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March 16, 2020

RE: OSPR Drills and Exercises COVID-19 Update

To Whom it May Concern:

The State of California is acting quickly to protect public health and safety as we respond to novel coronavirus (COVID-19). To integrate guidance from [Governor Newsom's Executive Order](#), **all drills and exercises scheduled through April 30, 2020 are postponed.**

Events currently scheduled on the [Drills and Exercises calendar](#) through April 30, 2020 must reschedule based on the following timelines:

- Scheduled Equipment Deployments must reschedule and conduct an exercise prior to September 30, 2020.
- Tabletop exercises must reschedule and conduct an exercise prior to March 31, 2021. Please note, any exercise rescheduled to a date in 2021 will be evaluated for 2020 exercise credit only.

To reschedule your exercise please submit an Exercise Notification form ([DFW 1964](#)) to osprdrills@wildlife.ca.gov. As per our regulations, rescheduled equipment deployments will require a minimum of 30-days' notice and rescheduled tabletops will require a minimum of 60-days' notice.

In mid-April the Drills and Exercises team will evaluate the need to postpone drills for the month of May. This decision will be based on the most current public health information available and the guidelines for rescheduling drills and their respective deadlines will be similar to what is implemented within this letter. Plan holders with drills scheduled in May 2020 will receive an update from their local drill coordinator if a decision is to postpone those exercises or proceed as planned.

We understand that these measures may burden plan holders. However, ensuring the safety of our employees and communities is our top priority. Throughout this evolving situation, the Drills and Exercises team will keep plan holders informed of decisions made to best preserve the health and safety of everyone involved and the modifications made to drilling deadlines to facilitate compliance with state regulations.

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If you have any questions regarding this notice, the Drill Coordinator that e-mailed you will be your point of contact. Please utilize the cell phone number listed in their signature block as the primary contact number.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience during these trying times.

Sincerely,

Ms. Yvonne Najah Addassi (March 16, 2020; 14:00)
Chief of Preparedness