## Community Disaster Preparedness

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Homeland Security
Presidential Directive 8
(HSPD-8)
National
Preparedness



Emphasizes active engagement and involvement by

- individuals
- businesses
- · community-based organizations
- faith-based organizations
- schools
- tribes
- all levels of government
  - o (Federal, State, local, tribal and territorial).

### Prepare Yourself for Disaster

### Preparedness

- Sign up for Sacramento Alert Notifications
- Know your evacuation zone
- Make an emergency kit
- Adopt a communication plan
- Plan together with neighbor helping neighbor
- Seniors and people with disabilities
- Know how to keep your pets safe
- Learn about all types of emergencies
- Download the Are You Prepared Guide
- Learn First Aid
- Be ready for disasters financially

- Sign up with the nation Next of Kin Registry
- Get help from FEMA Are You Ready?
- American Red Cross "21 Weeks to Prepare" checklist

### **Public Events**

- Aug. National Night Out
- Sept. National Preparedness Month
- Oct. National Cybersecurity Awareness Month
- Oct. Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills
- Oct. Flood Preparedness Week
- Oct. Regional Mass Notification System test

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## Emergency Alerts Notifications Source: https://sacramentoready.saccounty.gov/Pages/Emergency-Alerts-Notification-System.a



### Purpose

- From: County, City, and Special District
- Subject: public safety information
- To: Residents of Sacramento

### County OES

Sacramento, Placer, Yolo

### Non-emergency numbers

- https://www.211sacramento.org/211/
- https://311.cityofsacramento.org/
- https://311.saccounty.gov/

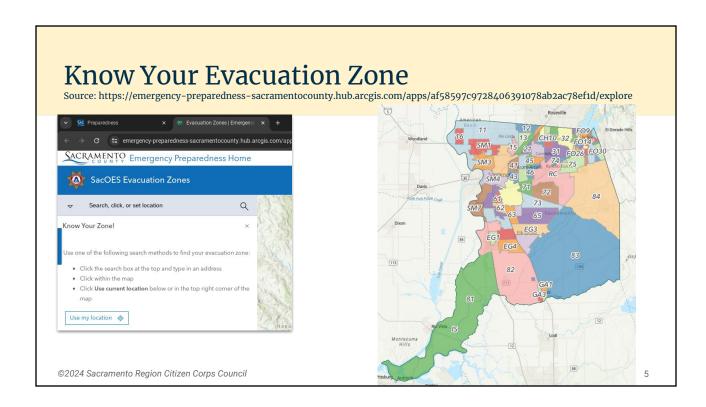
### State-of-the-art emergency alert system

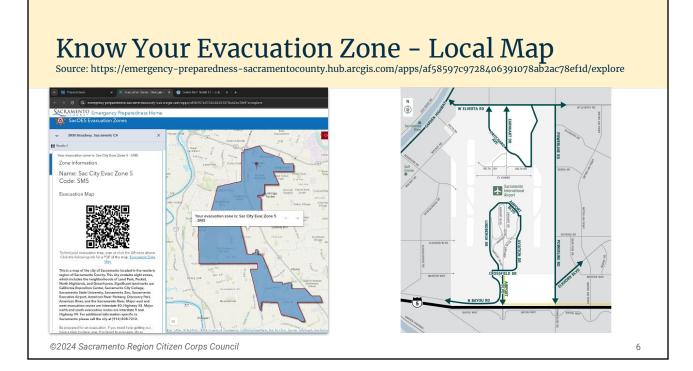
- Web-based application
- Utilizes "reverse 911" data and technology
- Contact info thru "Citizen Opt-In" portal
- Contact methods
  - Telephone, Email, Text, Mobile App, TTY

### Alert Events:

flooding, levee failures, severe weather, disaster events, unexpected road closures, missing persons, and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods

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## Make an Emergency Kit – Basic Kit Source: https://sacramentoready.saccounty.gov/Prepare/Pages/Emergency-Kit.aspx

- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit and reference material
- Radio wind-up or battery-operated, with extra batteries
- Local maps (paper)
- Water One gallon per person per day for at least three days
- Food At least 3-day supply of non-perishable food
- Whistle, to signal for help
- Dust mask, to help filter air
- Moist toilettes, garbage bags and plastic ties, for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener
- ATM and credit cards
- Cash and change

- Contact info for family and friends
- Prescriptions (enough for a week)
- List medications & dosages for each family member and reason for use
- Eye glasses, hearing aids, and other devices (e.g. cane, walker, chair, etc.)
- Portable phone
- Personal hygiene items (e.g. toilet paper, toothbrush, etc.)
- Mylar blanket
- Keys
- Copies of important documents in a waterproof, portable container (e.g. photo ID, insurance cards and policies, bank account records, etc.)
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape, to shelter-in-place

- Infant formula and diapers
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person
- Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper.
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Fire extinguisher
- Mess kit, paper cups, plates, plastic utensils, paper towels
- Pencil and paper
- Books and activities for children
- Written instructions for how to turn off electricity, gas, and water. Remember, you'll need a professional to turn them back on.

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### **Adopt a Communication Plan**

Source: https://sacramentoready.saccounty.gov/Prepare/Pages/Communication-Plan.aspx

### Contact information - Each family member carries:

- Cell phone or coins or a phone card
- Contact card with names and phone numbers
  - Family members
  - Out-of-town contacts
  - Out-of-state contacts
  - Child's school officials
  - Parent's employer emergency contacts
- Store contact info In emergency kit
- Share contact card with emergency contacts

### Preparing children

- Talk to your child about how and when to call 9-1-1.
- Children should know how to find these safe places:
  - Family or friends
  - School or library
  - Fire or police station 0
  - Place of worship
- Make sure small children know their own:
  - phone number 0
  - 0 address
  - parent's name

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### Adopt a Communication Plan (cont'd)

Source: https://sacramentoready.saccounty.gov/Prepare/Pages/Communication-Plan.aspx

### Reuniting with family members

- Designate two places for family members to meet in the event of an emergency.
- Choose a primary location nearby your house
  - For example, a street light at the corner
  - Meet there (if you can do so safely) in situations where only your home or the immediate area is affected.
- Choose a secondary location outside of the immediate area
  - For example, in front of a grocery store
  - Meet here when an emergency affects a larger area and family members cannot get home safely.

Use your family's contact card to contact each other about your location, if possible.

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# Plan Together with Neighbor Helping Neighbor Source: https://sacramentoready.saccounty.gov/Prepare/Pages/Neighbor-Helping-Neighbor.aspx

### Meet the neighbors

- Exchange contact information
- Discuss disasters that may occur in your area
- Discuss how you can prepare

#### Establish a neighborhood plan

- Discuss the steps to take while waiting for help to
- Discuss multiple evacuation routes out of your neighborhood

### Discuss equipment and supplies you can share

temporary shelter, power generator, transportation, communication devices, first aid

### Discuss your emergency skills

- Medical training
- **Emergency training**
- Technical skills
- Tools skills

### Discuss how to assist homes in need

- Children
- Seniors
- People with disabilities
- Pets

Decide who will check on special needs neighbors in advance.

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### Seniors and People with Disabilities

Source: https://sacramentoready.saccounty.gov/Prepare/Pages/Seniors-and-People-with-Disabilities.aspx

### Additional items for an emergency kit:

- Medicare and other medical insurance cards
- Emergency contact information in case of injury
  - Family, friends, relatives
  - Health providers
- Extra supplies for medical equipment
  - Wheelchair batteries, oxygen, eyeglasses, hearing-aid batteries
- List serial numbers and styles of medical devices
- Extra supply of medication
- Copies of prescriptions along with reason for use

Get to know about the various types of emergencies and how to prepare for them.

### Develop a support team.

- If you know you will need assistance during an emergency talk to someone you know can help you.
- Discuss your plan with your support team.
- Tell members where you keep your emergency kit.
- Provide a house key to one of your team members.
- Show your support team how to operate medical devices you use.

### What else you can do to prepare

- Ask your doctor, pharmacist, and health provider
  - $\circ \hspace{0.5cm}$  If possible, add them to your support team.
- Identify your disability by wearing medical alert tags or bracelets.

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## Know How to Keep Your Pets Safe

Source: https://sacramentoready.saccounty.gov/Prepare/Pages/Keep-Pets-Safe.aspx

#### Before an Emergency

- Learn where your pet likes to hide
  - Finding your pet helps you evacuate faster.
  - Make sure your pet can be identified
    - o Both a microchip and collar ID tag
    - o With current information
    - Carry a photo in case you are separated
- Locate a shelter for you and your pet.
  - o Pets may not be allowed in public shelters
  - seek alternative locations in advance
    - homes of family or friends
    - pet-friendly hotels/ motels
    - kennels and veterinary hospitals.
- Have a crate or pet carrier available
  - Transport and safe keeping
  - Also prevents your pet from running away

- Display a pet rescue decal
  - Front door or window
  - Tells first responders of a pet in the house
  - Include your vet's contact information
- Develop a support team
  - Ask a neighbor, friend or relative to look after and evacuate your pet, if necessary.
  - Tell them where your emergency kit is located and where to meet during the emergency.
- Prepare a list of emergency contact information
  - Include veterinary hospitals and animal control agencies

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# Know How to Keep Your Pets Safe (cont'd) Source: https://sacramentoready.saccounty.gov/Prepare/Pages/Keep-Pets-Safe.aspx

Including the following pet items when preparing your emergency kit:

- Extra water
- Pet food and medications
- Copy of your pet's vaccination records
- Photo of you with your pet as proof of ownership
- Litter, pan or newspaper, and plastic bags for sanitation needs
- Leash, collar, and ID tags

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Pet's favorite toy or familiar items (to reduce

### **During an Emergency**

- Bring your pets inside
- If you must evacuate without your pet
  - Leave your pet loose inside your home
  - Leave plenty of food and water
    - Place a note outside your home: Type of pet and where it is in your home
      - Your contact information
      - Your vet's contact information

### After an Emergency

- If you leave town, take your pets with you.
- Your pets may be disoriented after the disaster
  - Give them time to settle down
  - Maintain close contact
  - Monitor them closely
- Changes in behavior are normal after a disaster
  - If problems persist contact your veterinarian

# Learn About All Types of Emergencies Source: https://sacramentoready.saccounty.gov/Emergencies

Туре	Link
Air Quality	https://sacramentoready.saccounty.gov/Emergencies/Pages/Air-Quality.aspx
Earthquakes	https://sacramentoready.saccounty.gov/Emergencies/Pages/Earthquakes.aspx
Fires	https://sacramentoready.saccounty.gov/Emergencies/Pages/Fires.aspx
Floods & Rain	https://sacramentoready.saccounty.gov/Emergencies/Pages/Floods-and-Rain.aspx
Fog & Cold Weather	https://sacramentoready.saccounty.gov/Emergencies/Pages/Fog-and-Cold-Weather.aspx
Heat	https://sacramentoready.saccounty.gov/Emergencies/Pages/Heat.aspx
Terrorism	https://sacramentoready.saccounty.gov/Emergencies/Pages/Terrorism.aspx
Wildfires	https://sacramentoready.saccounty.gov/Emergencies/Pages/Wildfires.aspx
Wind	https://sacramentoready.saccounty.gov/Emergencies/Pages/Wind.aspx

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# Download the "Are You Prepared" Guide Source: https://sacramentoready.saccounty.gov/AreYouPrepared/Pages/default.aspx



- Important Local Numbers
- **Preparing For Emergencies**
- Reporting Emergencies
- Emergency Alert System (EAS)
- First Aid and CPR
- **Natural Disasters**
- **Public Health Emergencies**
- Terrorism and Threats
- The National Terrorism Advisory System
- Personal Wallet Cards
- Local Emergency Phone Number Wallet Cards
- Local Emergency Services Phone Numbers
- Sacramento County Map

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### Learn First Aid

Source: http://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/program-highlights/cpr-first-aid



Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)

Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)

First-aid for Choking

First-aid for Drowning

First-aid for Seizures

First-aid for Bleeding

Broken bones

Electric shock

Home First-Aid Kit

Preventing accidents at home

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### Be Ready for Disasters Financially

Source: https://sacramentoready.saccounty.gov/Prepare/Pages/financial\_preparedness.aspx

### Emergency Financial First Aid Kit (EFFAK)

#### Have Access to Cash

- Save into an emergency savings account
  - Three to six months of living expenses
- Cash at home in a safe place
  - o Banks may close
  - o ATMs, debit and credit cards may not work
- Enroll in direct deposit instead of paper checks
- Enroll in "auto pay" for bills
- Be prepared to pay online
- Postpone payments
  - Contact your bank, lender, and other financial institutions about options

### **Protect Important Documents**

- Hard copies of financial, critical personal, household, and medical information
  - Fireproof and waterproof container
- Save soft copies to the cloud
  - Ensure access from alternate locations
  - Consider access to family or friends
- Insurance
  - Property (homeowners or renters)
  - o Health and life insurance
  - Flood (National Flood Insurance Program)
    - Takes 30 days to go into effect
- Review existing policies
  - Ensure the amount and extent of coverage is right for all possible hazards

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## "Next of Kin" Registry (NOKR)

Source: http://nokr.org/nok/restricted/home.htm



### Emergency contact system

- Central depository for emergency contact information in the United States
- FREE tool for use during emergencies and disasters
- · Personal information stored in secure area
- Only accessible by emergency public trust agencies registered with NOKR

### NOKR.org

- non-profit humanitarian organization
- established in January 2004

### Usage

- Family member missing, injured or deceased
- Existing identification tells who they are
  - Driver's license, ID card, credit cards
- NOKR identifies who to contact

### Reasons to sign-up

- Lost, missing or injured child, adult or senior.
  - o Lack of information about family or contacts
- Accidents while traveling
  - Unconscious person unable to communicate
- Natural disasters or acts of terrorism
  - Lack of resources to search for next of kin
  - Deceased person

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## Get Help from FEMA – Are You Ready? Source: https://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/2021-03/are-you-ready-guide.pdf



How to Prepare for Disasters

#### Know the Risks

- Basic Protective Actions for all Disasters
- Key Protective Actions for Specific Hazards
  - Active Shooter ... Winter Storm

#### Make Plans

- Family Emergency Communication Plan
- **Evacuation and Shelter Plan**

Take Actions to Protect Yourself, Family and Property

Recover from Disaster

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### American Red Cross "21 Weeks to Prepare" checklist

Source: https://sacramentoready.saccounty.gov/Prepare/Documents/21\_weeks\_to\_prepare\_red\_cross2011.pdf



Tour your home to gather items already in hand

Place items in waterproof bags or containers before storing in an emergency kit.

- Extra clothes, sturdy shoes
- Copies of important papers
- 3-day supply of medications
- **Emergency contact information**
- Evacuation plan and maps
- Extra xsh in small bills
- Spare keys and eyeglasses
- Books, games, and toys

Gather more items each week

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### Preparedness Events - 2024

National Night Out - August 6th

https://natw.org/

National Preparedness Month - September

https://www.ready.gov/september

National Cybersecurity Awareness Month - October

 https://staysafeonline.org/programs/cyberse curity-awareness-month/

Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills - October 17th

https://www.shakeout.org/

Flood Preparedness Week - October 19-26

 <a href="https://water.ca.gov/What-We-Do/Flood-Prepar">https://water.ca.gov/What-We-Do/Flood-Prepar</a> edness/Flood-Preparedness-Week

Regional Mass Notification System Test - October

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### **Preparedness Partners**



American Red Cross - California Gold Country Region



Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) - Sacramento Region



Regional Center for Volunteerism - Hands On Sacramento



Sacramento County Animal Care Services



Sacramento Loaves & Fishes

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### Prepare Your Community for Disaster

### **Affiliated Programs**

- Sacramento Region Citizen Corps Council
- Sacramento Medical Reserve Corps (SMRC)
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- Teen CERT
- CERT Animal Response Team (CART)
- Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)
- Neighborhood Watch
- Amateur Radio Groups

#### **Public Events**

- July Independence Day
- July California Capital Airshow
- Dec. California International Marathon

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## Sacramento Region Citizen Corps citizen



### **Objectives**

- Foster collaboration across sectors
  - o Public sector
  - Private sector
  - o Volunteer and community sector
- Develop community resilience goals & strategies
- Tailor plans to community vulnerabilities and populations
- Council membership reflects
  - population composition
  - o hazard profile
  - community infrastructure

### Mission

- Provide leadership, guidance, and planning support
  - o Plan, Prepare, Mitigate, Respond, Recover
- Be a resource to local, state, tribal, and other councils
- Promote affiliate programs
- Promote volunteer training
- Share ideas with other programs

### **Initiatives**

- Disaster Response
- Disaster Recovery
- Public Education Programs
- Public Events

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### Sacramento Medical Reserve Corps

Sacramento nedical reserve corps

#### What

- Nationally supported, locally implemented
- Engage active and retired medical professionals and non-medical volunteers
- Supplement emergency and public health resources
- Strengthen public health
- Enhance community resiliency
- Promote emergency preparedness

#### Where

Sacramento Medical Reserve Corps

#### How

- Basic disaster response skills
  - Set up medical treatment areas
  - Large-scale disaster
  - Public health emergency
  - Hospital surge
  - Extreme weather
- Non-disaster activities
  - Community disaster preparedness drills
  - First aid stations at community events
  - Health screenings at health fairs
  - Flu clinics

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## Community Emergency Response Team Source: https://community.fema.gov/PreparednessCommunity/s/about-cert?language=en\_US



### What

- Nationally supported, locally implemented
- Prepare people for community disasters
- Supplement or relieve professional responders

### Where

- Sacramento City Fire Dept CERT
- Sacramento Metro Fire Dept CERT
- Elk Grove-Galt CERT
- Folsom CERT
- West Sacramento CERT

### How

- Basic disaster response skills
  - Organizing teams
  - 0 Fire safety
  - Light search and rescue 0
  - Disaster medical operations
  - Monitor downed power lines
  - Help fill sandbags
- Non-disaster activities
  - Assist neighbors/coworkers in need
  - Distributing information to the public
  - Supporting emergency operations centers
  - Helping to manage traffic and crowds
  - Staff first aid booths at special events
  - Assist with installation of smoke alarms
  - Participate in parade route management

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### Teen CERT

Source: https://www.ready.gov/kids/teen-cert



#### What

- Involve youth in emergency preparedness and response plans
- Support school emergency operations plan
- Assist emergency services personnel
- Apply lessons learned to home and family

#### Where

· Participating high schools

#### How

- Basic disaster response skills
  - Organize volunteers
  - Assist in evacuations
  - Give assistance to survivors
  - o Provide damage assessment information
  - Provide shelter support
  - Assist with crowd control
- Non-disaster activities
  - Participate in disaster drills and exercises
  - Present fire safety education
  - Assist in preparedness outreach
  - Provide peer mentoring
  - Address safety issues in the school

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## CERT Animal Response Team (CART)

Source: https://community.fema.gov/PreparednessConnect/s/article/Updates-to-CERT-Supplemental-Material



### What

- Nationally supported, locally implemented
- Prepares people for community disasters
- Supplement or relieve professional responders

### Where

- Sacramento CERT Animal Response Team
- Cal. Animal Response Emergency System (CARES)
- UCD Cal. Veterinary Emergency Team (CVET)
- California Veterinary Medical Reserve Corps
- Sacramento County RedRover Responders

### How

- Basic disaster response skills
  - Setup animal shelters
  - o Recognize animal behavior & signs of stress
  - Handle animals in an emergency situation
- Non-disaster activities

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### more...

#### **Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)**

- Enhances the capacity of state and local law enforcement
- Where
  - Sacramento Volunteers In Police Service
  - Volunteers in Partnership with the Sheriff
  - o CHP Senior Volunteer Programs
  - o Citrus Heights PD Volunteer Program
  - o Rancho Cordova PD Volunteer Program
  - Folsom PD Volunteer Programs
  - o Elk Grove PD VIPS
  - West Sacramento VIPS

#### **Neighborhood Watch**

 Crime prevention program that teaches citizens techniques to reduce the risk of being a victim

### **Amateur Radio Groups**

- Basic disaster response skills
  - Communicate over long distances without relying on typical infrastructure
- Where
  - Sacramento Sheriff's Amateur Radio Program (SHARP)
  - Sacramento Fire Department CERT-22 Radio Club, KS6FD
  - Sacramento Valley Regional ARES

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### **SRCCC** Initiatives



### **Disaster Response**

- Sand Bagger Brigade
- Wildfire Response Support

### **Disaster Recovery**

- Storm Drain Clearing
- Snow Shovel Brigade

### **Public Education Programs**

- Scams Safeguards & Countermeasures
- Cybersecurity Best Practices & Technical Safeguards
- Community Preparedness
- Neighborhood Emergency Training
- Homeless Response Support
- Substance Use Disorder Response Support

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# $Neighborhood\ Emergency\ Training \\ \texttt{https://sacramentoready.saccounty.gov/Prepare/Pages/Neighbor-Helping-Neighbor.aspx}$

#### Meet the neighbors

- **Exchange contact information**
- Discuss disasters that may occur
- Consider how to prepare

### Establish a neighborhood plan

- Discuss steps while waiting for help to arrive
- Plan multiple evacuation routes out of your neiahborhood

### Discuss sharing equipment or supplies

temporary shelter, generator, transportation, communication, first aid supplies, tools

### Reveal your skills

- Medical skills
  - First aid, nursing, doctor, dentist
- Technical skills
  - Construction, electrical, heating, gas, plumbing, automobiles, computers
- Disaster response training
  - Fire suppression, search and rescue, first aid, evacuation, sandbagging, debris removal

### Assist those in need

- Find out who has children, seniors, people with disabilities, and pets.
- Decide, in advance, who will check neighbors

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### **Public Events**

Independence Day celebrations - July 3 & 4

https://www.ranchocordovajuly4th.com/

California Capital Air Show - July 13 & 14

https://californiacapitalairshow.com/

California International Marathon - December 8th

https://runsra.org/

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