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## **Ventura County Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster Member Information Packet**

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of Ventura County Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VC-VOAD). Through our joined forces, we will promote preparedness and safety and will strive to meet our four principals:

**COOPERATION** – Foster cooperation among members at all levels and in all phases of a disaster.

**COORDINATION** – Coordinate the development of our policies and procedures, and the implementation of services among our members. VC-VOAD will serve as an advocate and liaison between members, the Emergency Operations Center and local government first responders.

**COMMUNICATION** – Exchange and disseminate information among members, the public, local, state and federal agencies, in conjunction with the individual VC-VOAD members.

**COLLABORATION** – We dedicate ourselves to working together to achieve specific goals and to undertake specific projects at disaster sites. We form partnerships during disaster response.

### **BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP**

Increased Disaster Preparedness  
Opportunities to Serve the Community  
Training Opportunities – Seminars & Workshops  
Shared Resources & Services  
Networking and Marketing

### **TYPES OF MEMBERSHIPS**

1. **Associate Member:** Non-profit IRS 501c (3) organizations, government agencies, colleges and universities, private sector and faith-based organizations. Eligible to vote and hold elected office.
2. **Affiliate Organization:** Organizations with disaster planning and operational responsibilities or capabilities who do not meet the requirements for an Associate Member. Eligible to vote and serve on committees.
3. **Affiliate Individual:** An individual with disaster planning and operational responsibilities or capabilities. Not eligible to vote but may serve on committees.

**TO REGISTER please submit the following items:**

- ✓ Signed Statement of Understanding
- ✓ Completed application
- ✓ Invoice and check payable to United Way of Ventura County/VCVOAD



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# Statement of Understanding

Ventura County Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VC-VOAD) hereby enters into this agreement with \_\_\_\_\_ (Member), this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

This establishes a mutual understanding of the working relationship between a Member and VC-VOAD.

## DEFINITION OF A DISASTER

A disaster is an event that causes, or has the potential to cause, disruptions to patterns of normal living for a significant number of people. Disasters may be either natural, technological (accidents or system failures) or human caused (with intent): such as earthquakes, floods, fires, hazardous material incidents, civil unrest or terrorism.

## METHODS OF COOPERATION

VC-VOAD will:

- Provide leadership to and develop coalitions that will strengthen organization disaster response
- Provide enhanced preparedness training opportunities to Members
- Link disaster relief providers with local communities and organizations in need
- Serve as a single reporting point to government agencies, State and National VOADs

The Member will:

- Develop an internal mission-set and plan for disaster response
- Participate in VC-VOAD general meetings and training activities
- Participate in VC-VOAD after-action reviews and plan development

## AUTHORIZATION

This Statement of Understanding provides the basis on which VC-VOAD and the Member will cooperate in preparedness, planning and disaster response. Termination of this agreement by either party must be submitted in writing to the authorized personnel of the other party and will be effective 90 days after the receipt of the notice by the other party.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Member Organization Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Representative's Name

OR

\_\_\_\_\_  
Member (Individual) Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
VC-VOAD Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## VC-VOAD Membership Application 2022-2023

### Mission Statement of Proposed Member

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*A separate brochure/packet may be attached, along with any additional information regarding an organization's disaster preparedness plans.*

### Organization/Contact Information

Organization or Individual Member's Name

Website

Phone

Street Address:

City

State

Zip Code

24 Hour Contact Name

Phone

Email

**Available Resources:** *Please indicate what resources and/or services your organization may provide.*

<b>Resources</b> (Check as many boxes that apply)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sheltering/Housing Assistance</li> <li>• Financial Assistance</li> <li>• Emotional/Spiritual Care</li> <li>• Medical Services</li> <li>• Food Services</li> <li>• Vouchers for Goods</li> <li>• Referral Services</li> <li>• Child Care</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donations Storage &amp; Coordination</li> <li>• Spontaneous Volunteer Management</li> <li>• Transportation</li> <li>• Hotlines/Phone Banks</li> <li>• Emergency Preparedness Training</li> <li>• Emergency Communications</li> <li>• Disaster Services for Animals</li> <li>• Home Visits</li> </ul>

Please provide details of above resources, and/or describe any additional types of services that your organization may be able to offer to the community in times of disaster. *Use an extra sheet of paper if necessary.*

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Could your facility be used as a shelter? Yes /No

If yes, what is the capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

Access and Functional Needs Provision



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# Ventura County Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VC-VOAD) 2022-2023 INVOICE

**DUE DATE: 12/31/2022**

Organization or Individual Member Name:	
Organization Point of Contact:	
Phone Number:	
Email Address:	
TAX I.D. Number:	

Select VC-VOAD Desired Membership: *(as defined on page one of the packet)*

- Associate Member \$40
- Affiliate Organization \$40
- Affiliate Individual \$25

***Make checks payable to United Way of Ventura County/VCVOAD.***

*Dues paid to VC-VOAD will be used to cover state/national dues, guest speakers, expenses and other administrative costs.*

**Submit at any meeting  
or by mail to VC-VOAD  
c/o United Way of Ventura County  
Attention: Susan Englund  
702 County Square Dr. #100, Ventura, CA 93003**