**Initial Damage Estimate**

Upon the issuance of a Local Emergency Proclamation, the County/ City must be prepared to submit an IDE to Cal OES. An Initial Damage Estimate (IDE) is an accounting of estimated public and private physical damage and financial losses following a disaster. The IDE is the first phase in determining if the County/City is eligible for financial assistance from the State and Federal government following a declared disaster.

Submitting an IDE assists Cal OES in understanding damages and losses and, along with IDEs submitted by other affected counties, may be used to make a recommendation to the Governor to issue a State Emergency Proclamation. Upon the Governor’s issuance of a State Emergency Proclamation, the information submitted by Cal OES to FEMA may be used by FEMA to make a recommendation to the President as to whether a Presidential Disaster Declaration should be issued.

**Reporting Requirements**

All counties are required to **submit an IDE within 72 hours of the occurrence of a disaster.** Required information is shown in the graphic below.

