



City of Sacramento City Council

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Meeting Date: 11/1/2011

Report Type: Consent

Title: Agreement: Urban Search and Rescue (US&R)

Report ID: 2011-00903

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee, Fire Chief or Deputy Fire Chief, on behalf of the City of Sacramento, to enter into non-economic amendments to the Memorandum of Agreements ("MOAs") between the City and the Participating Agencies and Affiliated Personnel associated with California Task Force Seven ("CA TF-7").

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Presenter: None

Department: Fire

Division: Special Operations

Dept ID: 12001431

Attachments:

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City Attorney Review

Approved as to Form
Lan Wang
10/24/2011 11:47:18 AM

City Treasurer Review

Reviewed for Impact on Cash and Debt
Russell Fehr
10/13/2011 11:47:06 AM

Approvals/Acknowledgements

Department Director or Designee: Ray Jones - 10/21/2011 9:11:45 AM



Description/Analysis

Issue: The City of Sacramento (“City”) through the Fire Department is the sponsoring agency for Urban Search and Rescue (“US&R”), California Task Force Seven (“CA TF-7”).

To participate in the National Urban Search and Rescue System, the City, along with the other 27 nationwide jurisdictions, each had to establish and enter into a memorandum of agreement (“MOA”) with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (“DHS/FEMA”).

To assist in fulfilling the requirements of the MOA between the City and DHS/FEMA, the Sacramento City Council has previously authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into MOAs with other area fire agencies, Kaiser Permanente and select individuals, identified as “Participating Agencies” and “Affiliated Personnel”.

From time to time, DHS/FEMA gives direction known as directives to each jurisdiction for operational and/or procedural changes to the MOA. These directives do not modify the economics (reimbursements process or annual cooperative agreement funding process) of the MOA between the City and DHS/FEMA. As a result of these new directives, there can be the need at times to modify the MOAs between the City and the Participating Agencies and Affiliated Personnel to pass on the operational and procedural changes given by DHS/FEMA.

Because the City has MOAs with numerous Participating Agencies and Affiliated Personnel, this report requests the Sacramento City Council to give authority to the City Manager or designees the ability to approve non-economic modification to the MOAs between the City and the Participating Agencies and the Affiliated Personnel associated with CA TF-7.

Policy Considerations: Authorizing the amendments to these MOAs for Participating Agencies, and Affiliated Personnel, is consistent with prior council decisions supporting participation in local, statewide and national disaster assistance programs.

Environmental Considerations: 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: There are no sustainability considerations applicable to the amendment of these MOAs for Participating Agencies, and Affiliated Personnel, 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, and is responsible for managing MOAs between the City and Participating Agencies and Affiliated Personnel who assist in staffing the task force. This report requests the authorization of the City Manager or his designee, Fire Chief or Deputy Fire Chief, to make the required non-economic amendments to MOAs with the Participating Agencies and Affiliated Personnel associated with CA TF-7.

Financial Considerations: This report does not require any new funding from FEMA or the City's General Fund. 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): This report does not include the procurement of goods or services.



RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

November 1, 2011

URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE (“US&R”) MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (“MOA”) WITH THE PARTICIPATING AGENCIES AND AFFILIATED PERSONNEL

BACKGROUND

- A. The City of Sacramento (“City”) is one of 28 nationwide jurisdictions that partners with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (“DHS/FEMA”) in the management of the National Urban Search and Rescue System. The City through the Fire Department is the sponsoring agency for US&R, California Task Force Seven (“CA TF-7”). As part of that partnership structure a MOA is established between each of the 28 jurisdictions and DHS/FEMA. Subsequently, the Sacramento City Council has approved the Fire Department to enter into MOAs with other area fire agencies, Kaiser Permanente and select individuals to assist in fulfilling the requirements of the MOA between the City and DHS/FEMA. Those agencies and select individuals are respectfully known as “Participating Agencies” and “Affiliated Personnel”.
- B. From time to time DHS/FEMA gives direction known as directives to the 28 national urban search and rescue task forces, these directives do not modify the economics (reimbursements process or annual cooperative agreement funding process) of the MOA between the City and DHS/FEMA. These directives give operational and or procedural change.
- C. Because the City has MOAs with numerous Participating Agencies and Affiliated Personnel to help facilitate the requirements of the agreement between DHS/FEMA and the City there is the need at times to modify the MOAs between the City and the Participating Agencies and Affiliated Personnel to pass on the operational and procedural changes. This report request the Sacramento City Council give the authority to the City Manager or designees the ability to make non-economic modification to the MOAs between the City and the Participating Agencies and the Affiliated Personnel associated with CA TF-7.

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

- 1. The City Manager or his designee, Fire Chief or Deputy Fire Chief, are hereby authorized, on behalf of the City of Sacramento, to enter into non-economic

amendments to the MOAs between the City and the Participating Agencies and the Affiliated Personnel associated with CA TF-7.