

California Standard Statewide Evacuation Terminology

Evacuation Warning - Potential threat to life and/or property. Those requiring additional time to evacuate and those with pets, livestock, and special needs should leave NOW.

Shelter in Place - Go indoors. Shut and lock doors and windows. Prepare to self-sustain until further notice and/or contacted by emergency personnel for additional direction.

Evacuation Order(s) Lifted - The formal announcement of lifting evacuations in an area currently under evacuation. Typically, only law enforcement can issue these orders.

Hard Closure - Closed to all traffic except Fire and Law Enforcement.

Soft Closure - Closed to all traffic except Fire and Law Enforcement and critical incident resources. (i.e. Utility, Caltrans, City/County Roads etc. or those needed to repair or restore infrastructure)

Resident Only Closure - Soft Closure with the additional allowance of residents and local government agencies assisting with response and recovery.