



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence

County Manager's Office

DATE: May 15, 2007
BOARD MEETING DATE: July 10, 2007
SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING: None
VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: John L. Maltbie, County Manager
SUBJECT: Approval of the revised San Mateo County Operational Area Emergency Operations Plan and its integration of the National Incident Management System.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt resolutions:

1. Approving a revised San Mateo County Operational Area Emergency Operations Plan, March 2007 to mitigate and manage any disaster or emergency that may impact the County and its residents.
2. Adopting the National Incident Management System (NIMS)

VISION ALIGNMENT:

Commitment #3: Ensure basic health and safety for all.

Goal #7: Maintain and enhance the public safety of all residents and visitors. The San Mateo County Operational Area Emergency Operations Plan (Emergency Operations Plan) contributes to the goal by identifying and implementing activities that will occur in the event of a state of emergency in San Mateo County to ensure the safety of all the residents and visitors.

Commitment #10: Leaders work together across boundaries to preserve and enhance the quality of life.

BACKGROUND:

San Mateo County Ordinance Title 2, Chapter 2.46 creates the position of the Director of Emergency Services, designates the County Manager as such person, and creates the Emergency Services Council (Council), which serves as the San Mateo County Disaster Council. The Council includes a member of the Board of Supervisors and the mayors or city council members of each city in the County. It is

charged with the development of an emergency plan for the mobilization of resources during a state of emergency. According to the ordinance, the plan shall become effective after it is approved by the Board of Supervisors and other local legislative agencies. After the plan is approved by the Board of Supervisors, it will be presented to all participating City Councils for adoption.

In addition to the County Ordinance requirements, Government Code § 8610-8614, which are part of the California Emergency Services Act, requires counties to develop a plan for meeting any condition constituting a local emergency or state of emergency, that will provide for the effective mobilization of all resources whether public or private to mitigate the disaster or emergency and to provide the organizational powers and duties and services of staff during an emergency.

DISCUSSION:

The Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) approved by the Board of Supervisors for the County of San Mateo and cities within the county, has been modified over time by the San Mateo County Emergency Council to address new threats and efforts. The 2007 revised EOP is designed to be consistent with the Homeland Security Presidential Directive, National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the California Standardized Emergency Management System.

The Emergency Operations Plan will be activated when the County Manager believes it is necessary to respond to a potential or active threat to lives and property in the County, the governor proclaims a State of Emergency in an area in which San Mateo County is included or there is a Presidential declaration of a national emergency. Under the authority of the California Government Code §3100, county employees are subject to assignment during a declared emergency. The plan also states regulations and ordinances to deal with a local emergency as well as mutual aid that may be required given the size and scope of the disaster or emergency.

NIMS provides a consistent nationwide approach for all levels of government to prepare, respond and recover from any domestic incident whether natural or manmade. It includes standardized terminology organizational structures, planning, training and exercising, resource management and designated facilities during emergencies and disasters. Integrating NIMS into the EOP standardizes procedures that will improve San Mateo County's Operational Area's ability to utilize State and Federal funding to enhance our readiness, maintain first responder safety and streamline incident management procedures.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no net County cost associated with approval of the amended Emergency Operations Plan or the adoption of the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

RECOMMENDED

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DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER

RESOLUTION NO. _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REVISED SAN MATEO COUNTY OPERATIONAL
AREA EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN**

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, this Board has adopted ordinances providing that the San Mateo County Emergency Services Council and the County Manager, in the Manager's capacity as Director of Emergency Services, are responsible for the development of plans for meeting any condition constituting a local emergency, state of emergency, or state of war emergency; and

WHEREAS, said ordinances provide that such plan shall take effect upon adoption by resolution of the Board of Supervisors and other local legislative agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Council and the Manager have developed and presented to this Board for its approval the revised San Mateo County Operational Area Emergency Operations Plan (Emergency Operations Plan) which specifies the roles and responsibilities of the county in a state of emergency or disaster for consideration and adoption; and

WHEREAS, the revised Emergency Operations Plan addresses new threats to homeland security and said Board has examined and approved same as to both form and content.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Board hereby adopts the revised San Mateo County Operational Area Emergency Operational Plan.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in addition to all of his ordinary powers as County Manager, the County Manager is empowered to carry out all emergency powers granted by the San Mateo County Ordinance Code, by any statute, by any agreement approved by the Board of Supervisors, and by any other lawful authority.

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