

RESOLUTION 2010-05-1

Resolution for the Sacramento County Operational Area Agreement

WHEREAS, the Standardized Emergency Management System was made law in 1993 under California Code of Regulations Title 19, Division 2, Office of Emergency Services, and required the establishment of an Operational Area by December 1, 1995; and

WHEREAS, an operational area is defined as an intermediate level of the state emergency services organization consisting of a county and all political subdivisions within the county geographic area whose purpose is to coordinate emergency activities and to serve as a link in the system of communications and coordination between the state's emergency operation centers and the operations centers of the political subdivisions comprising the operational area; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors originally approved the Sacramento County Operational Area Agreement on November 28, 1995 with the City of Sacramento joining COUNTY as lead agencies of the Sacramento Operational Area; and

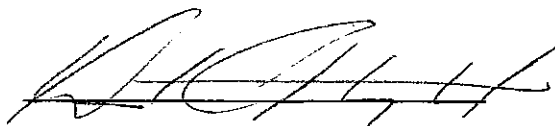
WHEREAS, COUNTY is responsible for the operational area and had been the primary lead agency of the operational area since its inception, and it is appropriate at this time to establish the County's role as the sole lead agency for the Operational Area; and

WHEREAS, new cities have incorporated since the Sacramento Operational Agreement was passed; and

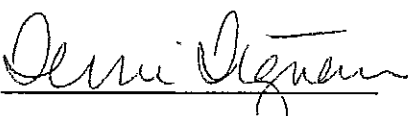
WHEREAS, the Operational Area County defined in this Agreement would better meet the needs of Sacramento Operational Area jurisdictions if representation was changed to include more disciplines and partner agencies involved in emergency management; and

WHEREAS, greater efficiency, planning and response can be achieved by joining the efforts of cities, special districts, and COUNTY in pre-disaster agreements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Reclamation District no. 1000 hereby approves and agrees to the Sacramento County Operational Agreement, in the form attached, and the President of the Board of Trustees is hereby authorized to do and perform everything necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution.



President, Board of Trustees
Reclamation District No. 1000

Attest: 
Secretary, Board of Trustees

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
CALIFORNIA

APPROVED
BY RESOLUTION # 2009-0928
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

For the Agenda of:
December 1, 2009
Timed Item: 10:15 A.M.

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Cyndi Lee
By _____
Clerk of the Board

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Emergency Operations Office

Subject: New Sacramento Operational Area Agreement

Supervisorial District: All

Contact: Teresa Stahl, Assistant Emergency Operations Coordinator, 874-4671

Overview
The Sacramento Operational Area Agreement is being revised to include cities incorporated after the Agreement was put in place, to clarify the responsibility of the County as the lead agency for the Operational Area and to change the composition of the Operational Area Council for more inclusive membership of partner agencies and emergency response disciplines.

Recommendations
Approve the attached Resolution adopting the New Sacramento Operational Area Agreement.

Measures/Evaluation
The New Operational Area Agreement will bring the Agreement in line with the current composition of the county, align with the operational area structure used by all other counties in California and ensure broader representation of emergency disciplines and agencies who partner with the county and the cities for emergency management.

Fiscal Impact
There is no fiscal impact.

BACKGROUND:

The Sacramento Operational Area Agreement was originally adopted as a requirement of the 1993 Standardized Emergency Management System law passed in California after the 1991 Oakland Hills Fire. Every county in California was assigned responsibility for establishing an Operational Area Agreement with local units of government within the county's boundaries for the coordination of resources, information and priorities during emergency events.

At the time the Operational Area Agreement was adopted in 1995, there were only four cities in the County and those are the only cities listed in the Agreement. Operational Area coordination responsibilities were additional workload for a minimally staffed program and the Emergency Operations Office was unsure if it would be able to adequately manage those responsibilities during an emergency without assistance. A joint lead agency approach was developed with the

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City of Sacramento and both jurisdictions were designated in the original Operational Area Agreement as lead agencies. The establishment of an Operational Area Council was also included in the Operational Area Agreement at the urging of the State Office of Emergency Services. This council's purpose was to coordinate emergency management issues among operational area jurisdictions and to develop and approve an Operational Area plan for Sacramento County.

DISCUSSION:

Since 1995, three more cities have incorporated in Sacramento County. These cities are not currently listed in the Operational Area Agreement. The Agreement needs to be revised to include new cities.

Sacramento County is the only county in California with a joint lead agency configuration. This configuration does not reflect the assignment of responsibility to the County for operational area coordination in the Standardized Emergency Management System law. Sacramento County has fulfilled the operational area lead agency role and the associated workload since its inception. To bring Sacramento County in line with standard practice for counties in California and the law, the Agreement needs to be revised to show the County as the single lead agency.

The Operational Area Council is currently configured to have representatives from operational area jurisdictions; the county, cities and special districts. To accomplish the mission of the OA Council to coordinate emergency management issues within the operational area, representation is needed from disciplines not currently represented, such as Public Health, and partner agencies involved in emergency management, such as Red Cross. The New Operational Agreement will include a restructuring of the Operational Area Council to include representation from all of the following; the county, cities, law enforcement, fire, public health, coroner, reclamation districts, water districts, utility districts, non-governmental agencies involved in emergency management and business.

MEASURES AND EVALUATIONS:

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FINANCIAL ANALYSIS:

There is no fiscal impact.

Respectfully submitted,

RICK MARTINEZ, Chief
Emergency Operations Office

APPROVED:

TERRY SCHUTTEN
County Executive

By: _____
NAVDEEP S. GILL
Chief Operating Officer

Attachments: Resolution