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News Release

FEMA Hiring Locally to Continue Disaster Recovery

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The federal agency that responds to the nation's disasters has launched a hiring process to continue its support of California's recovery from the winter storms and flooding.

If you are interested in a temporary position with FEMA and a variety of emergency management functions, you can apply through USAJobs.gov. Applicants will be called for interviews at a later date.

FEMA's mission is "helping people before, during and after disasters." The agency recognizes the best way to do so is to employ the talents of residents already familiar with the affected communities. By hiring a multilingual workforce locally, FEMA can staff its disaster operations, allow survivors to get back to work, and aid in the long-term recovery of the local community. Local hires who represent our diverse society, including people with disabilities, bring a special understanding of the problems their fellow survivors face.

Positions are available for planners, environmentalists, and IT specialists among others in Chico, Oakland, Pasadena and Sacramento.

Working for the federal government has its perks including <u>excellent benefits</u>, <u>flexible work schedules</u>, opportunities for professional growth, stability, and lateral movement across agencies.

For the latest information on California's recovery from the severe winter storms, flooding, landslides and mudslides, visit <u>FEMA.gov/disaster/4683</u>. You may also follow <u>twitter.com/Cal_OES</u>, <u>facebook.com/CaliforniaOES</u>, <u>@FEMARegion9/Twitter</u> and <u>Facebook.com/FEMA</u>.

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FEMA's mission is helping people before, during, and after disasters.

All FEMA disaster assistance will be provided without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex (including sexual harassment), sexual orientation, religion, national origin, age, disability, limited English proficiency or economic status. If you believe your civil rights are being violated, call the Civil Rights Resource line at 833-285-7448.

The U.S. Small Business Administration is the federal government's primary source of funds for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps businesses of all sizes, private, nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters, fund repairs or rebuilding efforts, and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. These disaster loans cover losses not fully compensated by insurance or other recoveries and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations. Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at

https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. For people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 711 to access telecommunications relay services.

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