



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

AGENDA ITEM

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DATE: February 26, 2019

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT

APPROVAL OF CALIFORNIA MUTUAL AID REGION VI INTRA-REGION COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND HEALTH DISASTER SERVICES (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency is responsible for coordinating emergency medical response to public health disasters or emergencies, and has an integral role in response to natural and other disasters, including fires, floods, earthquakes, hazardous spills and other catastrophes that may occur in the San Diego region. To maximize available resources and ensure the most effective response, the County enters into cooperative agreements with other jurisdictions in the Southern California region to provide mutual assistance and share resources, such as equipment, supplies, and mental health or environmental health staff, during these types of events.

On August 7, 1990 (3), the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Region VI Disaster Medical/Health System Inter-County Cooperative Agreement, which established an agreement among the Counties of Imperial, Inyo, Mono, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego (collectively known as Cal OES Region VI) to provide public health, behavioral health, Emergency Medical Service (EMS), and/or environmental health staff, equipment, and/or supplies during a disaster and to be reimbursed by the county receiving this aid. On January 21, 1997 (14), the Board approved the Inter-Region Cooperative Agreement For Emergency Medical and Health Disaster Assistance, which established mutual aid between Cal OES Region VI and Cal OES Region I, consisting of the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura.

In order to add definitions, insurance requirements, dispute procedures, and further clarify roles and responsibilities, the Cal OES Region VI counties developed a new agreement that will supersede the 1990 Agreement and supplement the 1997 Agreement with Cal OES Region I, which remains in effect.

If approved, today's action requests authorization to execute a new California Mutual Aid Region VI, Intra-Region Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Medical and Health Disaster Services to supersede and replace the 1990 Agreement.

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Today's action supports the countywide *Live Well San Diego* vision by ensuring timely and efficient response to emergency disasters in San Diego County, thereby promoting a healthy, safe and thriving region.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. In accordance with Section 21065 of the State of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines, find that this action is not a project subject to CEQA, because it is an organizational or administrative action that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.
2. Approve and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to execute an Intra-Region Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Medical and Health Disaster Services with the signatory counties of the California Governors' Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Mutual Aid Region VI, including the Counties of Imperial, Inyo, Mono, Riverside and San Bernardino, for the period from the date of execution to June 30, 2023.
3. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, or their designee, to execute any extensions, amendments, and or revisions thereof that do not materially impact or alter the program or level.
4. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, or their designee, to pursue any funding opportunities that might support this mutual aid collaboration.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with executing the agreement. Should the County request assistance from any of the signatories of agreement, the County would be responsible for reimbursing that party for the cost of the aid provided to support emergency response in San Diego. Similarly, the County would receive reimbursement of any aid provided in response to mutual aid requests made by signatories of the agreement. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT

The Health Services Advisory Board will vote to support or reject this action at its meeting on February 5, 2019.

BACKGROUND

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) is responsible for protecting the health and safety and preserving the lives and property of the people of the State of California. In order to more effectively apply, administer, and coordinate mutual aid and other emergency-related activities, Cal OES organized the state into mutual aid regions. A mutual aid

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region is a subdivision of the state emergency services organization, established to facilitate the coordination of mutual aid and other emergency operations within an area of the state consisting of two or more county operational areas. There are two mutual aid regions in Southern California: Region I, which serves the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura; and Region VI, which serves the counties of Imperial, Inyo, Mono, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego.

Within the County of San Diego's operational area, the Health and Human Services Agency; Public Health Services (PHS) and the Medical Health Operational Area Coordination (MHOAC) program is responsible for coordinating emergency medical response to public health disasters or emergencies, and has an integral role in response to natural and other disasters, including fires, floods, earthquakes, hazardous spills and other catastrophes. Because these types of events have the potential to overwhelm a local jurisdiction's ability to respond effectively, it is common practice for jurisdictions to enter cooperative agreements to assist one another and swiftly share resources during such emergencies. Having such agreements in place, avoids the need to establish terms while also responding to a disaster or other significant event. Each of the Region VI MOA jurisdictions are taking the MOA to their respective Board of Supervisors (BOS) for approval and signature.

On August 7, 1990 (3), the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved execution of the California Mutual Aid, Region VI, Intra-Region Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Medical and Health Disaster Services with the Counties of Imperial, Inyo, Mono, Riverside and San Bernardino. As a signatory to this Agreement, the County agrees to help any of the other participating counties by providing assistance to the extent it is reasonable and without compromising the County's own medical and health disaster responsibilities. Equally, the County may request assistance from other signatories in the event of a disaster. Assistance may include providing mental health and/or environmental health staff, equipment and/or supplies. Each requesting County is financially responsible for all costs associated with the disaster, including the cost of the assistance provided by any of the other signatory counties.

On January 21, 1997 (14), the Board approved a new Cooperative Agreement, which expanded on the original 1990 Agreement by establishing mutual aid with the counties in Cal OES Region I and provided some clarification of roles and responsibilities.

Recently, the MHOAC's within the counties in Cal OES Region VI and the Regional Disaster Medical Health Specialist and Regional Disaster Medical Health Coordinator reviewed the original 1990 agreement, and the subsequent 1997 amendment, and determined the amended agreement needed to be updated to add and/or clarify language and requirements. The proposed Agreement adds definitions, insurance requirements, dispute procedures, and further clarification of roles and responsibilities. The proposed Agreement will supersede the 1990 Agreement and supplement the 1997 Agreement.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN

Today's proposed action to approve the Intra-Region Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Medical and Health Disaster Services supports the Living Safely initiative in the County of San

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Diego's 2019-2024 Strategic Plan as well as the Building a Better Service Delivery System strategy of the *Live Well San Diego* vision by ensuring timely and efficient response to emergency disasters in San Diego County, thereby promoting a healthy, safe and thriving region.

Respectfully submitted,

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HELEN N. ROBBINS-MEYER
Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENT(S)

California Mutual Aid Region VI Intra-Region Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Medical and Health Disaster Services

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AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

REQUIRES FOUR VOTES: Yes No

WRITTEN DISCLOSURE PER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION 1000.1 REQUIRED

Yes No

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:

January 21, 1997 (14), approved Inter-Region Cooperative Agreement For Emergency Medical and Health Disaster Assistance; August 7, 1990 (3), approved California Mutual Aid, Region VI, Intra-Region Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Medical and Health Disaster Services.

BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:

K-12 – Emergency Medical System Management

BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:

N/A

MANDATORY COMPLIANCE:

N/A

ORACLE AWARD NUMBER(S) AND CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION NUMBER(S):

N/A

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