



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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Consent  
 January 27, 2009

Honorable Mayor and  
 Members of the City Council

**Title: Grant/Agreement: Participation in California Task Force Seven (CA TF-7),  
 Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Team**

**Location/Council District:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Adopt a **Resolution:** authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into Memorandum of Agreements (MOA), as the sponsoring agency of a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Urban Search and Rescue (US&R), team California Task Force Seven (CA TF-7), with: **1)** Cosumnes Community Service District (CSD) Fire Department; **2)** City of Folsom Fire Department; **3)** Jason Horwedel; **4)** Dennis Gardner; **5)** Terry Williams; and **6)** James Rahrck for training and potential deployment to disasters per FEMA instruction.

**Contact:** Ed Vasques, Assistant Chief, 264-7522; Denise Pinkston-Maas, Support Services Manager, 808-1604.

**Presenters:** N/A

**Department:** Fire

**Division:** Fiscal

**Organization No:** 12001031

### Description/Analysis

**Issue:** The City of Sacramento is the sponsoring agency for CA TF-7, US&R Team. Each year the City applies for annual federal funding from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/FEMA for the operation of CA TF-7.

CA F-7 is comprised of members of the City of Sacramento Fire Department, as well as other participating agencies and affiliated individuals such as Cosumnes Community Service District (CSD) Fire Department, and City of Folsom Fire Department; and affiliated personnel such as Jason Horwedel, Dennis Gardner, Terry Williams, and James Rahrck.

This report is recommending that the City Council authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into MOA with these agencies and affiliated individuals for the purposes of member participation in task force activities such as, but not limited to, training and potential deployment to disasters per FEMA direction.

**Policy Considerations:** Authorizing the acceptance of these MOA with the participating agencies, and affiliated individuals, is consistent with prior council decisions supporting participating in local, statewide and national disaster assistance programs.

**Environmental Considerations:**

**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):** Ongoing administrative maintenance activities, such as purchases of supplies, equipment or materials which are not made for purposes of a public construction project, do not constitute a "project" and are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b)(1), 15378(b)(3).

**Sustainability Considerations:** There are no sustainability considerations applicable to the approval of these MOAs for the participation of agencies, and affiliated individuals, for the purposes of member participation in DHS/FEMA US&R task force activities.

**Commission/Committee Action:** None.

**Rationale for Recommendation:** The City of Sacramento Fire Department is the sponsoring agency for the CA TF-7 US&R Team. The team currently includes the following participating agencies: County of Sacramento – Airport System, Roseville Fire Department, City of West Sacramento, Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District, and FBA, Inc.; and affiliated personnel such as Greg Richards. This report recommends the approval of new MOAs for existing participants and new additional participants.

The City of Sacramento Fire Department, representing the City as the sponsoring agency, is responsible for organizing, equipping, and maintaining the specialized equipment cache, training task force personnel, and mobilizing the team upon activation, therefore, we are requesting authorization for the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the recommended MOAs with these participating agencies and affiliated personnel: Cosumnes CSD Fire Department, City of Folsom Fire Department, Jason Horwedel, Dennis Gardner, Terry Williams, and James Rahrck. (The MOAs are available for review on the City's website and are on file in the Office of the City Clerk.)

**Financial Considerations:** This report does not require any new funding from FEMA or the City's General Fund. As the sponsoring agency, the City Of Sacramento incurs operational and deployment costs related to the CA TF-7 US&R team. Costs associated with these MOAs are reimbursable by DHS/FEMA through an annual operational grant (Fund 2702). Additionally, DHS/FEMA reimburses expenses directly related to the activation of the team, for each event they are deployed, through Assistance Award/Amendments (Fund 2702).

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** These agreements do not include the procurement of goods or services.

Respectfully Submitted by:   
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Fiscal Support Manager

Approved by:   
Ray S. Jones  
Fire Chief

Recommendation Approved:

  
Ray Kerridge  
City Manager

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**RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

January 27, 2009

**GRANT: APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENTS (MOAs) FOR PARTICIPATION IN CALIFORNIA TASK FORCE SEVEN (CA TF-7), URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE (US&R) TEAM**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. The City of Sacramento Fire Department has been the sponsoring agency for CA TF-7, US&R team since the inception of the Federal Urban Search & Rescue program in the early 1990's. CA TF-7 has responded for emergency assistance to the bombing of the Federal Murrah building in Oklahoma City, the terrorist attack of the World Trade Center in New York, to the Gulf Coast in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and various other events.
- B. Each year the City of Sacramento Fire Department, as the sponsoring agency, must submit an application for annual funding to receive monies to support the administrative requirements, training, equipment maintenance and/or purchases in order to ensure Task Force readiness.
- C. The US&R team, sponsored by the City of Sacramento, consists of personnel from the City of Sacramento Fire Department and other participating agencies. The Sacramento Fire Department, representing the City as the sponsoring agency, is responsible for maintaining adequate personnel on the US&R team. Other agencies and individuals are essential to accomplishing the task force goals including maintaining the specialized equipment cache, training task force personnel, and mobilizing the team upon activation.
- D. Current MOAs with Cosumnes Community Service District (CSD) Fire Department, City of Folsom Fire Department, Jason Horwedel, Dennis Gardner, Terry Williams and James Rahrck, have been in process with FEMA for several months. The last update of CA TF-7's MOA with participating agencies was in 1992.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. The City Manager, or his designee, is authorized to execute the MOA with Cosumnes CSD Fire Department.

- Section 2. The City Manager, or his designee, is authorized to execute the MOA with City of Folsom Fire Department.
- Section 3. The City Manager, or his designee, is authorized to execute the MOA with Jason Horwedel.
- Section 4. The City Manager, or his designee, is authorized to execute the MOA with Dennis Gardner.
- Section 5. The City Manager, or his designee, is authorized to execute the MOA with Terry Williams.
- Section 6. The City Manager, or his designee, is authorized to execute the MOA with James Rahrick.

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- EXHIBIT A** Listing of documents available for review on the City's website and on file with the City Clerk's Office.

**EXHIBIT A**

**The following Memorandums of Agreement between the City of Sacramento and Participating California Task Force Seven (CA TF-7), Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Team Agencies and Personnel are available for review on the City's website (<http://www.cityofsacramento.org/>) and on file with the City Clerk's Office (<http://www.cityofsacramento.org/clerk/>):**

- Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Sacramento (Sacramento Fire Department) as the Sponsoring Agency of the California Task Force Seven of the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System and Cosumnes Community Service District (CSD) Fire Department as a Participating Agency of the Task Force.
- Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Sacramento (Sacramento Fire Department) as the Sponsoring Agency of the California Task Force Seven of the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System and City of Folsom Fire Department as a Participating Agency of the Task Force.
- Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Sacramento (Sacramento Fire Department) as the Sponsoring Agency of the California Task Force Seven of the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System and Jason Horwedel as an individual serving as affiliated personnel on the Task Force.
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