

**Disaster Preparedness:**  
*Planning for the Future and  
Lessons from the Past*

California Association of Food Banks Conference  
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# Welcome

- Welcome remarks
- Housekeeping
- Overview of workshop agenda
- Participant introductions

# Workshop Objectives

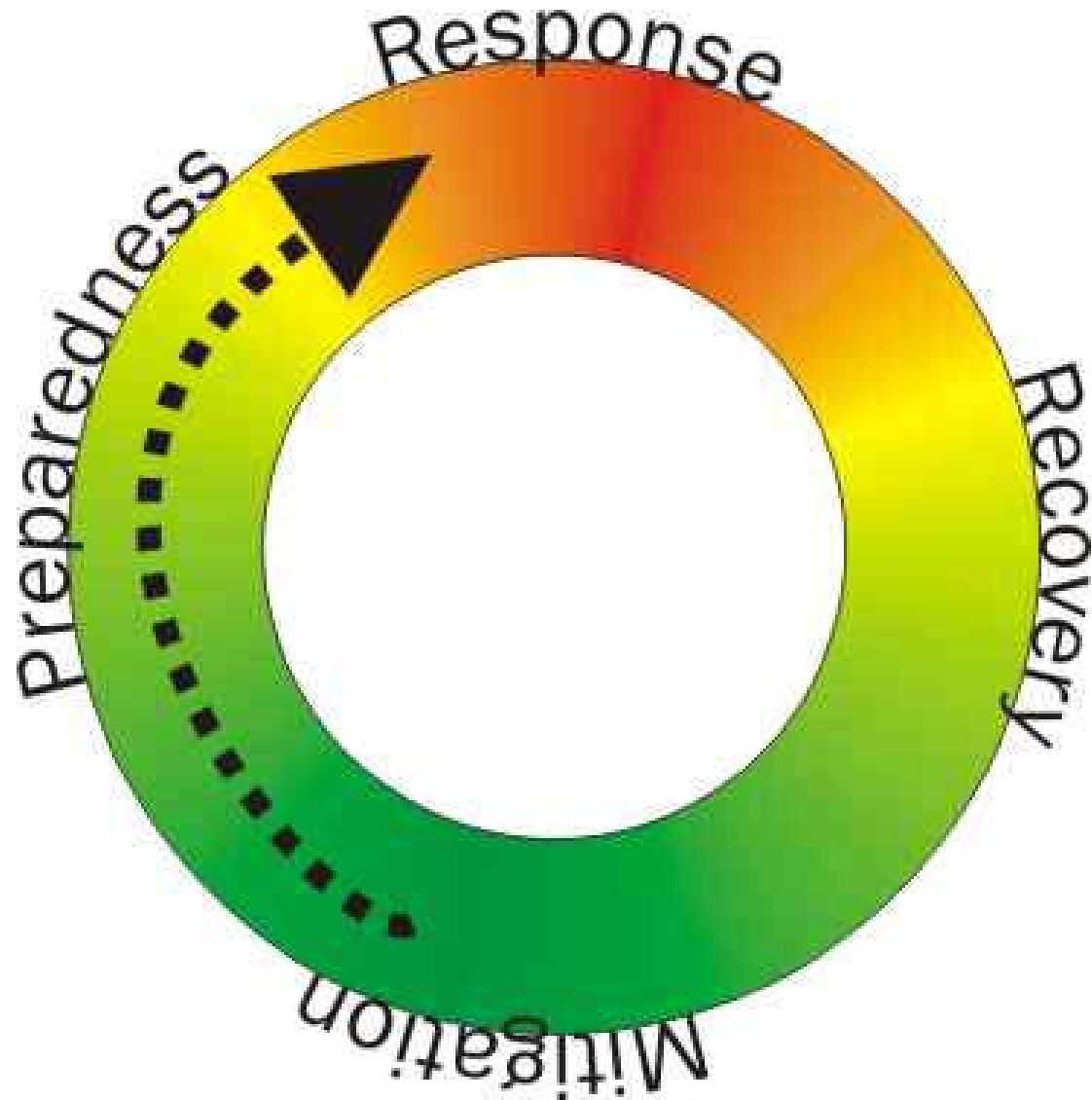
- Look at importance of disaster preparedness for food banks and why
- Learn about phases of disaster and who does what in an emergency
- Planning tips for food banks

# Importance of Disaster Preparedness for Food Banks

- Why should we prepare?
- What is expected of your organization?
  - By your clients/consumers
  - By your community at large
  - By your funders
- **THEY WILL COME...**

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# Phases of Disaster



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- **Preparedness =**

Steps taken to prepare people and organizations to survive and respond to disaster

- **Examples:**

- Planning
- Training and exercises
- Resource acquisition

# Phases of Disaster

- **Response =**

Actions taken in direct response to a disaster

- **Examples:**

- Rescues and evacuations
- Sheltering affected populations
- Feeding people
- Clean-up



# Phases of Disaster

- **Recovery =**

Actions necessary to return the affected area, its people and its organizations to normal

- Examples:

- Re-building/damage repair
- Cost recovery

# Phases of Disaster

- **Mitigation =**

Steps taken to reduce the potential harm from a foreseeable event

- **Examples:**

- Retrofitting structures
- Abating hazards
- Securing heavy objects

# How Government Works

- All disasters are local
- Who's in charge in a disaster?
- Priorities: protecting life, property and the environment

# How Government Works

**Federal (DHS/FEMA)**



**State (Cal EMA)**



**Coastal, Southern or Inland Region (Cal EMA)**



**County (Operational Area)**



**City (EOC)**



**Field Response Level**



**Lines of Communication**

# OES Administrative Regions



# How Government Works

- Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs) at all levels provide “centralized coordination” for the overall emergency response

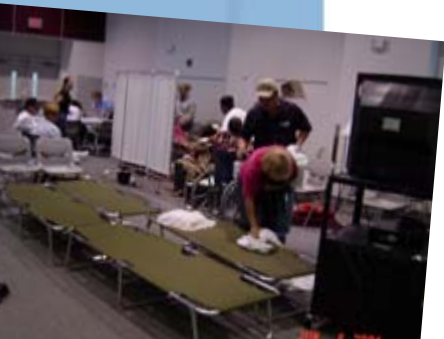


# Why It Matters

- Important to know where you tie in and whom to contact
- Potential benefits to food banks:
  - Access to information
  - Ability to request resources
  - Potential reimbursement through California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA)

# Agency Preparedness

- Agency Emergency Plan
- Continuity of Operations Planning
- Partner Agencies
- Facilities
- Vendors and Suppliers
- Mutual Aid Coordination
- Staff Training and Exercises





# Community Coordination

- Relationship building with
  - County Office of Emergency Services
  - American Red Cross
  - Local VOAD
  - 211 provider



- Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs)

# Sharing of Experiences

- Jeff Dronkers  
*Los Angeles Regional Food Bank*
- Larry Sly  
*Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Counties*

# How Can Food Banks Support One Another

- Example of San Francisco Bay Area Food Banks project
  - Mutual Assistance Agreement
  - Table Top Exercise
  - Resource Tool
  - Discussions with CAFB



# Continuum of Preparedness

- Self and home
- Agency
- Community coordination

# Self and Home Preparedness

- Are you prepared?
- Staff and volunteers
- Clients and consumers



# House of Cards...



# Thank You

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