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Staff Report for a Resolution to Adopt an Agreement to Participate in the Alameda County Operational Area Emergency Management Organization

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The City has been asked by Alameda County Sheriff Gregory J. Ahern to renew the Agreement for Participation in the Alameda County Operational Area Emergency Management Organization. The City Manager recommends that the City Council adopt the agreement by resolution.

BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS

In 1995, the City of San Leandro first entered into a multi-agency agreement to participate in the Alameda County Operational Area Emergency Management Organization, which was renewed by the City in June 2005. The organization was formed to comply with the California Emergency Services Act following the 1991 East Bay Hills firestorm. The Act mandated that an operational area be established in every California County to function as a conduit for disaster intelligence between state and local levels, and to coordinate requests from cities and special agencies for emergency resources outside their jurisdictions, for any incident involving a declared local emergency. San Leandro's local operational area is designated as part of the Alameda County Office of Emergency Services (OES). This is now a standardized practice throughout the State and serves to facilitate mutual aid among public agencies following large scale disasters and emergencies.

The 2005 agreement with Alameda County has now expired. Sherriff Gregory J. Ahern is therefore asking all participating agencies to adopt a new agreement, a standardized template that was approved by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. The attached draft agreement is consistent with that template and others that

are being adopted by local agencies throughout Alameda County.

The agreement calls for the City Manager to provide in writing to the Office of Emergency Services the titles of three persons who will be trained in the policies and procedures of the Office of Emergency Services so they may represent the City of San Leandro at the Alameda County Operational Area Emergency Management Organization level.

The agreement also calls for the City Manager to provide in writing a line of succession of officials, with a minimum number of three persons, who are empowered to represent the City at the Alameda County Operational Area Emergency Management Organization.

Approval of the attached resolution by the City Council would enable the City Manager to move forward with designating the appropriate staff resources to fulfill these various roles.

Previous City Council Actions

The most recent agreement for participation in the Alameda County Office of Emergency Services was adopted by resolution on June 27, 2005, which superseded a prior agreement that was adopted by the City Council on June 5, 1995.

Applicable General Plan Policy

- Policy EH - 6.1: Preparedness as a Top Priority
 - Action EH - 6.1.A Essential Service Facility Upgrades

- Policy EH - 6.2. SEMS Planning
 - Action EH - 6.2.A Emergency Operations Plan Update
 - Action EH - 6.2.B Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Fiscal Impact

None

Attachments

Agreement for Participation in the Alameda County Office of Emergency Services as approved by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. The agreement has been approved as to form by the City Attorney.

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