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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2023–24 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2776

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Rodriguez and Gallagher**

February 15, 2024

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An act to add ~~Part 7 (commencing with Section 75270) to Division 44 of the Public Resources Code, Section 8587.1 to the Government Code~~, relating to state government.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2776, as amended, Rodriguez. Recovery from ~~major federal disasters: disaster or emergency~~: funding priority.

Existing law, the California Emergency Services Act, among other things, creates the Office of Emergency Services (OES), which is responsible for the state's emergency and disaster response services, as specified. ~~Existing law establishes the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) within the Governor's office to provide long-range planning and research and to serve as the comprehensive state planning agency. Existing law establishes the Strategic Growth Council (council) and requires the council to administer various programs that support the planning and development of sustainable communities, including, the Regional Climate Collaborative Program, the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program, the Transformative Climate Communities Program, and the Community Resilience Center Program. The OES is under the supervision of the Director of Emergency Services. During a state of war emergency, a state of emergency, or a local~~

*emergency, existing law requires the director to coordinate the emergency activities of all state agencies in connection with that emergency.*

~~Existing law, the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, designates the State Air Resources Board as the state agency charged with monitoring and regulating sources of emissions of greenhouse gases. The act authorizes the state board to include in its regulation of those emissions the use of market-based compliance mechanisms. Existing law requires all moneys, except for fines and penalties, collected by the state board from the auction or sale of allowances as part of a market-based compliance mechanism to be deposited in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. Existing law continuously appropriates 20% of the annual proceeds of the fund to the council for the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program, as provided. Under its authority, the council established the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program as a component of the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program to provide incentives for conservation of agricultural lands.~~

~~This bill would authorize the OES, the OPR, and the council OES to prioritize funding and technical assistance under specified programs, including, but not limited to, for infrastructure and housing recovery projects projects, in communities that suffered a loss in population and businesses due to a major federal disaster disaster, state of emergency, or local emergency and have unmet recovery needs as a result of a major federal disaster under specified programs, including, among others, the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program and the federal Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities program. The bill would also authorize the OES, the OPR, and the council to prioritize funding to communities recovering from major federal disasters under those same specified programs. disaster, state of emergency, or local emergency.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1     SECTION 1. ~~Part 7 (commencing with Section 75270) is added~~
- 2     to Division 44 of the Public Resources Code, to read:

1   PART 7. COMMUNITIES RECOVERING FROM MAJOR  
2                   FEDERAL DISASTERS

3  
4   75270.—

5   SECTION 1. *Section 8587.1 is added to the Government Code,*  
6 *to read:*

7   8587.1. (a) ~~The Office of Emergency Services, the Office of~~  
8 ~~Planning and Research, and the Strategic Growth Council Services~~  
9 ~~may prioritize funding and technical assistance under any of the~~  
10 ~~programs listed in subdivision (b), including, but not limited to,~~  
11 ~~for infrastructure and housing recovery projects projects, in~~  
12 ~~communities that meet both of the following requirements under~~  
13 ~~all of the programs listed in subdivisions (b) and (c): requirements:~~

14   (1) ~~Suffered a loss in population and businesses due to a major~~  
15 ~~federal disaster. disaster, state of emergency, or local emergency.~~

16   (2) ~~Have unmet recovery needs as a result of a major federal~~  
17 ~~disaster. disaster, state of emergency, or local emergency.~~

18   ~~(b) The Office of Planning and Research and the Strategic~~  
19 ~~Growth Council may prioritize funding and technical assistance~~  
20 ~~to communities recovering from major federal disasters under all~~  
21 ~~of the following programs:~~

22   ~~(1) The Regional Climate Collaborative Program (Part 3.6~~  
23 ~~(commencing with Section 71130) of Division 34).~~

24   ~~(2) The Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities~~  
25 ~~Program (Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 75210) of Part 1),~~  
26 ~~including the Tribal Capacity Building Pilot Program funded~~  
27 ~~through the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities~~  
28 ~~Program.~~

29   ~~(3) The Transformative Climate Communities Program (Part 4~~  
30 ~~(commencing with Section 75240)).~~

31   ~~(4) The Community Resilience Center Program (Part 5~~  
32 ~~(commencing with Section 75250)).~~

33   ~~(5) The Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program~~  
34 ~~(Item 3480-102-0001 of the Budget Act of 2022 (Chs. 43, 45, and~~  
35 ~~249, Stats. 2022)).~~

36   ~~(e) The Office of Emergency Services may prioritize funding~~  
37 ~~and technical assistance to communities recovering from major~~  
38 ~~federal disasters under all of the following programs:~~

39   ~~(1)~~

1     **(b) (1)** The federal Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (42 U.S.C.  
2     Sec. 5170c).

3     **(2)** The federal Building Resilient Infrastructure and  
4     Communities program (42 U.S.C. Sec. 5133).

5     **(3)** The California Disaster Assistance Act (Chapter 7.5  
6     (commencing with Section ~~8680~~) of Division 1 of Title 2 of the  
7     ~~Government Code~~; 8680)).