

Approval and Implementation

January 28, 2025

As the Director of Emergency Services for the Humboldt County Operational Area (OA), I am empowered through § 2210-07 of the [Humboldt County Code \(2011\)](#) (accessed 2024) to direct a coordinated and cooperative effort by the emergency organization of the County. Within the first hours and days after a disaster strikes, recovery activities should begin. Recovery will require weeks, months, and in many cases, years of effort. This Annex serves as an important guide and reference to effectively lead, coordinate, and support the activities of recovery.

This Annex supersedes all previous versions. All prior and existing County of Humboldt EOPs, annexes, and procedural documents that are in conflict with this Annex are rescinded, except to the extent that portions of existing plans, annexes, and procedural documents that have not been included herein remain in effect, provided that they do not conflict with the provisions of this Annex.

This Annex is always in effect, and its elements can be implemented at any time. The structures, roles, and responsibilities described in this Annex can be partially or fully implemented in pre-incident planning, training, in the context of a threat or hazard, in anticipation of a significant event, or following an incident.

The contents of this Annex should be considered as guidelines, except where otherwise expressly stated or when required by law. It is recognized that emergencies are not always predictable, and circumstances may arise which warrant departure from these guidelines.

This Annex should be reviewed at least annually by the Sheriff's Manager of Emergency Services or designee and its content updated every five (5) years or as necessary.

Substantive changes to its content should be approved by the Sheriff's Manager of Emergency Services and the Director of Emergency Services (Sheriff). Non-substantive changes, and any changes to appendices or attachments, may be made at any time by the Sheriff's Manager of Emergency Services. All changes and annual reviews should be summarized in the *Record of Annual Reviews and Changes* which immediately follows this page.

I approve this Annex, and I request that all political subdivisions, infrastructure operators, the private sector, and nongovernmental organizations in the Humboldt County OA be prepared to carry out, as applicable, the provisions of this Annex in a coordinated and cooperative effort.

This Annex shall be effective immediately upon recognition and adoption by the County Board of Supervisors via a signed and dated Promulgation statement.

Sincerely,

William F. Honsal, Sheriff
Director of Emergency Services
Humboldt County Operational Area