

Emergency Notification & Communication-Related Legislation

Bill #	Author	Title	Status	Summary
AB 1877	Limón	Office of Emergency Services: communications: translation.	Signed by Governor on 9/21	This bill sets forth provisions to encourage the adoption of translated emergency notifications by cities, counties, or city and county. Cal OES would be required to create and publish a library of translated emergency notifications and translation style guide for designated alerting authorities to use. To promote use of the translated emergency notifications and translation style guide, Cal OES may require cities and counties to adopt the style guide as a condition of receipt of voluntary grant funding with a nexus to emergency management performance.
SB 821	Jackson	Emergency notification: county jurisdictions.	Signed by Governor on 9/21	This bill would (1) authorize each county to enter into an agreement to access contact information of resident account holders through the records of a public utility or other agency responsible for water service, waste and recycling services, or other property-related services for the sole purpose of enrolling county residents in a county-operated public emergency warning system; (2) specify that any county that enters into such an agreement would be required to include procedures for residents to opt-out of the emergency warning system; (3) require counties to have a process to terminate the receiving agency's access to residents' contact information; (4) prohibit the use of the use of the information gathered for any purpose other than emergency notification; and (5) notwithstanding any other law, a public utility or other agency shall not be liable for the accuracy of, or any use, nonuse, or improper release of, the contact information it provides to the county under this section.
SB 833	McGuire	Emergency alerts: evacuation orders: operators.	Signed by Governor on 9/21	This bill will require Cal OES to create alert and warning guidelines for alerting authorities in California alongside relevant stakeholders by July 1, 2019. This bill will require the guidelines to include best practices in alert and warning systems' utilization, setup, and training. This bill will also require Cal OES, through its California Specialized Training Institute to develop and offer alert and warning training. Additionally, Cal OES may require cities and counties to adopt the guidelines as a condition of receipt of voluntary grant funding with a nexus to emergency management performance.
AB 1836/ SB 870	Committee on Budget/ Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review	Disaster Response- Emergency Operations Account: allocation of funds: notification: Emergency Telephone Users Surcharge Act.	Refused Passage	9-1-1 system trailer bill. This bill restructures the State Emergency Telephone Number Account (SETNA) funding model to be more reflective of modern phone usage and sustainable funding for 9-1-1 and its necessary upgrades.