

Henry Renteria

Director, Governor's Office of Emergency Services

Henry Renteria was appointed in May of 2004 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to his Cabinet as Director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) after a long and distinguished career that has included directing emergency response and recovery efforts in California and Texas.

Since his appointment as OES Director in 2004, Mr. Renteria has directed response and recovery operations for five Presidential Declarations of a Major Disaster, one Presidential Declaration of an Emergency and thirty-four Fire Management Assistance Grant designations.

Prior to his appointment as the Director of OES, he led the City of Oakland's Office of Emergency Services, where he coordinated the city's response and recovery operations for the 1991 Oakland Hills Firestorm, the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake and four other presidential-declared disasters.

Also during his tenure in Oakland, he helped design and implement the original Emergency Managers Mutual Aid Program deployed for use in Southern California following the 1994 Northridge Earthquake and was involved in the original design and implementation of the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS). He was also responsible for citywide disaster planning, response, recovery, and mitigation programs and management of the homeland security and hazardous material regulatory programs.

As the Director of OES, Mr. Renteria is a member of the National Emergency Management Association. He is past president of the California Emergency

Services Association, a member of the International Association of Emergency Managers and on the board of directors of the American Red Cross.