

**Elizabeth “Liz” Basnett**  
***Assistant Secretary***  
**California Health and Human Services Agency**

Liz Basnett joined the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) as an Assistant Secretary on June 1, 2020. Liz is currently responsible for the coordination of Emergency Preparedness across the Agency working with all 12 departments and five offices within the umbrella of the CHHS.

Liz previously served as an Independent Contractor/Senior Managing Associate for Hagerty Consulting where she served as the Chief of Operations to lead the implementation of response and recovery for the 2018 California Wildfires for the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services.

From 2017 to 2018 Liz was the Chief of Planning and Preparedness for the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency where she led and directed the Planning and Preparedness.

From 2016 to 2017 Liz was the Disaster Preparedness Program Manager for the New York Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services where she served as planner re-writer of the New York State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, standard operating guides and hazard specific annexes in order to move from function annex based plan into emergency support functions joint communication center at all times.

From 2012 to 2016 Liz was the Deputy Director of Emergency Management for the Callaway County Emergency Management Agency where she maintained operability of emergency operation center and

Liz earned a Bachelor’s of Science from the University of Missouri Columbia and Master’s in Emergency and Disaster Management from Georgetown University.