



PUBLIC WORKS MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

- **Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement (PWMAA) was established in October 1989. Initial signatories – Los Angeles and Orange Counties**
- **PWMAA was established to provide a means for public works agencies to receive mutual aid quickly following a catastrophic disaster, such as a large earthquake**
- **PWMAA was modeled on the fire and law mutual aid systems with the notable exception that the PWMAA requires a local emergency proclamation and the requesting jurisdiction pays for any assistance**
- **Throughout the State, 17 counties and 138 cities have signed the agreement**
- **The PWMAA is voluntary. Agencies are not obligated to provide or deplete its own resources**
- **Jurisdictions that have received PWMAA assistance can request reimbursement from the State and Federal Government, if the Governor or President declares a disaster**
- **PWMAA has been used successfully in response to past disasters**
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