



To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority
From: Craig Dziedzic, General Manager
Date: September 10, 2020
Re: Item 03: General Manager's Report

Staff Recommendation:

No recommendation – discussion only.

Action or Discussion Items:

- a. Regional Grants Update**
- b. Management Team Update**
- c. Management Team Tracking Tool and Future Agenda Items**

Discussion/Description:

(a) Regional Grants Update

FY 2019 and 2020 San Francisco Bay Area Securing the Cities (STC) Grant Program

In FY 2019, the Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction (CWMD) Office awarded the San Francisco Bay Area Region \$2 million for Phase 1 (Engagement) of the STC grant program – a cooperative grant with a 10-year performance period. The Bay Area STC geographical region includes not only the UASI footprint, but also the CA counties of Sacramento and Fresno as well as Washoe County, NV. Phase I milestones included establishing a program management office, governance structure (workgroup and subcommittees), and executed Principal Partners' Charter and Implementation Plan. These milestones will be discussed later as a separate agenda item.

The UASI General Manager and Regional Program Manager are currently overseeing the milestones of the grant program. The San Francisco Board of Supervisors approved the Accept and Expend legislation, which included the approval of four (4) FTE positions for the grant management office. The Management Team has hired SenseMakers, LLC as a consultant to assist in advising and completing the various grant milestones.

The CWMD Office recently announced that the Bay Area region was eligible to apply for year 2 (FY 2020) of grant funding, which focuses on Phase II (Implementation) to enhance initial operational capabilities to detect/report the presence of radiological/nuclear materials out of

regulatory control. Phase two is expected to take three years and its milestones include development of operations/deployment plans, procurement/deployment of equipment, and training/exercise. The Bay Area Management Team will be submitting an application before the September 8th deadline in the amount of \$3 million (\$1 million more than what was expected).

(b) FY 2020 Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program (RCPGP)

On August 15, 2020, FEMA announced that the Bay Area UASI was one of 12 jurisdictions to be awarded funding for the FY 2020 RCPGP. The Bay Area UASI will receive \$929,414 – the highest amount to be awarded. Our initiative will focus on regional pandemic preparedness- an objective that FEMA added this year, with a specific emphasis on addressing the Community Lifelines and Core Capabilities that are essential to pandemic preparedness.

(c) FY 2021 UASI

On September 17th, the Management Team will present the FY 2021 UASI project proposal process via virtual meetings among the region’s stakeholders. The grant portal will be open on September 18, 2020 and closed on October 9, 2020.

(b) Management Team Update

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Jodi Traversaro as our new Training and Exercise Program Manager who will be teaming with Corrine Bartshire to oversee not only the regional training and exercise program, but also RCPGP initiatives. Jodi previously worked at BART leading preparedness, mitigation, and emergency response operations across multiple business lines and jurisdictions.

Prior to her role at BART, Jodi served as the Coastal Region Administrator for Cal OES, where she led a team supporting local and regional response and recovery efforts for multiple earthquakes, fires and floods. Her experience also included oversight of the California Specialized Training Institute (CSTI), implementing NIMS statewide, developing occupational certificate programs, and implementing ICS position-specific credentialing programs.

Jodi grew up in the Bay Area, earned a BS in Economics from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, and has been a Certified Emergency Manager for over a decade. Jodi was the recipient of the 2018 Public Safety Hero of the Year Award by Congressman Mike Thompson and was recognized on the Senate Floor by Senator Mike McGuire for her leadership and support of local government during the North Bay Fires.

(c) Management Team Tracking Tool and Future Agenda Items

Attached as Appendix B is the Management Team Tracking Tool. Members may submit future agenda items to the General Manager.