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Simulation Date: Late January
Simulated Weather: Rainy, 50 degrees

GENERAL SITUATION

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In the meantime, you begin to take a look outside your house, and this is what you see:

YOUR SITUATION (#1)

You see no visible damage to the houses immediately across the street from you. At a house further down the street, an older woman is outside her front door waving frantically and screaming for assistance... something about calling 911 and an ambulance. Elsewhere, you see that about 20 feet of the curbs have buckled. Two houses on your side of the street look like they slipped off their foundation. Two other houses appear to have broken windows. People are beginning to come out of their houses; some look confused, but are calm. There is no water in the street. All other conditions appear to be normal.

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YOUR SITUATION (#2)

A small child is sitting in front of a house, crying. You also see water streaming from under a garage door into the street. At the end of the street, a retaining wall holding back a moderate sized hill has collapsed with dirt, rocks, and wall debris sliding into the street. The street appears to be marginally passable. People are beginning to come out of their houses. Several neighbors are outside "comparing notes" and trying to decide what to do next. There doesn't appear to be any injuries in your neighborhood. All other conditions appear to be normal.

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YOUR SITUATION (#3)

An old oak tree at the end of the block has fallen across the road. The fall looks like it caused a water main to break and a geyser of water is streaming out of the ground. You see what appears to be smoke coming from under the garage door of the house next to yours. Further down the street you smell gas. People are beginning to come out of their houses; some look confused and panicked, as they smell the gas also. All other conditions appear to be normal.

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YOUR SITUATION (#4)

Your street appears to be ok. You further observe several houses with cracked or broken windows. One front door appears to be out of alignment and ajar... looks like the owner is trying to force it closed. A man in the street is trying to use his cell phone and calls out that it is not working. People are beginning to come out of their houses; some look confused. Someone else comes out and calls over to you saying they heard a Sacramento AM station report there was a big earthquake in the East Bay, probably the Hayward Fault... lots of damage along the I-680 corridor.

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YOUR SITUATION (#5)

A power line has fallen across a parked car. There are people in the car, but you can't tell if there are any injuries. Blue sparks jump from the line as it bounces around on the ground. Some people begin to emerge from their houses. You see another man come running out, grabs his garden hose, and pulls it around to the back of his house where you start to see black smoke raising from the back.

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