



EVACUATION & RESILIENCE CENTER DESIGN (ERCD) STUDY

Planning for a safer, more resilient San Bernardino County

Communities need safe, reliable places to go during emergencies—and **clear routes to get there**. The ERCD Study identifies high-risk areas across San Bernardino County and develops strategies to improve evacuation access, strengthen resilience, and plan community resilience hubs that serve residents year-round.



Study Scope and Key Components



Frequently Asked Questions



WHY IS THIS STUDY IMPORTANT?

It provides the planning foundation to improve regional resilience and identify safe, accessible places for communities during emergencies.



HOW WILL COMMUNITIES BE SELECTED?

Selection is based on hazard risks (wildfire, flooding, extreme heat), access constraints, and social vulnerabilities



WHAT CAN BE A RESILIENCE HUB?

A resilience hub can be any trusted and existing community facility—such as a community center, library, school, or similar public-serving location—that may be enhanced to support residents during emergencies and everyday community needs.

- During Emergencies: A place for cooling, charging devices, accessing information, and connecting to emergency resources and services
- Year-Round: Community programs, preparedness resources, and local coordination activities



WHY IS SBCTA LEADING THIS STUDY?

Transportation is critical to evacuation and emergency access. As the County's transportation authority, SBCTA coordinates across cities, the County, emergency responders, and infrastructure providers to support safe, efficient evacuation and strengthen resilience.



WHY IS A REGIONAL APPROACH IMPORTANT?

Emergencies cross jurisdictional boundaries, requiring coordinated planning. This study brings together agencies and emergency providers to improve preparedness across the region.



HOW IS THIS PROJECT BEING FUNDED?

The study is funded by a California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Climate Adaptation Planning Grant, supporting future funding opportunities for resilience hubs and evacuation improvements.



WHAT'S NEXT?

The study will identify communities most at risk, explore ways to improve emergency access and local resilience, and help agencies identify future funding opportunities.

Project Benefits

- Identifies priority locations and strategies for Evacuation and Resilience Hubs
- Evaluates feasibility, constraints, and implementation pathways for proposed improvements
- Establishes a data-driven foundation for future evacuation and resilience investments
- Supports informed decision-making for funding, design, and project prioritization

Study Process and Timeline

The ERCD Study will be completed in phases through June 2027.



Study findings may help support future funding and coordination efforts led by local and regional partners.

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