

Agenda Report

March 17, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Fire Department

SUBJECT: ADOPT A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED AGENTS FOR EXECUTION OF CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY DISASTER ASSISTANCE DOCUMENTS

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the proposed action in the agenda report is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) "Common Sense" exemption; and
2. Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager, Assistant City Managers, and the Director of Finance to execute for and on behalf of the City of Pasadena applications with the California Office of Emergency Services for the purpose of obtaining federal financial assistance under Section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. Sections 5121-5207 (Stafford Act), and Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations (44 CRF) section 206.36 and state financial assistance under California Disaster Assistance Act found under Title 19 of the California Code of Regulations, Chapter 6.

BACKGROUND:

The California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) is responsible for the coordination of the state response to major disasters in support of local government. Cal OES is responsible for assuring the State's readiness to respond and recover from all hazards and for assisting local governments in their emergency preparedness, response, and recovery, and hazard mitigation efforts. In the recovery efforts, Cal OES is the pass-through agency (applicant) under FEMA's Public Assistance Program for the City of Pasadena (sub-applicant) and is the administrator of the California Disaster Assistance Act.

In the process of starting recovery efforts, Cal OES notified the City of the need to update its authorized agents list. Such authorization is accomplished through the adoption of the attached resolution which is a standard Cal OES form. The Resolution must be updated every three years to ensure that the State has the most up to date information for the City. Currently, Pasadena has incurred monetary damages as a result of the California Wildfires and Straight-line Winds declared disaster (DR-4856-CA). Adoption of the attached resolution will allow for timely processing of these projects and any future projects related to disaster preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation.

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 Section 15061 (b) (3), the "common sense" provision of CEQA (formerly the general rule), which applies to projects which may have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The adoption of a resolution authorizing the execution of California Office of Emergency Services 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:

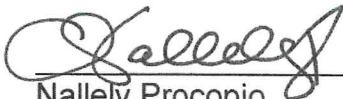
A designation of authorized agents is required of all local governments to be eligible to receive funding and/or reimbursements. There is no fiscal impact by adopting the resolution.

Respectfully submitted,



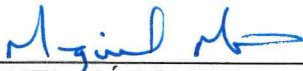
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