

# Emergency Preparedness and Response Section

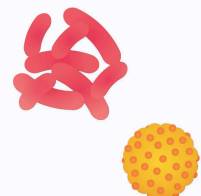
The CDFA Animal Health Branch (AHB) Emergency Preparedness and Response Section (EPRS) provides coordination and leadership for prevention, mitigation, preparedness, and response for emergencies impacting animal health and animals in natural disasters as outlined in the State of California Emergency Plan, Emergency Support Function 11 Food and Agriculture Annex.



### Primary Focus Areas:

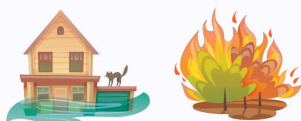
#### Animal Disease Outbreaks

California manages foreign and domestic animal disease outbreaks in Unified Command with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Veterinary Services. EPRS oversees development of a Blended Incident Management Team, with leadership representation in Command and General Staff from both CDFA and USDA personnel.



### Disaster Response

EPRS administers the California Animal Response Emergency Support, a statewide emergency management system supporting animals in disasters.



## Foreign And Domestic Animal Diseases

Protecting the livestock industry against Foreign and Domestic Animal Disease outbreaks is the highest priority for California's Animal Health Officials. This mission is accomplished by continuously preparing the responders, strengthening diagnostic capabilities, and utilizing the latest technologies for the detection of reportable disease conditions. All emergency conditions listed in the California reportable animal disease list must be reported to the local animal health authorities within 24 hours. See the [list of reportable conditions](#).

## California Animal Response Emergency Support (CARES)

CARES is a statewide emergency management mutual aid system supporting animals in disasters. CARES is supported by a partnership of public and volunteer/private nonprofit organizations, that commit resources and expertise to prepare for and respond to animals in disasters.

## Preparedness and Response

Over the past few decades, CDFA and USDA have invested resources in animal health emergency preparedness to protect the livestock industry and secure food supply in the United States. Likewise, CARES is working with State and local government emergency management to enhance preparedness for an efficient response to and resilient recovery from disasters. The CDFA AHB mission is to maximize preparedness amongst the branch employees to respond effectively to any potential foreign and domestic animal disease incidents and natural disasters in California. AHB personnel enhance their professional skill with continued preparedness and response training and exercises.

 Resources
<a href="#">AHB District Offices</a>
<a href="#">USDA Area Offices</a>
<a href="#">California Secure Food Supply</a>
<a href="#">List of Reportable Diseases </a>
<a href="#">Disaster Preparedness for Horse Owners </a>
<a href="#">Disaster Preparedness for Livestock Owners </a>
<a href="#">State of California Emergency Plan, Emergency Support Function 11 Food and Agriculture Annex </a>

## Follow Us