

# The Capitol Bulletin

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# FAIR GROUNDS

## THERE FOR OUR COMMUNITIES IN TIMES OF NEED



### THROUGH FIRE & FLOOD

Facing record-breaking catastrophes state-wide, California's network of 76 fairgrounds answered the call to service admirably. With 24 fairgrounds serving as evacuation centers, fire camps, and/or animal shelters in 2017, the continued need for these community resources became undeniably evident.



As fires raged and dams threatened to burst, California fairgrounds opened their doors to everyone and their animals (from pets to livestock), even until the fairgrounds themselves were evacuated.



In addition to housing evacuees, fairgrounds served as gathering points for donations. Volunteers assisted in collecting, organizing and distributing essential items to displaced individuals.

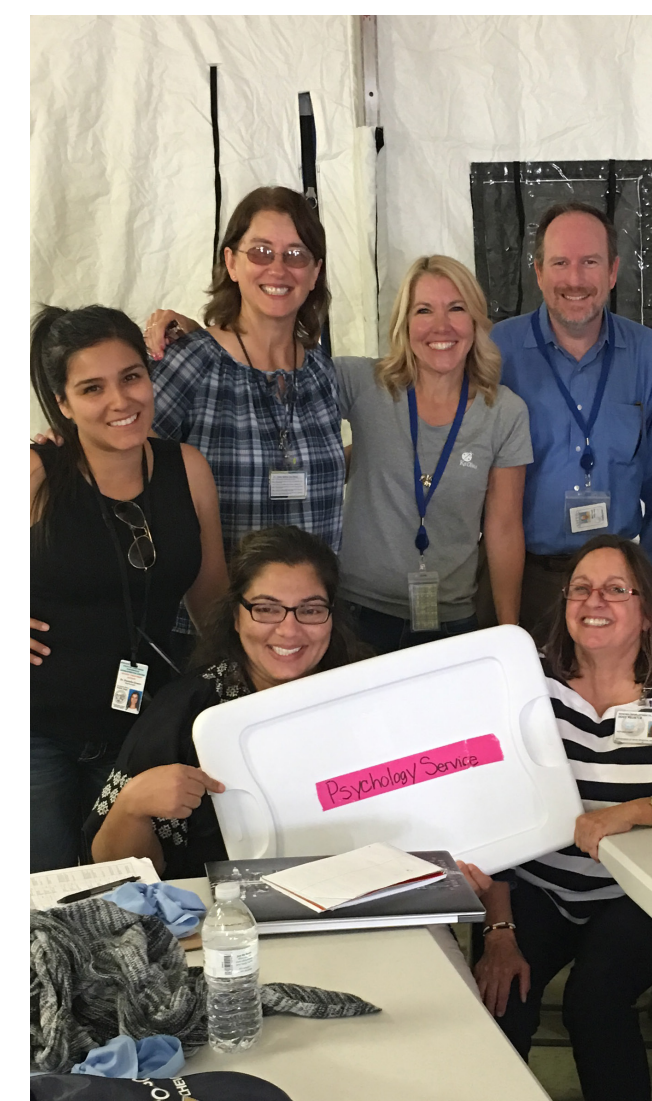


### REFUGE FOR ALL

During the wine country fires, the Department of Developmental Services oversaw the relocation of individuals with developmental disabilities to the Dixon May Fairgrounds.



To successfully accomplish such a delicate and important task takes cooperation between numerous government agencies. City, County, and State officials came together to facilitate the transition and ensure every possible need was met. The East Bay Incident Management Team coordinated with local law enforcement and the Army National Guard to provide security and manual labor in the construction and maintenance of the site.



Politicians from across California came to visit the evacuees, including CDFA Secretary Karen Ross, Senator Bill Dodd, Department of Developmental Services Director Nancy Bargmann, and Health & Human Services Undersecretary Michael Wilkening.



Temporary shelters were erected on the fairgrounds, offering housing, dining, psychology services, a pharmacy, showers, restrooms, and entertainment.

