



DATE: December 18, 2018

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Fire Chief

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement Continuing Participation in the Alameda County Operational Area Emergency Management Organization

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves the attached resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement to continue participation in the Alameda County Operational Area Emergency Management Organization.

SUMMARY

After the 1991 East Bay Hills Firestorm, the State passed legislation that established a standardized emergency management system, or SEMS. Part of the SEMS is the local Operational Area. Alameda County established an Operational Area in 1995, which the City of Hayward joined and rejoined in 2005. The County is now asking local agencies in Alameda County, including the City of Hayward, to continue participation in the Operation Area through 2025 with the passage of a Council resolution.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

After the 1991 East Bay Hills Firestorm, the State passed legislation that established a standardized emergency management system, or SEMS. The purpose of SEMS is to ensure a unified and coordinated effort between state and local government agencies to facilitate mutual aid and to ensure the effective and efficient use of regional and local resources in the event of a catastrophe.

The State legislation also established Operational Areas, which are the intermediate level of the SEMS organization and consist of a county and all political subdivisions within the county area. In response, Alameda County established an Operational Area in 1995, which the City of Hayward joined a few months later. In 2005, Council authorized the City Manager to renew the Agreement for participation for an additional ten years, through 2015.

In 2016, the County Board of Supervisors approved a new Agreement for Participation for an additional ten years, through 2025. The language in the new agreement is the same as the prior agreement. The agreement facilitates the exchange of disaster intelligence, mutual aid requests, and resource requests in emergencies. In addition, the agreement facilitates cooperative training and exercises.

The County is now asking local agencies in Alameda County, including the City of Hayward, to continue participation with the passage of a Council resolution. Staff recommends that Council adopt the attached resolution to continue Hayward's participation in the Alameda County Operational Area Emergency Management Organization.

FISCAL IMPACT

This action does not have any fiscal impact. The County provides the emergency operations center that is the site for the Operational Area Emergency Management Organization. The County also provides the support staff for the center and supplies during actual activations, drills, and exercises. Hayward may assign staff representatives for decision making and training exercises, which would be absorbed into the Fire Department's operations budget.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

This agenda item is a routine operational item and does not directly relate to one of the Council's Strategic Initiatives.

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