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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Ag Pass Program Annex is a functional annex to the Sacramento County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).

The annex describes the Operational Area (OA) coordination during disasters; and guides County government, special districts, local government, community-based organizations in preparation for, and response to emergencies or disasters impacting commercial agricultural operations.

This Ag Pass Program Annex recognizes the economic impacts of disasters on agricultural producers and the community, as well as the need for the OA to communicate and coordinate with local agencies through the Sacramento County Office of Emergency Services (SacOES) and to support local agencies' actions consistent with the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS).

The Ag Pass Program Annex outlines criteria and response triggers for the activation of this annex. It further identifies event-specific department and agency roles and responsibilities, in addition to those outlined in the Basic EOP.

Departments and agencies identified in this document shall review the annex to familiarize themselves with their roles and responsibilities. Local agencies are advised to develop their plans and prepare agreements for support in response to any emergency.

BACKGROUND

Sacramento County is exposed to many hazards, all of which have the potential to pose a significant threat to the livelihood and lives of humans, animals, their property, the economy and commercial agricultural operations. There are several emergent situations that could require an evacuation from or within the Sacramento OA. Evacuations could be required in the event of a fire, earthquake, or flood, or another disastrous event. Below are some of the hazards that could lead to evacuation operations within the county.

Flooding: In Sacramento County flooding is the most historically significant issue, and one that has the potential to result in a high-level evacuation emergency resulting in a significant and prolonged impact to agricultural producers of both animals and crops.

Levee failure during winter months with extensive rain could be devastating to the county, leading to the evacuation of entire communities. In the case of the 1986 record regional flood, only a determined flood fight prevented the collapse of the east levee on the Sacramento River located five miles north of downtown. The 1997 record flood led to levee failure and flooding in five locations in counties adjacent to Sacramento. The 2017

flood event led to the evacuation of the communities of Wilton, Point Pleasant, and other parts of the county. The agricultural industry reported over 2.8 million dollars in damages and estimated losses. More recently, the atmospheric river events in early 2022 led to severe levee failures along the Cosumnes River, resulting in flooding and destruction of homes and agricultural businesses. The agricultural industry reported over 38 million dollars in losses, including loss of crops, livestock, infrastructure and estimated loss of revenue.

While levee maintenance and upgrades are a primary concern and focus for the region, history has shown that levees can and do fail. This is especially true given that many of the levees now in use along the Sacramento River and other waterways were built by farmers as long as 150 years ago, and not to the same engineering standards as are currently practiced. Many of these levees are privately owned and maintained.

Fire and Wildland Fires: While the American River Parkway is not considered a significant risk for fire per California Department of Forestry and Fire, most of the Eastern portion of the county is in a *moderate fire severity zone* and parts of Rancho Murrieta are classified as a *very high fire severity zone*.

EVACUATION AUTHORITIES

Under Section 409.5 of the California Penal Code, designated peace officers are provided with the authority to close and evacuate an area where “a menace to the public health or safety is created by a calamity including flood, storm, fire, earthquake, explosion, accident, or other disaster.” The Sacramento County Sheriff’s Office serves as the lead agency for evacuation of the unincorporated areas of Sacramento County and coordinates evacuation operations with law enforcement and other agencies.

In classifying the nature of an evacuation, Sacramento County law enforcement agencies adhere to the California Statewide Evacuation Terminology:

- Evacuation Order: Immediate threat to life. This is a lawful order to leave now. The area is lawfully closed to public access.
- Evacuation Warning: Potential threat to life and/or property. Those who require additional time to evacuate, and those with pets and livestock 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.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this annex is to establish a program within the Operational Area that safely reduces the economic impact of an acute or prolonged disaster on the agricultural community by allowing, when safe, the ability for coordinated reentry of commercial agricultural producers to an evacuated area through collaborative pre-incident planning, coordination, and implementation.

The annex is intended to provide guidance and direction for local governments, non-governmental organizations, and other agencies in response to, or preparation and development of their emergency response plans and other related activities.

GUIDANCE

Guidance contained within this annex will be focused on:

- The definition and specifications required to qualify as a commercial Agricultural operation.
- Approved pass format
- Pass Issuance, expiration, program maintenance, and renewal requirements
- Commercial Agricultural operator training requirements
- Circumstances that could lead to suspension or revocation of a pass
- Program activation and concept of operations
- Annex Update & Maintenance

LIMITATIONS

The Ag Pass Program will be limited to performing only those functions and tasks that have been determined essential for the support of commercial operations to lessen the impacts of economic loss or to provide auxiliary support to peace officers and emergency personnel in locating water sources and access routes. Auxiliary support shall not include performing emergency work such as defending structures or fighting fires. The Ag Primary Pass holder coverage is limited to registered commercial agricultural operations under the Sacramento County Agricultural Commissioner's Office. The number of Designated and Temporary passes under the Primary Pass will be dependent on the types of critical tasks required by the primary holder and the number of personnel required to complete those tasks. An initial application for the Ag Pass will require Primary Pass holders to outline all critical tasks and require an approximate number of personnel.

Pass holders are required to always heed the orders of public officials and effectively coordinate entry into evacuation areas through the proper procedures as determined by the local emergency management authority. This pass does not give any special

privileges or authorization to disregard direction of public safety officials or force any employees, laborers, farmhands, or members of the public, regardless of their immigration status, to disregard the orders of any public safety official.

IMPLEMENTATION

Successful implementation of the program supports commercial agriculture operations within the Operational Area. This program will result in a pre-identified list of vetted, and trained commercial agricultural operators that may be able to enter an evacuation area through coordination with government officials and presentation of an approved Ag Pass to law enforcement at a roadblock.

The Ag Pass Program will be limited to performing functions and tasks that have been determined essential for the support of continued commercial operations to reduce economic loss in a safe and organized manner, while allowing public safety officials the ability to still maintain accountability and command over the incident.

This guidance is for immediate use and is designed to provide agencies within the Operational Area with specific roles and responsibilities related to the implementation of the Ag Pass Program in response to an emergency or disaster. The Sacramento Office of Emergency Services (SacOES), in coordination with county departments and affected cities, will direct implementation of this guidance.

Response operations will be based on the Standardized Emergency Management System /National Incident Management System/ (SEMS/NIMS), consistent with those described in the Sacramento Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

This Sacramento County Ag Pass Program (Resolution number 2023-0975) has been adopted by formal action on December 5th, 2023 by the Board of Supervisors. The Board has authorized the County Department of Agriculture, Weights & Measures, and the Office of Emergency Services to coordinate the administration of this program.

If the program is modified, all current and future Ag Pass holders are immediately subject to all new and modified policies and conditions of use. An Ag Pass holder is responsible for checking on updates to the program and verifying the currently applicable policies and conditions of use.

All program materials including program description and application forms shall be made available in English and Spanish and be accessible from the County Department of Agriculture/Weights & Measures website as well as on the County's website at:

sacramentoready.saccounty.gov

agcomm.saccounty.gov

Following incidents in which the Ag Pass Program is tested, exercised, or used, stakeholders will provide input on program effectiveness and performance as part of the County's After-Action Report process.

ELIGIBILITY

Commercial agriculture is the raising of agricultural or horticultural crops or livestock and their products as a principal or supplemental source of income as identified by the Sacramento County Agricultural Commissioner.

The Ag Pass may be available to applicants that meet both of the following criteria:

1. The individual applicant is an owner/operator (Primary Pass Holder) or employee or adult family member (Designated or Temporary Pass Holder) of an entity that is a commercial agricultural operation ("operation"). Employees and family members must provide documentation from the owner/operator authorizing them to apply for an Ag Pass Card. Employment refers to full-time employment in which an employer has hiring and firing authority; has direct day to day supervision of the employee; pays the employee's wages; and withholds and transmits applicable taxes on behalf of the employee.
2. The individual applicant has a working knowledge of the operation's agricultural property, including access to irrigation systems, farm equipment, and other essential infrastructure.

Applicants may provide any of the following documentation to demonstrate that the operation that they are affiliated with is a commercial agriculture operation:

- A. An Operator Identification number or Restricted Materials permit issued by the Agricultural Commissioner
- B. Executed agricultural land lease documentation.
- C. An Internal Revenue Service Schedule F (Form 1040) attesting to the applicant's Profit or Loss from Farming
- D. Documentation from the United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency attesting that the applicant is a commercial livestock producer
- E. Current registration of a livestock brand with California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Bureau of Livestock Identification
- F. Certified Producer Certificate documentation for direct marketing of agricultural products
- G. CDFA Registered Organic Agricultural Operation

In addition to the above documentation, applicants that are direct employees, and adult relatives shall provide all the following additional documentation to demonstrate that the owner/operator has authorized them to apply for an Ag Pass:

- A. Letter of authorization executed by the owner/operator that identifies the family member or employer/employee relationship through verification of the dates of employment and indicates that the family member or employee is authorized to apply for an Ag Pass. A letter of authorization must be dated and signed by the owner/operator. An authorization letter will be deemed valid for one year from the date of execution unless the owner/operator specifies a different duration; and
- B. W-2 form or other equivalent documentation showing direct employment and name of employee and employer (if applicable); and
- C. A legal form of identification.

MUTUAL AID

Mutual aid serves as a significant resource that can be called upon during times of disaster to rapidly increase resources to meet the objectives at hand. The Ag Pass Program is being implemented in many counties throughout the state with a standardized level of training required. In Sacramento County, we recognize that mutual aid may be required to facilitate the safe evacuation of animals for commercial production and may recognize Ag Pass credentials from another jurisdiction to assist in the response when requested by an active Ag Pass holder issued by the County of Sacramento. Mutual aid shall be limited to those who are commercial agricultural operators with a current valid ag or livestock pass from a jurisdiction outside Sacramento County.

Ag Pass holders that are serving as mutual aid partners and authorized by a county other than Sacramento County would be recognized as Temporary Pass holders within Sacramento County. Temporary Pass holders must enter and exit with a Primary or Designated Pass holder only; and should voice any imminent or observed safety concerns to the Primary or Designated Pass holder.

AG PASS ISSUANCE

Issuance of Ag Passes shall be managed through the County Department of Agriculture, Weights & Measures by the Agricultural Commissioner, Chief Deputy Agricultural Commissioner, or their designee.

Ag Pass holders must demonstrate that they have effectively met the training requirements as outlined in the training section and have a current release of liability on file to meet eligibility.

CONDITIONS OF USE

All holders of an Ag Pass are subject to the following conditions of use:

1. The Ag Pass will only be used when safe to do so as determined by public safety officials managing the incident response.
2. An Ag Pass does not grant permission to ignore evacuation orders or guarantee automatic entry.
3. Ag Pass holders must comply with all directions from law enforcement and other emergency personnel.
4. Access will not be granted outside of daylight hours and those granted access must exit prior to sunset, except where delay will cause an additional hazard (e.g. if a generator needs to be turned off to reduce fire hazard).
5. Onsite law enforcement or other emergency personnel may place a limit on time spent behind any road closure.
6. All persons must depart the restricted area by the same route they entered and should never leave another pass holder inside an evacuation order zone without a vehicle.
7. A law enforcement and other emergency personnel escort may be required at the discretion of onsite law enforcement or other emergency personnel.
8. Each person seeking entry must have their Ag Pass in their possession. If three people in one car seek to enter an evacuated area, all three people must possess their Ag Pass.
9. Individuals inside the evacuated areas must always have their Ag Pass with them and be able to present it to law enforcement - even if the Ag Pass was already inspected at a road closure checkpoint. On-scene law enforcement maintains full discretion to remove individuals who are unable to present their Ag Pass.
10. Ag Pass holders acknowledge that they are entering an area with an active evacuation order, enter at their own risk, and should be prepared for rapidly changing conditions and limited resources. Some ways to be prepared are by carrying adequate drinking water supplies, food, and personal protective equipment.
11. All individuals who were provided access into an evacuated area must leave immediately if directed to do so by law enforcement or other emergency personnel.

Employees of agricultural establishments shall not be required to obtain passes or perform work inside evacuation zones or retaliated against if they do not agree to obtain a pass or work inside an evacuation zone. In addition, only adult family members or employees who are directly hired by an agricultural operation are eligible for passes¹. Contract employees, and Farm Labor Contractors and their employees are not eligible for Designated or Temporary Passes.

PASS RENEWAL

Ag Pass renewal will be required annually through the County Department of Agriculture, Weights & Measures. Ag Pass Holders will be required to demonstrate that all training requirements have been met and provide updated information on the agricultural operation to ensure they still qualify for eligibility under the Ag Pass Program.

PASS CANCELLATION OR REVOCATION

To maintain the integrity of the Ag Pass Program, it is imperative to have a mechanism for maintaining program accountability. This annex recognizes that agricultural operations may be rotated, and lease holders, owners and/or designees may change. Ag Pass holders must ensure that any changes in the information associated with the issuance of the pass is maintained in a current status and reported to the County Agricultural Commissioner.

If there are changes to the operations, locations, Designated, or Temporary Pass holders, the Primary Pass holder is charged with providing the County Agricultural Commissioner with the updated information within 15 days. Failure to properly notify the County Agricultural Commissioner will result in pass cancellation or revocation.

In the event of termination of the employment or partnership between the Primary, Designated, or Temporary Pass holders, it shall be the responsibility of the Primary Pass holder to cancel and/or revoke the issued pass and notify the County Agricultural Commissioner immediately.

Pass holders must meet the pass qualifications and training standards annually. Failure to maintain current information or meet the pass qualifications will result in revocation and removal from the program until qualifications and training standards have been met as required.

¹ AB 1103 (2021) authorizes only livestock producers and managerial employees to provide care to livestock inside evacuation zones and managerial employees are not required to obtain passes or work inside evacuation zones. https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB1103

Primary Pass holders are charged with the responsibility of ensuring that they, and all Designated or Temporary Pass holders entering an evacuation area under their pass rights will maintain accountability. Accountability means that they can be located and/or are performing within the approved scope for the incident they have coordinated entry into. Failure to do so, or the identification of a pass holder who is found outside of the approved access area or performing duties outside of the approved scope will immediately result in the revocation of the pass issued, and notice will be issued to the Primary Pass holder. Following two (2) notifications of conduct outside of the approved scope, a full cancellation and/or revocation of the Primary Pass will be issued.

The Ag Pass Program places the safety and well-being of our community first and foremost; any use of the pass to inappropriately influence, retain a person or persons, or advise any other to not heed the orders of a local public safety official will result in immediate pass cancellation and/or revocation.

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Ag Pass holders are required to maintain a baseline level of training. The training requirement can be met by proof of completion of either of the two training options below:

- Sacramento County Specific Ag Pass Training (4 Hours); or
- California State Fire Marshall Ag Pass Training (4 hours) combined with the Flood Specific Section Training provided by Sacramento County.

To renew the Ag Pass, a 1-hour refresher course will be required annually.

Applications for initial or renewal pass issuance that fail to provide the required training certificates will not be eligible for the Ag Pass until all training requirements have been validated.

COMMUNICATIONS

This annex recognizes that despite the best efforts at coordination, conditions within an evacuation area may change and/or evolve rapidly. The ability to maintain effective communications with those allowed into an evacuation area is critical to the safety of pass holders and the first responders. There will be a check in and check out process at each access point and individuals or groups entering the evacuation zone must have a pre-authorized communication device.

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

ROLES OF THE AG PASS PROGRAM

PRIMARY PASSHOLDER

The Primary Pass holder is the owner and/or operator of the agricultural operation and responsible for serving as the main point of contact with coordinating officials. They are also responsible to clearly and concisely communicate the desired time of entry, location, type of operation, activities to be performed, and identifying the individual pass holders allowed for entry, and time of exit from the evacuated area.

No entry shall be made by pass holders until approval from public safety officials has been received. At all times Primary Pass holders are responsible for the accountability of their Designated or Temporary Pass holders who are authorized for entry under their pass in the evacuation area. Primary Pass holders should voice any imminent or observed safety concerns to the public safety officials.

DESIGNATED AND/OR TEMPORARY PASSHOLDERS

The Designated Pass holder is an employee or adult relative of the Primary Pass holder and is responsible for ensuring that they maintain communications with the Primary Pass holder and understand who to reach in the event of an emergency or instances where the Primary Pass holder may become incapacitated or unreachable.

Designated Pass holders are not required to enter with the Primary Pass holder present if the Primary Pass holder has activated their pass; however, all pass holders must enter through the incident approved points of entry. Designated Pass holders shall ensure that they are accountable within the evacuation area and only respond to the pre-designated areas approved by public safety officials. Designated Pass holders should voice any imminent or observed safety concerns to public safety officials and the Primary Pass holder.

Temporary Pass holders, as described in the mutual aid section, must enter and exit with a Primary or Designated Pass holder only; and should voice any imminent or observed safety concerns to the public safety officials and the Designated or Primary Pass holder.

ROLE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COORDINATING AGENCIES

Local government is responsible for the coordination of all stakeholders to ensure Ag Pass holders are able to safely enter an evacuation area in a manner that does not negatively impact the safety of responding personnel or ability to safely obtain field objectives.

University of California Cooperative Extension (**UCCE**) will work with other agencies in the development and maintenance of a training program and will provide disaster preparation training specific to livestock operations.

Ag Commissioner, Deputy Ag Commissioner, or their designee will be responsible for receiving Ag Pass holder requests for entry, validate the Ag Pass holder credentials, and coordinate those entries with the appropriate public safety officials, (i.e., Law & Fire.) If warranted, public safety officials shall clearly identify areas that are safe for entry and issue a recommendation for approval for entry.

Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, or their designee will assess the safety conditions, and if warranted, will approve the point of entry prior to any entry of a pass holder. Once the point of entry has been approved, the information will be communicated to the entity posted at the point of entry.

Office of Emergency Services will coordinate Ag Pass Program implementation and training, and take the lead to ensure effective communication before, during and after an emergency event; confirm proper documentation for entry has been received; and maintain the Ag Pass Program Annex.

ANNEX ACTIVATION

The annex shall be activated in the event of an evacuation order impacting a credentialed commercial operation. Primary and Designated Pass holders should heed the orders of public safety officials immediately unless otherwise advised. Once evacuated, the Ag Pass holder can then work to coordinate entry pursuant the requirements listed in this annex.

REQUEST PROCESS

Ag Pass holder requests for entry shall be submitted by the Primary Pass holder or their designee to the Department of Agriculture's representative in the Emergency Operations Center. Pass holders should call 311 to make contact with the official to submit their requests.

All requests from credentialed Primary Ag Pass holders shall be detailed and include:

- Reason for Access –
 - Care of Animals in Place or Crops
 - Number and type of animals
 - Type of Crop
 - Tasks to be performed (Brief description)
 - Removal of Animals or Limited Harvest of Crops
 - Number of animals being removed.
 - If there is shelter available or if assistance will be needed
 - Tasks to be performed

- Location of commercial agricultural operation
- Date and time/s of requested Entry
- Date and time/s of Departure
- Designated & Temporary Pass holder names.
 - Role for operations
 - Emergency Contacts
- Communication methods available (i.e., Ham Radio, Satellite Phone)
 - Radio Identifier
 - Satellite Phone Number
 - Cell Phone
- Estimated loss if denied entry

Upon submission, County officials will serve as the liaison to route the request through the appropriate incident approval process.

APPROVAL PROCESS

Once the request for entry has been submitted, reviewed, documented in WebEOC, as well as the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. There will be three (3) phases to the approval process:

PHASE I: CREDENTIAL VALIDATION

The Ag Commissioner, Deputy Ag Commissioner, or their designee shall validate the Ag Pass holders' credentials.

The review should take into consideration:

- Name & Identifying information
- Reason for access
 - Animals or Crops
 - Activity Type
- Current Location (to determine best point of entry if approved)
- Location of commercial agricultural operation
- Date and times of requested entry
- Date and times of departure
- Designated Pass holder names
- Approval of Temporary Pass holder names
- Number and Type of Vehicles and/or Equipment
- Estimated loss if denied entry.
- Available communication methods

Upon full documentation and validation of the pass, the request will be elevated to the appropriate emergency service official for consideration.

PHASE II: REQUEST APPROVAL PROCESS

All Ag Pass holder entry requests must be coordinated with and approved by the field level incident commanders. Effective coordination ensures field level accountability and more importantly is imperative to limiting impacts on emergency response work and safety of those involved.

- **Duty Officer:** Some incidents may not reach the extent of requiring an activation of the emergency operations center. In these cases, upon validation of the credentialed Primary Pass holder and/or their Designated Pass holders, the information will be provided to the Duty Officer on call. The Duty Officer will serve as the liaison with the established incident/unified command group to obtain a coordinated entry approval.
- **Emergency Operations Center Activation:** Incidents that have resulted in the activation of the emergency operations center will often allow the validating entity to communicate directly with the Operations Section Chief, Law and/or Fire branch to serve as the liaison with the field incident/unified command group.

PHASE III: OPERATIONAL COORDINATION

Field Incident or Unified Command shall consider the safety of personnel, pass holders, incident situation status and any impacts entry may have on field objectives resulting in a recommendation for approval. In the event of entry approval, the Liaison and Command group will coordinate the final entry times, point of entry, and recommended measures for safety and accountability prior to entry.

When pass entry is approved and a coordinated time of entry and exit have been identified the Emergency Services or Emergency Operations Center Liaison will ensure the information is recorded by law enforcement into WebEOC and field staff, posted at the point of entry, are to allow the pre-identified pass holders access. Exceptions to entry would be due to a change in conditions, or untimely arrival upon the scheduled entry.

COORDINATED ENTRY & EXIT

Law Enforcement should make every effort to ensure seamless entry in the field for approved pass holders. Entities posted at roadblocks should be provided with copies of

the approved Ag Pass templates and a list of authorized pass holders for entry as soon as reasonably possible.

To ensure accountability, law enforcement should document the pass holder information, to include time and point of entry. It is important to remember that the same documentation should be obtained for check out upon their departure.

ANNEX MAINTENANCE

The process for maintaining the Ag Pass Program Annex (Annex) is described in this section. The discussion identifies who receives and reviews the Annex, how updates are to be integrated into the Annex, how the Annex is tested, what type of training and exercises are developed to enhance understanding and execution of the Annex, and how After-Action Review is conducted after the Annex has been implemented, whether as part of an exercise or in response to a real emergency.

Annex Distribution

Once completed and approved, the Ag Pass Program Annex for Sacramento County will be distributed throughout the OA. Printed and electronic copies will also be delivered to the EOC in Sacramento County and to other agencies and departments in Sacramento County. Electronic versions of the Approved Ag Pass Program Annex will also be distributed to each of the regional and/or local offices with major roles to play in the Ag Pass Program.

Annex Updates

Sacramento County is responsible for the maintenance, revision, and distribution of the Sacramento County Ag Pass Program Annex. Sacramento County OES annually assesses the need for revisions to the Annex based on the following considerations:

- Changes to local, State, or Federal statutes, regulations, requirements, or organization.
- The need for additional subsidiary plans to develop regional response capabilities or eliminate gaps in capabilities, as suggested by Mutual Aid Regional Advisory Committee members.
- Implementation of tools or procedures that alter or improve Annex components.

Sacramento County maintains the record of amendments and revisions (the Record of Changes table in the front of this document), as well as executable versions of all documents, and is responsible for distributing the Annex to all applicable agencies.

Annex Testing, Training, and Exercises

Exercising the Annex and evaluating its effectiveness involves using training, exercises, and evaluation of actual disasters to determine whether goals, objectives, decision, actions, and timing outlined in the Annex led to a successful response.

Exercises are the best method of evaluating the effectiveness of an annex and are also a valuable tool in training emergency responders and government officials to become familiar with the procedures, facilities, and systems that they use or manage in emergency situations. Exercises are conducted on a regular basis to maintain readiness.

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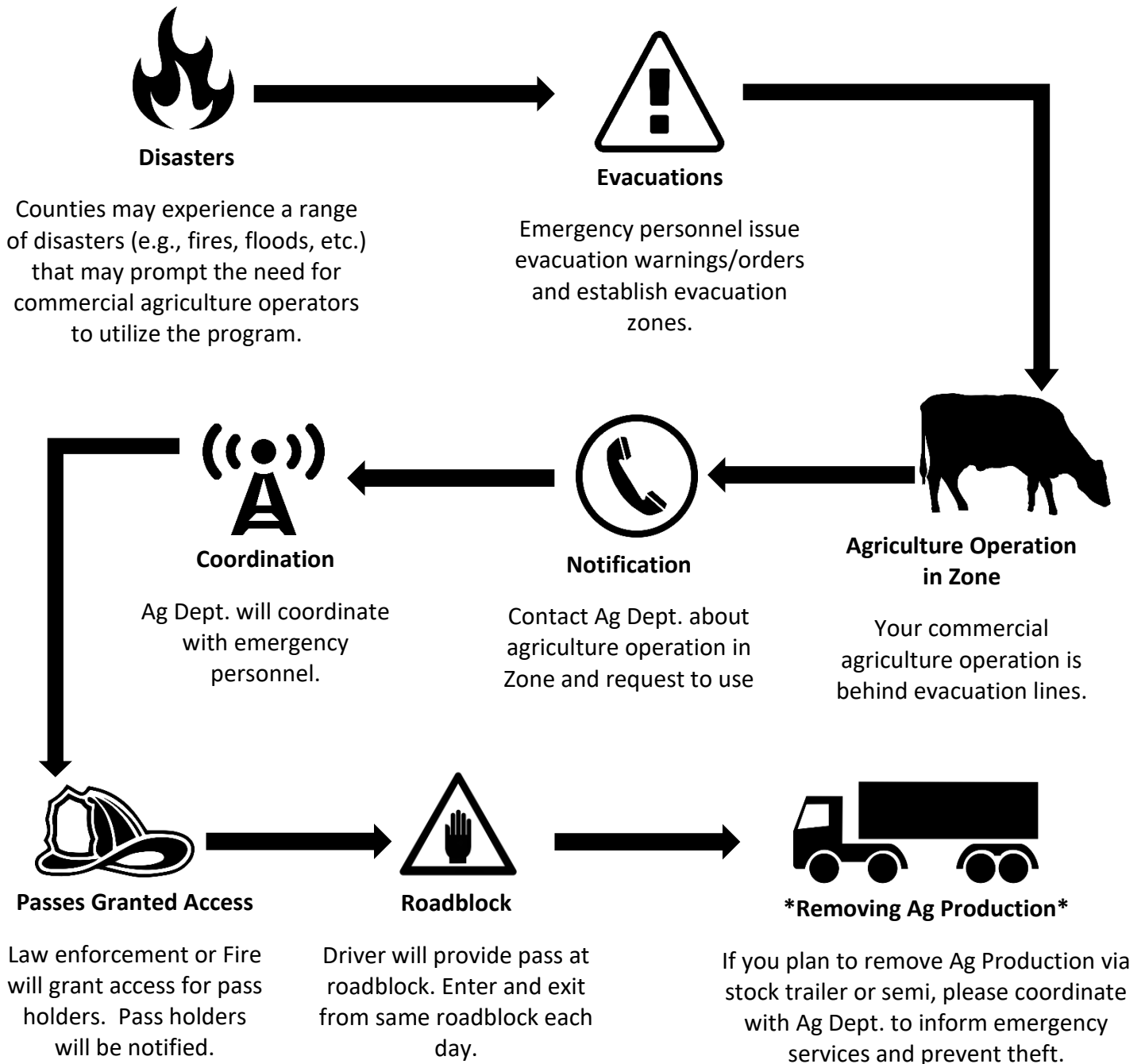
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Food & Ag Code Section 2350, Livestock Pass Program

Health & Safety Code Section 13105.6

Penal Code Section 409.5

Sacramento County Ag Pass Concept of Operations Flow Chart



Sacramento County Ag Pass Program

Liability Disclosure

The Owner/Commercial Livestock Operator, hereinafter referred to as the “Applicant/Permittee” or “A/P” understands that he or she is requesting access to restricted areas subject to official road closure and not otherwise accessible to the public. In so requesting access, A/P acknowledges the inherent risks and hazards present during the existence of a declared local emergency, which extend to the restricted areas. A/P shall be solely responsible for the safety of those individuals covered by any pass/permit issued by the County of Sacramento and shall be solely responsible for any damage to any equipment used by A/P during such requested access. A/P shall hold harmless the County of Sacramento and its officers, agents, employees, volunteers, or representatives from and against any and all liability, claims, actions, proceedings, losses, injuries, damages, or expenses of every name, kind, and description, including litigation costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in connection therewith, brought for or on account of personal injury (including death) or damage to equipment or property arising from A/Ps access under this pass/permit. Further, A/P shall be solely responsible and shall hold harmless the County of Sacramento from any and all acts or omissions of A/P or its officers, agents, employees, volunteers, contractors, and subcontractors in accessing the above listed location. A/P further understands that any pass/permit issued covers access only to the location identified above and the direct access route to/from said location; stopping along access routes is strictly prohibited. A/P and its officers, agents, employees, volunteers, or representatives shall not wander, loiter, or otherwise meander from the above listed location, and shall be subject to immediate arrest for trespass into restricted areas and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Acknowledged by:

(signature)

(printed name)

(date)