



Agenda Report

August 21, 2017

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY DISASTER ASSISTANCE DOCUMENTS

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council:

- 1) Find that the proposed action is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 21065 of CEQA and Sections 15060 (c)(2), 15060 (c)(3), and 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines and, as such, no environmental document pursuant to CEQA is required for the project; and
- 2) Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager, Assistant City Manager and the Director of Finance to execute for and on behalf of the City of Pasadena applications with the California Emergency Management Agency for the purpose of obtaining federal financial assistance under Public Law 93-288 as amended by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988, and/or state financial assistance under the California Disaster Assistance Act.

BACKGROUND:

The California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) is responsible for the coordination of overall state agency response to major disasters in support of local government. The Agency is responsible for assuring the state's readiness to respond to and recover from all hazards – natural, manmade, war-caused emergencies and disasters – and for assisting local governments in their emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and hazard mitigation efforts.

Recently, Cal EMA notified the City of the need to update its authorization to submit applications for financial assistance. Such authorization, which is accomplished through the adoption of the attached resolution, which is in standard Cal EMA form, must be

made every three years in order to ensure the timely processing of claims. Currently, Pasadena has an \$11,000 claim for storm-related damages, incurred in December 2010, pending. Adoption of the attached resolution will allow this claim and any future claims related to other disasters to be processed.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

Adoption of the proposed resolution is consistent with the City Council's Strategic Goals to maintain fiscal responsibility and stability, and to ensure public safety.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The action proposed herein is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 21065 of CEQA and State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060 (c)(2), 15060 (c)(3), and 15378. The adoption of a resolution authorizing the execution of California Emergency Management Agency financial assistance documents is a government fiscal activity that does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. Therefore, the proposed action is not a "project" subject to CEQA, as defined in Section 21065 of CEQA and Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines. Since the action is not a project subject to CEQA, no environmental document is required.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Approval of this resolution will allow the City to submit requests for reimbursement from Cal EMA on all matters pertaining to state disaster assistance.

Respectfully submitted,



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