



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: September 10, 2013

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Office of Emergency Services, Fire Department

SUBJECT: Revisions To City's Emergency Management Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt by reading of title only, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Adopting the January 2013 Revisions to the City of Santa Barbara Emergency Management Plan.

DISCUSSION:

The last revision to the Emergency Management Plan (formally known as the Emergency Operations Plan) was adopted by resolution in November 2007.

The revised January 2013 Emergency Management Plan incorporates the City's adopted emergency management system, known as the Standard Emergency Management System (SEMS) integrated with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) into our emergency plan.

Disasters are not business as usual. Disasters are large emergencies, which exceed local capabilities in either responding to or recovering from the event. The impact may be such that it will require all city operations to function under an emergency management structure for days or perhaps weeks. During such events the City will be expected to respond effectively to the emergency at hand, yet maintain essential city services.

All city departments and divisions will have responsibilities in a large disaster. The levels of involvement will vary according to the nature and duration of the emergency. Naturally some departments will experience extensive involvement while others will be utilized for a limited period of time. In either case, this Emergency Management Plan provides the framework for a directed and coordinated response from the first arriving on-scene units to emergency operations center functions and ultimately to recovery.

Both the State Office of Emergency Services and Santa Barbara County Operational Area have reviewed and approved the revisions to the City's Emergency Management Plan.

OES staff have updated all portions of the Plan to accurately reflect current position information and corrected identified typographical errors within the document. Approval of the attached resolution will assure our compliance with Federal and State requirements for the use of SEMS and NIMS in our plan.

A copy of the Emergency Management Plan has been made available for review by members of the City Council in the City Council Reading File and a copy has been made available for review by members of the public at the City Clerk's office. It is also available online at: <http://www.santabarbaraca.gov/gov/depts/fire/oes/emergency.asp>

ATTACHMENT: Approval letter from the California Office of Emergency Services

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APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office

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August 9, 2013

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Dear Ms. McGlinchey,

My staff has completed their review of City of Santa Barbara Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). I have reviewed the attached staff report and concur with its findings and recommendations. Accordingly, I have determined that the City of Santa Barbara EOP is acceptable in accordance with the requirements of the Emergency Services Act and the California Master Mutual Aid Agreement. This plan is also consistent with state guidance available at the time the plan was developed. This acceptance is contingent upon implementation of the recommendations in the attached staff report and the adoption of the EOP by your governing body or their designee.

Following the adoption of your plan, please provide us with the following:

- A signed copy of the Signed Concurrence by Principal Departments, and
- any resolutions that pertain to the adoption of your EOP.

Thank you for your planning effort. I encourage you to continue to develop supporting operating procedures, exercise your plan, and review the plan every three years.

If you have any questions or require any assistance, please contact my office at (562) 795-2900.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mona Bontty".

Mona Bontty
Deputy Regional Administrator
Southern Region

cc: Richard Abrams, County of Santa Barbara OEM
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