

Chris Soelle, MS

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Speaker Bio:

Chris Soelle is the Executive Officer for FEMA Region 7's Recovery Division where he supports leadership with strategic planning, internal communications, and overall operations. He is a meteorologist by training and also serves on the FEMA Hurricane Liaison Team which acts as a conduit for information exchange between the NOAA National Hurricane Center and emergency managers when hurricanes threaten U.S. interests.

Chris joined Region 7 in August 2018 as a Hazard Mitigation Grants Management Specialist. He is regarded as an emerging leader within the agency and served as a key member of FEMA's Presidential Transition team in late 2020 and early 2021. Chris was most recently tapped in January 2022 to serve as the Acting Executive Officer for Region 7 where he supported and advised the Deputy Regional Administrator and new Regional Administrator. Previously, he worked for Dorchester County, South Carolina Emergency Management where he led outreach and preparedness initiatives.

Chris has a Bachelor of Science in atmospheric science from the University of Missouri (2015) and a Master of Science in emergency management from Millersville University of Pennsylvania (2017).