



To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority

From: Mike Sena, NCRIC, Advisory Group Chairperson

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RE: Item #4: Report Out From Advisory Group

On April 26th, 2012, The UASI Advisory Group held a meeting to elect a new vice chair, receive a demonstration of the Regional Special Events Tool, and develop proposed methodologies for the potential re-allocation of FY 2012 Funds and the FY 2013 UASI Grant planning process. I am pleased to announce that Deputy Chief David Hober of the San Jose Police Department was elected and has accepted the position of vice chair of the UASI Advisory Group.

Discussion:

During the meeting, the Members of the Advisory Group discussed the potential methodology of reallocation of grant funds over \$250,000.00. The UASI General Manager is authorized to reallocate a maximum of \$250,000 per the UASI Bylaws. One concern was that with the potential short turn around for the expenditure of funds for the FY 2012 grant process, it would hamper the potential reallocation. The timeline involved from once the decision was made to reallocate money to the recipient, obtaining their amended MOU, then going to their board of supervisors or city council for approval, then proceeding through their normal procurement process could take months. The members of the Advisory Group will continue working on the FY2012 potential reallocation project at our next Advisory Group meeting.

For the issue of expending personnel costs within the 2 year FY 2012 grant cycle, I advised the group that I had talked with DHS Secretary Napolitano and FEMA regarding the issue of funding personnel within such a short grant cycle. I was told by FEMA Deputy Assistant Administrator Tonya Schreiber that FEMA would accept requests for the extension of grant funding for personnel. I am coordinating a national conference call with FEMA to discuss the extension of grants to fund personnel costs within the next two weeks.

Vice-Chair Hober and I will be working with the UASI Management Team on an updated strategy document for the FY 2013 grant process this month. The Members of the Advisory Group will continue to work on the draft proposal for the FY2013 Grant Process at the next Advisory Group meeting.