

# SANTA BENITO COUNTY ARES/ACS PREPARATION LEVELS

Notice	Condition	Notification	L1 Response	L2 Response
<b>Advisory</b>	A storm, event, or other condition that may develop into a situation requiring ARES or ACS response	An ADVISORY message may be placed on the sbcares.org web site giving information about the situation as it develops. An e-mail notification will be sent to the acs@sbcares.org e-mail group.	SBC ARES/ACS Level 1s should review their equipment - no other action is required. Hams may monitor the N6SBC repeater, although no announcements on the repeater are planned at this level of notice.	SBC ARES Level 2s should review their equipment - no other action is required. Hams may monitor the N6SBC repeater, although no announcements on the repeater are planned at this level of notice.
<b>Alert</b>	County OES or a city has requested ARES or ACS ALERT status in anticipation of a possible storm, event, or other condition that may develop into a situation.	An ALERT message may be placed on the sbcares.org web site giving information about the situation as it develops. An e-mail notification will be sent to the acs@sbcares.org e-mail group.	SBC ARES/ACS Level 1s are to be aware that they may be called in response to changing conditions, be sure their equipment is packed and ready for dispatch, and should monitor the N6SBC repeater and the sbcares.org web site for updates.	SBC ARES Level 2s are to be aware that they may be called in response to changing conditions, be sure their equipment is packed and ready for dispatch, and should monitor the N6SBC repeater and the sbcares.org web site for updates.
<b>Staging</b>	County OES or a city requests hams as ARES or ACS responders.	A STAGING message may be placed on the sbcares.org web site giving information about the situation as it develops. An e-mail notification will be sent to the acs@sbcares.org e-mail group. This notification will be announced every half-hour on the N6SBC repeater.	SBC ARES/ACS Level 1s are to prepare to respond within fifteen minutes of notification of ACS activation. Announcements will be made on the N6SBC repeater at 15-minute intervals updating information as it becomes available.	SBC ARES Level 2s are to prepare to respond within fifteen minutes of notification of ACS activation. Announcements will be made on the N6SBC repeater at 15-minute intervals updating information as it becomes available.
<b>ARES ACTIVATION</b>	County OES or a city or requests ARES aid from OES	An ARES ACTIVATION e-mail will be sent via the acs@sbcares.org e-mail group and posted on the sbcares.org web site if possible.	SBC ARES/ACS Level 1s should monitor the resource net for activation and assignments.	SBC ARES Level 2s should monitor the resource net for activation.
<b>ACS / RACES ACTIVATION</b>	County OES or a city or requests ACS aid from OES	An ACS ACTIVATION e-mail will be sent via the acs@sbcares.org e-mail group and posted on the sbcares.org web site if possible.	SBC ARES/ACS Level 1s should monitor the resource net for activation and assignments. Only DSWs will be given assignments.	SBC ARES Level 2s should monitor the resource net for activation. May be impressed into service as needed as a DSW.