

Nancy Ward

Director

California Governor's Office of Emergency Services

Nancy Ward was appointed as the Director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) at the end of 2022. Director Ward is the first woman to hold the position.

Director Ward brings decades of distinguished leadership in emergency management. Director Ward previously served as Chief Deputy Director and Department of Homeland Security Advisor from 2014 to 2017. Most recently, Director Ward was a Retired Annuitant at Cal OES.

Previous to joining Cal OES, Director Ward served as the FEMA Acting Administrator within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. She also served as Regional Administrator for FEMA Region IX from 2006 to 2014 and as FEMA Response and Recovery Division Director from 2000 to 2006.