

To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority

From: Amy Ramirez, Regional Project Manager – Risk Management

Date: January 12, 2023

Re: Item 06: Risk Management Program Kick-Off

Staff Recommendation:

No recommendation

Action or Discussion Items:

Discussion

Background:

Each year the Bay Area UASI Risk Management Program includes data input, validation, assessments, and reporting to support decision-making and guide grant spending. The requirement for all recipients of Homeland Security grants is to produce a Threat Hazard Identifications and Risk Assessment (THIRA) on a three-year cycle and a Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR) on an annual cycle.

Discussion:

The Management Team has completed its planning for the 2023 risk management cycle in partnership with jurisdictions, the NCRIC, and Haystax. An overview of program highlights is summarized below and provided in a PowerPoint presentation (Appendix A).

Risk Management 2023 Program Highlights

- Jurisdictions will conduct their annual asset review to fill information gaps and add Special Events for use in the Department of Homeland Security annual data calls.
- The NCRIC Cal COP asset update will focus on faith-based and community-based organizations representing the Bay Area's diverse identities and ideological, sociological, political, and religious communities, as potential targets for threat actors.
- The NCRIC will continue coordination and outreach with energy sector and other utility partners, local law enforcement agencies, and critical infrastructure protection specialists to mitigate vulnerabilities of critical utilities.
- The UASI Management Team will work with subject matter experts in the region to update the SPR. The final document will be presented for approval at the November Approval Authority meeting in preparation for submission to FEMA by December 31, 2023.

Risk Management Program Schedule

This year, there are three main steps to our risk management process:

1. Risk Management Kick-Off Meeting

WHO: All Bay Area UASI regional and subject matter experts involved in risk management

WHAT: The Bay Area UASI Management Team provides an overview of the risk management process for the grant year, the annual approach to the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) and Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR); the California Common Operating Picture (Cal COP) for Threat Awareness; as well as Protected Critical Infrastructure Information (PCII) certification requirements.

WHEN: January 24, 2023, 10:00 am – 11:00 am

WHERE: Virtual

2. Asset Updates and Special Event Data Collection

WHO: OA and NCIRC subject matter experts who are Cal COP trained and PCII certified.

WHAT: Subject matter experts enter data on special events and review and update asset data based, as needed, in Cal COP. The NCRIC reviews and validates the information.

WHEN: January 25, 2023 – April 15, 2023

WHERE: In Cal COP

Haystax will offer an in-person, general user training for Cal COP on February 16, 2023.

3. SPR Assessment

WHO: Regional subject matter experts in all Mission Areas: Prevention, Protection, Response, Recovery

WHAT: Complete the SPR for all Core Capabilities (i.e. change in capacity from last year, reasons for gaps, and gap-closing strategies).

WHEN: April - September

WHERE: This process will be completed via worksheets and through input gathered from UASI Regional Work Groups and focused meetings with SMEs.