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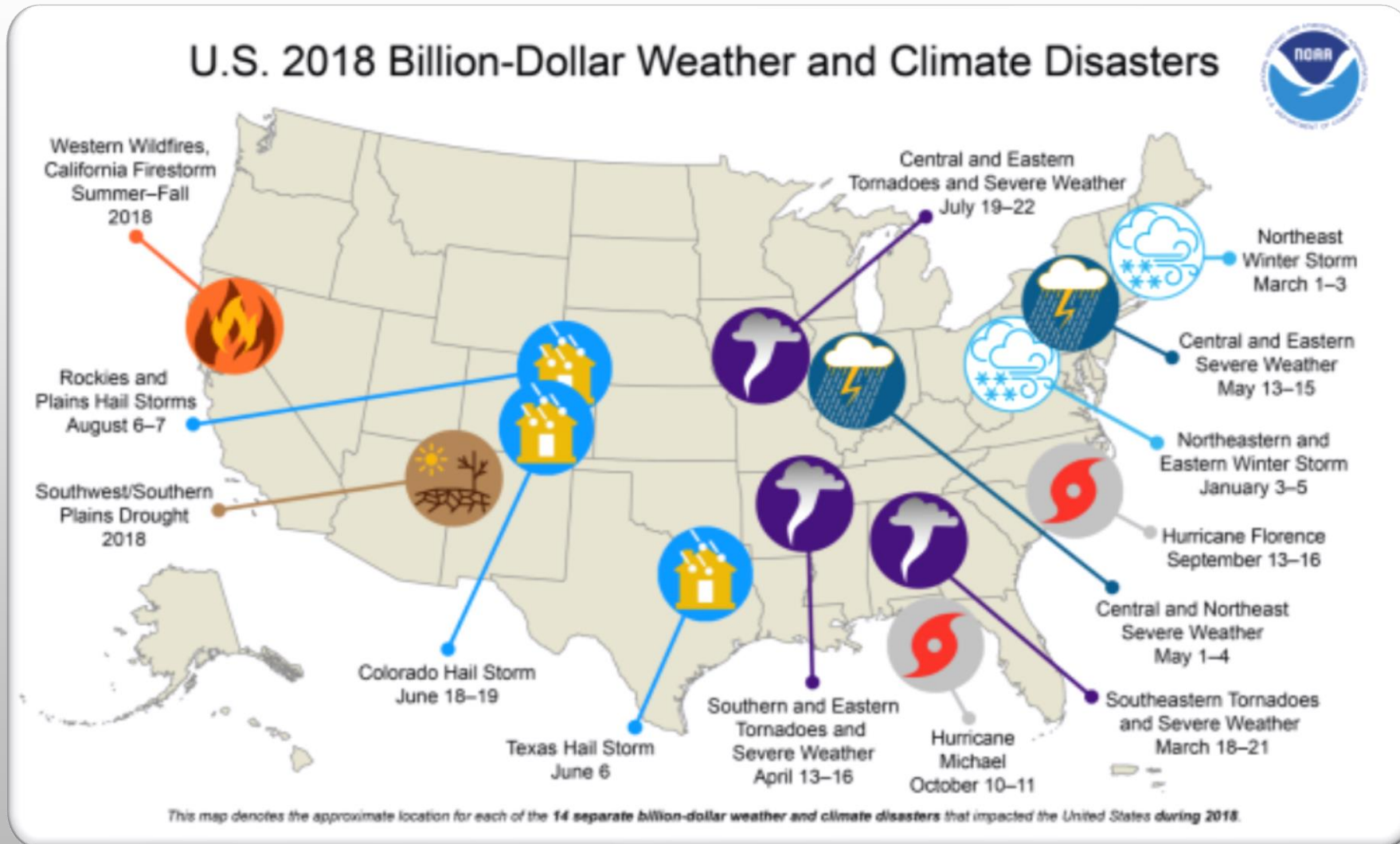
# VULNERABILITY



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# COST



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# BACKGROUND

- FEBRUARY 2006
  - EIGHT MAJOR WATER AGENCIES
  - JOINT POLICY STATEMENT ON MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE NETWORKS
    - COMMITMENT TO UTILITIES HELPING UTILITIES
- MUTUAL RESPONSE AGREEMENTS WITH LOCAL/NEIGHBOR UTILITIES
- WATER / WASTEWATER AGENCY RESPONSE NETWORK (WARN)
- STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS FOR ALL RESOURCES
- WATER / WASTEWATER TRIBAL NATION RESPONSE NETWORK (WTNRN)
  - PURPOSE OF THIS DISCUSSION

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# BACKGROUND CONTINUED

- ADOPTING WARN APPROACH
  - TRIBAL NATION UTILITIES SIGN SINGLE AGREEMENT
    - INDEMNIFICATION
    - WORKERS' COMPENSATION
    - REIMBURSEMENT
    - SHARE EQUIPMENT
    - SHARE PERSONNEL
    - AND OTHER RESOURCES



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# ADVANTAGES FOR WATER/WASTEWATER TRIBAL NATION RESPONSE NETWORK

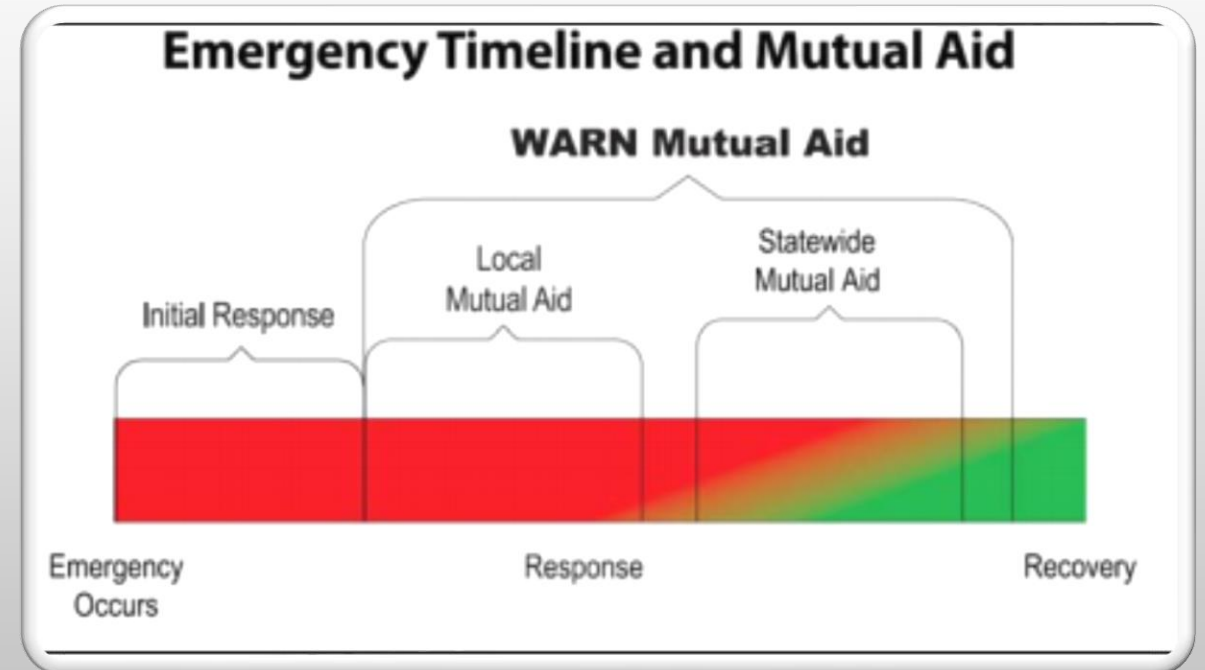
- TRIBAL NATION SOVEREIGNTY EXPRESSED VIA MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS
- PUBLIC TRUST OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY SERVICE TO CITIZENS
- UNDERSTANDING OF AVAILABLE STAFF AND EQUIPMENT WITHIN USET MEMBER TRIBAL NATIONS
  - POSSIBLY POST ON TRIBAL-FERST WEBSITE
  - REVIEW WHAT IS AVAILABLE PRIOR TO EVENT
  - PLACEMENT OF TEAMS JUST OUTSIDE OF DISASTER ZONE
    - FASTER RELIEF FOR CITIZENS
    - WATER / WASTEWATER SERVICES RETURNED TO OPERATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

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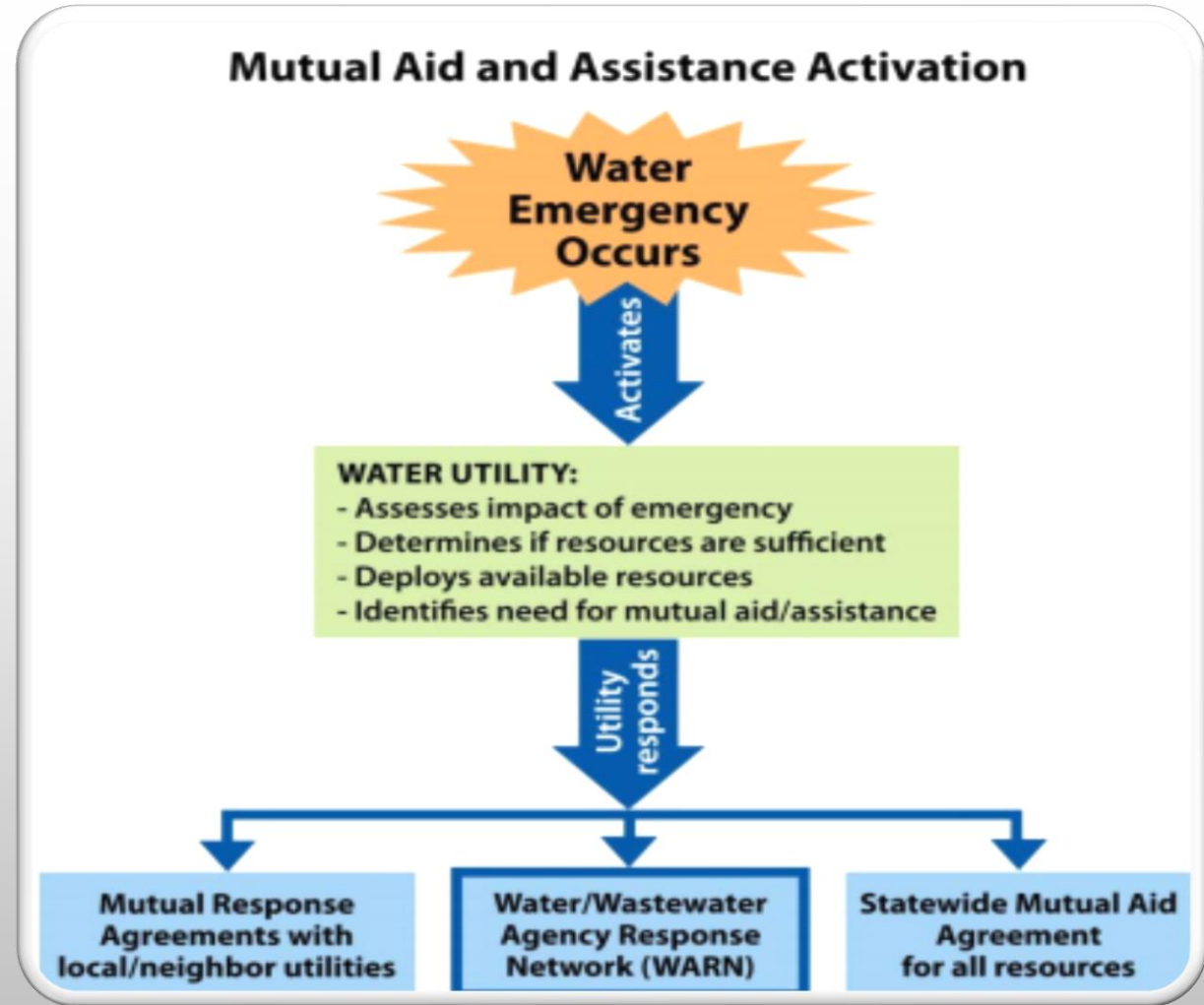
# REVIEW EMERGENCY TIMELINE AND MUTUAL AID

- THREE POSSIBLE MUTUAL AID OR ASSISTANCE MECHANISMS
  - LOCAL AGREEMENTS WITH NEIGHBORING UTILITIES
  - ACCESS STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID PROGRAM
  - ACCESS WARN RESOURCES AND/OR THIS NEW WTNRN
    - REDUCE GAP BETWEEN LOCAL AND STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID
    - ALLOWS ACCESS DURING RECOVERY PHASE
    - TRIBAL NATION TO TRIBAL NATION SUPPORT



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THIS AGREEMENT  
WOULD OFFER USET  
MEMBER TRIBAL  
NATIONS ACCESS TO  
ONE ANOTHER FOR  
AID



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# PROPOSED RESOLUTION

- RESOLUTION 2020:003 – THE USET BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUPPORTS THE FORMATION OF A USET TRIBAL NATION WATER AND WASTEWATER AGENCY RESPONSE NETWO



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# NEXT STEPS



## Develop agreement

Mirror epa warn

Rollout at Tribal utility summit (LA February 2020)

- Management track item at summit
- Gather resources each tribal nation has available



## Agreement approval by participating tribal nations



## Once approved – summer 2020

Upload to tribal-FERST

- Agreements
- Available resources and staff
- username and password allow tribal access to resources online

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