SAN LEANDRO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
San Leandro, California

Resolution No. 96-51

Adoption of Operational Area Agreement

WHEREAS, the potential for a major catastrophe due to natural or human-caused disaster causes all government entities within Alameda County to be prepared to share resources and information among themselves as well as with the State of California in order to protect public welfare; and

WHEREAS, greater efficiency and disaster preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation can be achieved by joining the efforts of the County of Alameda, its cities, special districts, and other public benefit non-profit corporations together in pre-disaster agreements; and

WHEREAS, the California Emergency Services Act makes reference to the "operational area" and defines it as "an intermediate level of the state emergency services organization" created to perform extraordinary functions for local governments within a county area such as strengthening mutual coordination, providing a focal point and conduit for disaster information, and assisting in the efficient management of resources; and

WHEREAS, the sharing of resources in an emergency among public agencies is coordinated under the auspices of the California Master Mutual Aid Agreement;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the District adopt the *Agreement for Participation in Alameda County Operational Area Emergency Management Organization,* as it was approved by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors on January 24, 1995; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the District adopt the State of California Master Mutual Aid Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent designate, in writing, the following:

1. Three persons who will be provided training and orientation to the policies and procedures, so that they may represent the District to the Operational Area Emergency Management Organization; and

2. A line of succession of officials (minimum of three persons) who are empowered to represent the District to the Operational Area Emergency Management Organization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent provide these two lists to the Alameda County Operational Area Emergency Management Organization within thirty (30) days of adoption of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the San Leandro Unified School District this third day of December, 1996, by the following vote:

AYES: Holcomb, McDonald, Nardine, Plankenhorn, Starosciak, Stephens

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

W. R. Stephens

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May 5, 2005

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San Leandro Unified School District
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San Leandro, CA 94579

Dear Mr. Acuna:

SUBJECT: Operational Area Agreement

Enclosed is a signed copy of the Agreement for Participation in the Alameda County Operational Area Emergency Management Organization. Please recommend that your Council or Board adopt this agreement and the resolution to the Alameda County Office of Emergency Services as soon as possible. Additional background on the agreement is described below.

BACKGROUND

As a result of the 1991 East Bay Hills firestorm, State Senator Nicholas Petris sponsored legislation that establishes a standardized emergency management system, or SEMS, in California. An important component of SEMS is the Operational Area, defined as:

> An intermediate level of the state emergency services organization consisting of a county and all political subdivisions within the county area [California Government Code, § 8559 (b)].

Recent State regulations assigned responsibility for developing the Operational Area Emergency Management Organization to the local board of supervisors. In January 1995, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors accepted the recommendation to form a task force to implement an Operational Area in Alameda County.

AGREEMENT

Enclosed is the agreement adopted by the Board of Supervisors. It establishes a cooperative effort with the following features:

- A partnership for exchanging disaster intelligence, mutual aid requests, and resource requests in emergencies;

- Allows for cooperative training and exercise;

- No monetary compensation is required of participants to be members of the new organization;

- The State's SEMS regulations and guidelines will guide the policies and procedures of the new organization;

- The Sheriff/Director of Emergency Services is the Operational Area Coordinator responsible for assuring the representation of all affected jurisdictions in decision-making before, during, and after a disaster occurs; and

- A representational OpArea Council is established to review and approve policies and procedures for the new organization and serve as Alameda County's Civil Defense and Disaster Council.

The 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, the 1994 Northridge earthquake, the quake in Kobe, Japan, and most recently the tsunami in Asia, are all reminders of our shared hazard potential. The 1991 firestorm demonstrated that inter-jurisdictional cooperation is crucial to the successful response to disasters. The El Nino storms of 1995 and 1998 have shown us that inter-agency coordination is as important to disaster recovery as it is to the initial response. The cities, special districts, and county agencies must plan and prepare for when disaster next hits Alameda County. Your continued participation in the Operational Area Emergency Management Organization is a key step toward that goal.

If you should have any questions or comments about this matter, please call Jan McClellan, Senior Emergency Services Coordinator at (925) 803-7803.

Sincerely,



Charles C. Plummer
Sheriff-Coroner

CCP:JM:jm

Enclosures
- OpArea Agreement
- Sample Council/Board Resolution

cc: Emergency Manager