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Emergency Response Case Study
In the United States

January 2010 Storms in California
A strong and fast moving storm system rolled through California during January of 2010.

All-time low pressure records set over roughly 10 - 15% of the U.S. - Oregon, California, Nevada, Arizona and Utah.
More than 1.6 million utility customers in the State of California had their service affected during this storm.
Interstate 5, the major artery connecting Southern California to northern parts of the state, was shut down due to blizzard conditions.
California Utilities Emergency Association (CUEA) needed to send emergency supplies through the closed Interstate 5 corridor.

CUEA asked Caltrans for help.
Caltrans provided personnel and equipment to facilitate access through the closed Interstate 5 corridor.

How was this possible?
Mutual Assistance

Executive Order

Rules of Engagement

Life Line Access
Caltrans utilizes partnerships to plan for, coordinate and respond to disasters and emergencies and ensure the continued participation and support for emergency operations.
Thank you