REPORT TO COUNCIL
City of Sacramento

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Consent
May 5, 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 (MOAs), as the sponsoring agency of a Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS/FEMA) Urban Search and Rescue team (US&R), California Task Force Seven (CA TF-7), with **1)** El Dorado County Fire District; **2)** Mike Kaszpurenko; and **3)** Blake Rothfuss 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: Special Operations

Organization No: 12001431

Description/Analysis

Issue: This report recommends the City Council authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into MOAs with participating agencies and affiliated individuals for the purposes of member participation in task force activities. These MOAs establish legal relationships between the City, as the sponsoring agency for CA TF-7 US&R Team, and other agencies and individuals for reimbursement of task for activities with federal funds.

CA TF-7 member positions are comprised of members of the City of Sacramento Fire Department, as well as other participating agencies and affiliated individuals. These positions operate under the management of the CA TF-7 program office and are responsible for attending training with the intention of being prepared for deployment scenarios as instructed by DHS/FEMA.

Policy Considerations: Authorizing the acceptance of these MOAs for 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, represents the City as the sponsoring agency of CA TF-7 US&R Team, and is responsible for managing annual cooperative agreements for the purpose of organizing, equipping, maintaining the specialized equipment cache, training task force personnel, and mobilizing the team upon DHS/FEMA activation.

This report requests the authorization of the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the recommended Memorandum of Agreements with these participating agencies and affiliated personnel: El Dorado County Fire District (participating agency), Mike Kaszpurenko (affiliated personnel), and Blake Rothfuss (affiliated personnel). See Exhibit A: "Listing of documents available for review on the City of Sacramento's web site (http://www.cityofsacramento.org/clerk/council-agendas) and on file with the City Clerk's Office".

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: _____
Ed Vasques
Assistant Chief

Approved by: _____
Ray S. Jones
Fire Chief

Recommendation Approved:

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for Ray Kerridge
City Manager

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Attachment 1

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

May 5, 2009

GRANT: APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENTS (MOAs) FOR PARTICIPATION IN CALIFORINA 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 Urban Search & Rescue 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 Memorandum of Agreements for seven Participating Agencies and five affiliated personnel, have been in processed over the last several months. The last update of CA TF-7's Memorandum of Agreement 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 Memorandum of Agreement with El Dorado County Fire District.

Section 2. The City Manager, or his designee, is authorized to execute the Memorandum of Agreement with Mike Kaszpurenko.

Section 3. The City Manager, or his designee, is authorized to execute the Memorandum of Agreement with Blake Rothfuss.

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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:

- 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 El Dorado County Fire District 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 Mike Kaszpurenko as an individual serving as affiliated personnel on 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 Blake Rothfuss as an individual serving as affiliated personnel on the Task Force.