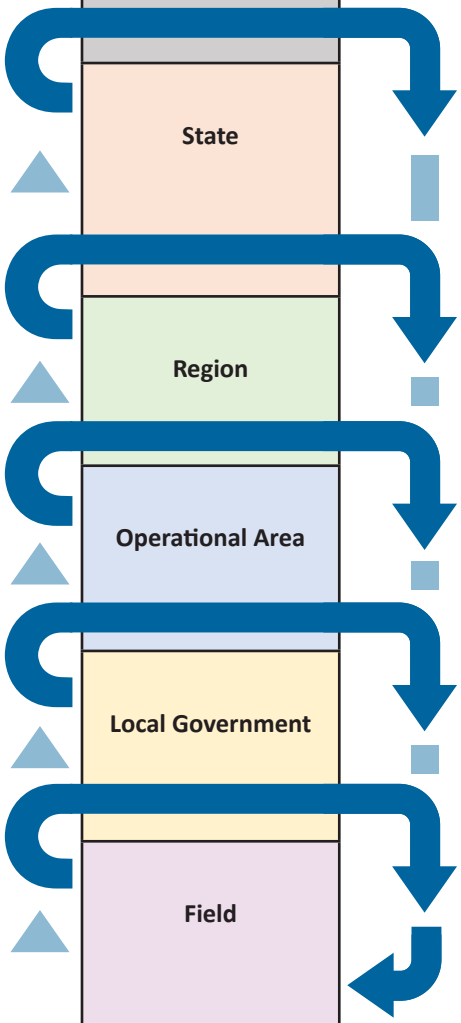
SEMS Emergency/Disaster Framework[1]			
Request for Mutual Aid	**Level of Response**	**Mutual Aid Provided**	**Level of Response Description**
	**Response from Other States, Federal Government or Other Nations**		**Mutual Aid Received from Entities Outside California** is coordinated through the State level [See below]
	State		**The State Level** of SEMS prioritizes tasks and coordinates state resources in response to the requests from the Regional Level and coordinates mutual aid among the mutual aid regions and between the Regional Level and State Level. The State Level also serves as the coordination and communication link between the state and the federal emergency response system. The State Level requests assistance from other state governments through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) and similar interstate compacts/agreements and coordinates with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) when federal assistance is requested. The State Level operates out of the State Operations Center (SOC).
	Region		**The Regional Level** manages and coordinates information and resources among OAs within the mutual aid region and also between the OAs and the State Level. The Regional Level also coordinates overall State agency support for emergency response activities within the region. California is divided into three Cal OES Administrative Regions – Inland, Coastal, and Southern – which are further divided into six mutual aid regions (see Exhibit 10-1 – Mutual Aid Regions). The Regional Level operates out of a Regional Emergency Operations Center (REOC).
	Operational Area		**An Operational Area Level** is the intermediate level of the State's emergency management organization which encompasses a county's boundaries and all political subdivisions located within that county, including special districts. The OA facilitates and/or coordinates information, resources, and decisions regarding priorities among local governments within the OA. The OA serves as the coordination and communication link between the Local Government Level and Regional Level. State, federal, and tribal jurisdictions in the OA may have statutory authorities for response similar to that at the local level.
	Local Government		**The Local Government level** includes cities, counties, and special districts. Local governments manage and coordinate the overall emergency response and recovery activities within their jurisdiction. Local governments are required to use SEMS when their Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is activated or a local emergency is declared or proclaimed in order to be eligible for state reimbursement of response-related costs.
	Field		**The Field Level** is where emergency response personnel and resources, under the command of responsible officials, carry out tactical decisions and activities in direct response to an incident or threat.
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