



Legislation Text

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TO:

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THROUGH:

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FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Resolution to Adopt the 2017 Emergency Operations Plan for Management of Large Scale Natural and Man-Made Disasters in the City of Manhattan Beach (Fire Chief Espinosa).

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 17-0084 ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OF LARGE DISASTERS

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 17-0084, which adopts the revised Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and authorizes the City Manager to amend and update the 2017 EOP as needed.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no fiscal implications associated with the adoption of this plan.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Manhattan Beach's EOP is a foundational document for emergency management for City staff, key partners, and the community. The EOP is not utilized for emergencies that can be managed solely using the City's first responders. Instead, the operational concepts described in the plan focus on large-scale natural or man-made disasters that require regional or state-wide resources when the City's resources are overwhelmed.

Revised EOPs are submitted to the state every five years for approval. Having a current and approved EOP qualifies the City for recovery costs when a local disaster is declared by the City Council. City of Manhattan Beach Ordinance No. 1259 created the City Disaster Council which includes the Mayor as the Chairman, City Manager is the Director of Emergency Services, Assistant Director of Emergency Services appointed by the Director, and Chiefs of emergency services. It is the City's Disaster Council duty have the EOP reviewed, revised, and adopted by resolution by the City Council.

DISCUSSION:

The California Emergency Services Act provides the basic authorities for conducting emergency

operations following a proclamation of Local Emergency, State of Emergency or State of War Emergency by the Governor and /or appropriate local authorities.

This plan is a preparedness document, designated to be read, understood, and exercised before an emergency. It would be the responsibility of the City's Director of Emergency Services to ensure that the emergency plans are in place and that the City is prepared to respond to large-scale emergencies.

The EOP contains information on the overall organizational and operational concepts relative to response and recovery, as well as an overview of potential hazards. The intended audience of the EOP is the City's decision makers and managers. The plan identifies natural and human-caused hazards that could result in significant impacts to business and social activities within the City. The EOP also identifies an emergency organization and action checklist for departments to manage vital resources and services during a response to a major emergency disaster.

Approval of the EOP by the State of California ensures that the City of Manhattan can apply for the minimum disaster assistance available from both the State and Federal Governments. Further adoption legitimizes the plan and authorizes departments and their staffs to execute their responsibilities.

PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST:

Future planning will provide a methodical way to engage the whole community in thinking through the life cycle of a potential crisis, how to establish and determine required capabilities, and implement a framework for roles and responsibilities.

Outreach will be provided to the community on a continual basis throughout the year. Departments with emergency responsibilities are involved in a wide range of community outreach activities including presentations and street fairs. This plan encourages departments to utilize these community outreach opportunities to inform residents and business owners of the City's emergency procedures and personal preparedness techniques.

A copy of the updated Emergency Operations Plan is attached. The EOP was developed by a third party consulting firm, Constant and Associates, who has national recognition in pioneering methods in the development of plans, policies, guidelines, field operations and manuals for standard operating procedures. The adoption of the EOP will bring the City into compliance with all Federal, State, and Local requirements as stated by law.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This Plan is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

LEGAL REVIEW

The City Attorney has reviewed and approved as to form Resolution No. 17-0084.

Attachment/Attachments:

1. Resolution No. 17-0084
2. Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) 2017