

Wildfire Response and Recovery Resources for Water Utilities

*The list of federal resources provided by the California-Nevada Section of American Water Works Association (<https://www.ca-nv-awwa.org/>).

Funding and Financial Assistance

- The U.S. Small Business Administration (Home Disaster Loans, Business Disaster Loans, and Economic Injury Disaster Loans) - <https://www.sba.gov/disaster>
- Cal OES State Recovery Resources - <https://wildfirerecovery.caloes.ca.gov/> (FEMA)
- FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Program
 - Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) - <https://www.epa.gov/fedfunds/building-resilient-infrastructure-and-communities-brid>
 - Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) - <https://www.epa.gov/fedfunds/hazard-mitigation-grant-program-hmgrp>
- Small Business Administration Loans Available to Water and Wastewater Utilities - <https://www.epa.gov/fedfunds/small-business-administration-loans-available-water-and-waste-water-utilities>
- CA Office of Small Business Advocate list of current grant opportunities - <https://www.grants.ca.gov/>
- California State Treasurer's Office CA Capital Access Program (calCAP) - <https://www.treasurer.ca.gov/cpcfca/calcap/>
- LAEWDD Los Angeles Regional Small Business Legal Aid Program - <https://ewddlacity.com/index.php/recovery/legalaid>

Business and Employment Assistance

- LAEWDD BusinessSource Centers (free one-on-one consultation, business and employment support, and assistance with applying for forthcoming microenterprise grants and microloans)- <https://ewddlacity.com/index.php/local-business/businesssource-centers>
- LAED Business Assistance - <https://laedc.org/business-assistance/layoff-aversion/>
- LAEDC Job Loss Assistance - <https://ewddlacity.com/index.php/employment-services/jobloss>
- Los Angeles County Small Business Development Centers (SBDC)- <https://www.sba.gov/local-assistance/resource-partners/small-business-development-centers-sbdc>

- LA City Disaster Recovery Center (help replace lost vital records, apply for disaster relief loans, and provide referrals for mental health counseling and other services) - <https://www.ewddlacity.com/index.php/2025-los-angeles-wild-fires-resources>

Communicating to the Public and your Shareholders

- EPA Water Utility Communication During Emergency Response - <https://www.epa.gov/waterutilityresponse/water-utility-communication-during-emergency-response>

Building Resiliency and Preparedness

- EPA Basics of Water Resilience - <https://www.epa.gov/waterresilience/basics-water-resilience>
- EPA Wildfire Incident Action Checklists for Water Utilities (checklist to help with emergency preparedness, response, and recovery activities) - <https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2022-03/220218-incident-action-checklist-wildfires.pdf>
- EPA Water Utility Response On-The-Go Plus Mobile Application (an app that shares information and tools that water utility operators and their response partners may need during an emergency) - <https://www.epa.gov/waterutilityresponse/water-utility-response-go-plus-mobile-application>
- EPA Disaster Recovery Financing Webinar for Water and Wastewater Utilities (how states and communities use state revolving fund, FEMA, and other financing approaches to recover from a disaster) - <https://www.epa.gov/waterfinancecenter/disaster-recovery-financing-webinar-water-and-wastewater-utilities>
- EPA Planning for an Emergency Drinking Water Supply - https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2015-03/documents/planning_for_an_emergency_drinking_water_supply.pdf
- Hazard Mitigation for Natural Disasters: A Starter Guide for Water and Wastewater Utilities (Guide to work with their local mitigation planners to implement priority projects using FEMA or other source funding) - <https://www.epa.gov/waterutilityresponse/hazard-mitigation-natural-disasters-starter-guide-water-and-wastewater>
- CalOSBA Outsmart Disaster (help you create a customized continuity plan and build resiliency) - <https://outsmartdisaster.calosba.ca.gov/>

Other comprehensive lists of resources particular to the response to the January 2025 Los Angeles County wildfires include:

- Comprehensive list of resources available for businesses and workers impacted by the Los Angeles City Wildfires - <https://ewddlacity.com/index.php/employment-services/2025-la-wild-fire-assistance>
- Los Angeles County Wildfire Recovery Resources - <https://recovery.lacounty.gov/resources/>
- Economic Alliance list of disaster relief resources - <http://EconomicAlliance.org/disaster-relief>