	n Luis Obispo	
		Monitors:	98.1 FM	920 AM	
		NWS I	PAWS		
		County UHF L	_ocal Governm	ent	
	4.6.4	All other broad	dcast stations &	& cable TV system	S
		Monitor:	LP1		
		LP2 (920 AM	or 1400 AM)		
		NWS – Optior	nal IPAWS	6	
		County UHF L	ocal Governm	ent – OPTIONAL	
	4.6.5	County EOC			
		Monitor:	LP1		
		LP2 920 AM 8	& 1400 AM		
		NWS			
		CLETS	IPAWS		
4.7	ACTIV	ATION LOCAT	TION IDENTIFI	ERS	

4.7.1 The Federal Information Processing System (FIPS) code for San Luis

Obispo County is 06079.

- 4.7.2 No other specific location codes are used.
- 4.8 EAS HEADER

The header for activation of the EAS from the San Luis Obispo County Emergency Operations Center is SLO CO OES,

4.9 EAS ACTIVATION CODES

4.9.1 NATIONAL EVENT CODES - Immediate Broadcast Required

In accordance with FCC regulations, all broadcast stations and cable TV systems must automatically and immediately broadcast EAS messages with the following National Event Codes:

- EAN Emergency Action Notification
- EAT Emergency Action Termination
- 4.9.2 NATIONAL EVENT CODES Delayed Broadcast Permitted

In accordance with FCC regulations, all broadcast stations and cable TV systems must automatically and with no more than 15 minutes delay broadcast EAS messages with the following National Event Codes:

RMT Required Monthly Test

The following National Event Codes do not require broadcast:

- NIC National Information Center
- NPT National Periodic Test
- 4.9.3 LOCAL EVENT CODES Immediate Broadcast Required

All broadcast stations and cable TV systems must automatically and immediately broadcast EAS messages with the following Local Event Codes:

CEM Civil Emergency Messages

4.9.4 ADMINISTRATIVE & TEST CODES - No Broadcast Required

In accordance with FCC regulations, all broadcast stations and cable TV systems will receive, log, and NOT broadcast EAS messages with the following Local Event Codes:

ADR Administrative Message

- RWT Required Weekly Test
- DMO Practice / Demonstration Message
- 4.9.5 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE CODES Immediate Broadcast Requested but not required
 - TSW Tsunami Warning
 - FFW Flash Flood Warning
 - SVR Severe Thunderstorm Warning
 - TOR Tornado
- 4.9.6 OTHER-Broadcast requested but not required

CAE-Child Abduction Alert

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- 5.1 PRIMARY COMMUNICATIONS
 - 5.1.1 The primary link between the County EOC and the participating EAS stations will be on the County UHF Local Government Channel ("Purple Net"), 453.200 MHz. This repeatered voice net is owned and operated by San Luis Obispo County under an FCC license.
 - 5.1.1.1 EAS stations also receive local EAS messages via FEMA IPAWS (Integrated Public Alert and Warning System) as a parallel communications channel to Purple Net.
 - 5.1.2 An FCC type certified EAS encoder/decoder with remote access is located in the Main Communications Vault. The EAS unit monitors:
 - 5.1.2.1 Local CLERS net, 453.675MHz
 - 5.1.2.2 Local NWS transmitter, KIH 31, 162.550 MHz
 - 5.1.2.3 920 AM
 - 5.1.2.4 98.1 FM.
 - 5.1.2.5 1400 AM

5.2 SECONDARY COMMUNICATIONS

- 5.2.1 Commercial telephones are the main backup link between the EOC and broadcasters.
- 5.2.2 Three EAS radio stations (920 AM, 1400 AM, 98.1 FM) have direct ring

down phone lines from the EOC.

5.3 TERTIARY COMMUNICATIONS

5.3.1 Local RACES personnel and equipment can be utilized to establish ad hoc links between the EOC (which has a permanent RACES facility) and designated broadcast and cable TV systems.

5.4 OTHER

5.4.1 A Broadcast Station 24 hour contact list is maintained separately from this plan by the County Office of Emergency Services.

6. FACILITIES & EQUIPMENT

- 6.1 The San Luis Obispo County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is located at **Sector 1**, San Luis Obispo. Located within the EOC is the County Sheriff's Dispatch facility which provides 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) service for the unincorporated areas of the County.
 - 6.1.1 The EOC is a controlled access facility with a 100 KW emergency diesel generator and a five day fuel supply.
- 6.2 EAS equipment is located in the Main Communications Vault and Connected to County Intranet. All structures and equipment are designed and installed to be earthquake resistant.
- 6.3 Other PSAPS and dispatch facilities in the County are connected to the EOC via a variety of redundant phone and radio communication links.
- 6.4 County Communications staff provide daily inspections and tests of all vital communications equipment, as needed.
- 6.5 Individual broadcasters and cable TV systems provide their own EAS encoder/decoder units in accordance with FCC regulations. These are maintained at a variety of sites throughout the County. Some EAS stations have backup standby generators at their studio site and their transmitters.
- 6.6 The County provides appropriate equipment, which utilizes the County UHF Local Government Purple Net to send EAS messages to each participating broadcaster and cable TV system, which the participant maintains as one input to their EAS encoder/decoder.

7. TESTING

- 7.1 County Communications staff will provide routine surveillance and testing of the County UHF Local Government radio system as part of their normal procedures.
- 7.2 County OES will send a required monthly test message at 1045 hours on the first Thursday of odd numbered months, which shall be broadcast.

The LP1 will send a monthly test at 0450 hours on the first Thursday of even numbered months.

7.3 Broadcasters and cable TV systems, in cooperation with the LECC Chair, will coordinate their own FCC "required monthly test" (FCC event code RMT), including time of test, text, and point of origin.

8. TRAINING

- 8.1 County OES will provide EAS initial and refresher training, as needed, to County Communications staff, County OES staff, County PIO staff, and Sheriff's Department staff.
- 8.2 Broadcast station and cable TV system managers will be responsible for training appropriate staff in the operation of the EAS, in cooperation with the LECC and County OES.

9. PLAN MAINTENANCE

- 9.1 County OES, in cooperation with the LECC Chair, will review and update this plan annually, or as needed.
- 9.2 All participants in this plan should forward changes in key information such as point of contact and phone numbers, to County OES as these changes occur, as requested by County OES.

PART TWO – EAS ACTIVATION OPERATING GUIDANCE

- GUIDE 1: REQUESTING AGENCY
- GUIDE 2: SAMPLE EAS MESSAGE
- GUIDE 3: SHERIFF'S WATCH COMMANDER/COUNTY EOC
- GUIDE 4: RADIO BROADCASTERS & CABLE TV PROVIDERS

Emergency Alert System (EAS)		
Capabilities	Broadcast standardized information over local television,	
	radio and Marine Channel 16.	
Location	County EOC with additional system at CHP	
Agencies Who Can Utilize	Cities and County Departments	
Individuals Authorized to Request	County Emergency Services Director County Emergency Services Coordinators County Sheriff or Watch Commander City Emergency Services Directors, Police or Fire Chiefs Designated Incident Commander on scene of a major city/county emergency with primary jurisdiction.	
Utilization Purpose	When an emergency affects large groups of people. When the Early Warning System sirens are utilized.	
How to Request	Contact Sheriffs Watch Commander at	
What needs to be provided	Contact Name and Title Jurisdiction Name and Area Call back number Full EAS Text including Public Information Officer contact info. See next page with sample Updated EAS every 30 minutes as appropriate Termination request.	
Associated Costs	None	
Other Information	EAS message must be based on definite and confirmed facts. EAS message must be approved by person in charge with primary jurisdiction (person in charge assumes responsibility for activation of EAS and content of EAS message).	

GUIDE 1: REQUESTING AGENCY

*The EAS message shall be no longer than 2 minutes and provide short, concise and accurate information based only on facts. The full EAS message must be provided to the Sheriff's Watch Commander upon request of usage of the system. The EAS message will be broadcast as written. The person requesting the EAS system assumes responsibility for the content of the message broadcast. Once the emergency has been terminated, an official Termination Message will be required.

Ensure message includes at a minimum:

- Officials issuing statement
- Areas affected
- Actions necessary
- Phone number for assistance

GUIDE 2: SAMPLE EAS MESSAGE

EAS Message #	
Your attention please. This is the (Age	ency or Department) with an
Emergency Alert message for the public in the area	
of	
At approximately a.m./ p.m., a(type of	
emergency)occurred/may occur at	(location)
The(agency designated IC authority	y) is issuing
an	
(Evacuation Order/Shelter In Place/Other Action) for resident	ts/businesses within the following
boundaries:	
Evacuation Routes (if applicable)	
Shelters (if applicable)	
Further instructions for those advised to evacuate include: (a	access and functional needs,
transportation, etc.)	
Other pertinent information_	
Listen to this station for further information or call	
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At such time as the emergency situation changes, the evacuation boundaries are extended, other protective actions by the public are needed; or the emergency no longer exists, you will be informed through an additional EAS message.

GUIDE 3: SHERIFF'S WATCH COMMANDER/COUNTY EOC

Emergency Alert System (EAS)		
Upon Request to Activate the EAS	Confirm the requesting agency is authorized to request EAS activation	
	Ensure message provided by requesting agency contains all necessary information and has been approved by person in charge of requesting agency/jurisdiction	
	Utilize instructions provided in Watch Commander office or PIO Room to activate EAS or request that Duty Emergency Services Coordinator report to EOC to activate EAS or activate remotely	
	Prescripted messages are located in individual threat-specific plans, such as the Tsunami Plan and Haz Mat Plan.	
	Consider also providing the EAS message to PSAPS over the Red Phone and schools/hospitals via Tone Alert Radio as appropriate.	
	Identify rebroadcasting frequency and rebroadcast message as appropriate.	

GUIDE 4: BROADCASTERS & CABLE TV SYSTEMS

Each broadcaster & cable TV system should develop operator checklists for the use of their particular EAS encoder/decoder equipment utilizing this page as guidance.

Emergency Alert System (EAS)		
Staffed Radio Stations	Review EAS receiver message	
	Forward the EAS message if required	
	Standby for further messages or instructions	
	Broadcasters are encouraged to leave the EAS receiver in the Automatic Mode to assure messages are forwarded in a timely manner under all circumstances.	
Unstaffed Radio Stations	Broadcasters MUST leave EAS equipment in Automatic Mode to assure EAS messages will be automatically forwarded.	
Broadcast TV Stations	Review the EAS message	
	Forward the EAS message if required	
	Broadcasters are encouraged to leave the EAS receiver in Automatic Mode to ensure messages are forwarded in a timely manner under all circumstances.	
Cable TV Providers	Cable TV providers MUST leave EAS equipment in the Automatic Mode to assure EAS messages will be automatically forwarded.	

PART THREE – APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1: GLOSSARY

APPENDIX 2: EAS ORGANIZATION CHART

APPENDIX 1: GLOSSARY

- Cal OES The Governor's Office of Emergency Services
- CFR Code of Federal Regulations
- CGC California Government Code
- CLERS The California Law Enforcement Radio System, a State radio system dedicated to public safety/law enforcement purposes that runs on the State's microwave backbone. Local CLERS VHF channels provide State EAS audio to broadcasters.
- CPG Civil Preparedness Guidance
- EAS Emergency Alert System
- EBS Emergency Broadcast System
- EOC Emergency Operations Center
- ESD Emergency Services Director
- FCC Federal Communications Commission
- FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency
- FIPS CODE Federal Information Processing System, a unique five digit number for San Luis Obispo County, used as part of the EAS message.
- HQ Headquarters
- IC Incident Commander
- IPAWS Integrated Public Alert and Warning System
- LECC Local Emergency Communications Committee, composed of representatives of the local broadcast and cable TV industry, and local government.
- LP1 Local Primary Station 1
- LP2 Local Primary Station 2
- NRC Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- NWS National Weather Service

OA	Operational Area
OES	The San Luis Obispo County Office of Emergency Services that reports directly to the County Administrator, who is the Emergency Services Director.
PIO	Public Information Officer
PSAPS	Public Safety Answering Points
RAC	Regional Assistance Committee
RACES	Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services
SECC	State Emergency Communications Committee
ТСОМ	Telecommunications
UHF	Ultra High Frequency
USC VHF	United States Code Very High Frequency

