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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-76-80

TO: COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS (EWS)

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY WELFARE SERVICES PLANS

Pursuant to Presidential Executive Order 11490, DHEW Publication No. (SRS) 72-23004 Guidelines for the Preparation of State Emergency Welfare Services Plans, the 1961 agreement between the government of the State of California and DHEW, and the 1962 Emergency Welfare Service Response Plan between the California Disaster Office (now the Governor's Office of Emergency Services) and the State Department of Social Welfare (now the State Department of Social Services), the Department of Social Services has been designated as the agency for administration of the Emergency Welfare Services upon declaration of a federal or state State of Emergency in California.

As a requirement of the above, county welfare departments are responsible for the preparation of mass care annexes to each county's emergency response plan. Because of the failure of the present format of the Mass Care/Shelter Annex/Support Plan to meet emergency response needs, the Governor's Office of Emergency Services through the State of Emergency Response Planning Committee, has developed a new format for local and county EWS plans. A copy of the proposed format is attached.

It has been noted that in too many instances, local jurisdictions are placing too much reliance on the American National Red Cross to meet all its disaster needs. This has been found not to be too realistic an approach. It is felt that a better way is to define three classes of disasters: Class One is a small or localized disaster in which the Red Cross can handle the Mass Care function adequately. A Class Two Disaster is of a greater magnitude which would involve local government working together with the Red Cross in meeting Mass Care/Shelter responsibilities. A Class Three disaster is a catastrophic event in which major responsibility would be held by government.

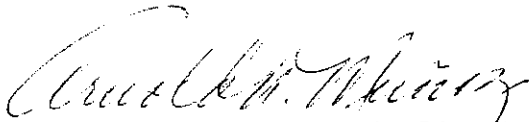
Most counties at this time have not given serious planning consideration to a war-time emergency plan. Planning at both the federal and state levels now involve the concept of Crisis Relocation Planning (CRP). Such would involve the movement of a major part of the state's population from high-risk

areas into those of lower-risk from nuclear explosion and fallout. It is estimated that some 95% of the population can be saved from serious injury or death in the event of an atomic war, if CRP is followed. This movement of the state's inhabitants will involve the smaller counties as well as the larger ones. Therefore all counties will be responsible for the development of a war-time emergency plan including the CRP concept.

Technical assistance for the development of both peace-time and war-time mass care shelter plans can be obtained from your local civil defense director and from our Coordinator, Emergency Welfare Services, Mr. C. H. Ostby (phone: 916-322-2191).

Your comments re the attached Mass Care Annex draft are solicited and should be sent to the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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Attachment