



Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** June 13, 2005
THROUGH: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
FROM: CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: Area C Joint Powers Agreement To Provide For Inter-Agency Cooperation In A Major Natural Or Man-Made Disaster

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the City Manager to approve and sign a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with the County of Los Angeles and potentially 11 other Area C cities that choose to participate in the JPA. To date, the cities of Glendale, Burbank, Alhambra, Monterey Park, and La Canada Flintridge have signed on the JPA, which provides for inter-agency cooperation during a major disaster.

It is further recommended that Council authorize the City Manager or his/her designee as the representative for emergency services on the Governing Board.

BACKGROUND

- The purpose of the JPA is to promote the coordination of disaster management, planning, and preparedness efforts between all Area C cities through cooperative planning; training and related activities under the direction of a Disaster Management Area C Board ("Governing Board") and utilizing FEMA grant funding.
- The State of California has adopted the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) pursuant to Title 19, Division 2 of the State's Code of Regulations, requiring all local governments within the county geographic area to be organized into a single Operational Area.
- In accordance with SEMS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles established the Los Angeles County Operational Area on July 5, 1995.
- In order to promote greater efficiencies in disaster management, planning, training and preparedness, the Operational Area was further broken down into Disaster Management Areas (DMA's).

- The Federal Government provides funds from the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) through Operational Areas to the DMA's for the purpose of coordinating emergency activities within a DMA.
- There is approximately \$350,000 available to the Area "C" DMA that will be withdrawn by the Operational Area if two or more cities within the area sign a JPA with Los Angeles County for the purpose of coordinating disaster management. Access to these funds is only available to the cities in the area that sign a JPA and can be used for planning, training, disaster exercises and other areas of disaster preparedness.

FISCAL IMPACT

By signing the JPA and becoming a voting member of the Area C Disaster Management Area Board, the City of Pasadena will have access to a portion of the EMPG funds, with no match requirement. Currently, the accrued money totals approximately \$350,000. As these funds originate from FEMA, there is no guarantee that future funding will continue but funding has been available for over 20 years for this program.

Respectfully Submitted,



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