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AGENDA REPORT

**TO: DEANNA J. SANTANA
CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

**FROM: Teresa Deloach Reed
FIRE CHIEF**

SUBJECT: Automatic Aid Agreement

DATE: May 4, 2012

City Administrator
Approval

Deanna J. Santana

Date

5/7/12

COUNCIL DISTRICT: City-Wide

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Council approval of a resolution authorizing the City Administrator to enter into an automatic aid agreement with multiple federal, state, and local emergency response agencies throughout the San Francisco Bay Region for responses to marine emergencies.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The state of California has implemented policy guidance and direction for management of emergencies under the state of California emergency plan. This Automatic Aid Agreement is intended to support the State's plans, and provide an integrated immediate response capability without regard to jurisdictional constraints and impediments.

Agencies included in this agreement are: City of Alameda Fire Department, Alameda County Fire Department, City of Berkeley Fire Department, California Emergency Management Agency, Chevron Fire Department, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District, East Contra Costa Fire Protection District, Foster City Fire Department, Menlo Park Fire Protection District, City of Oakland Fire Department, City of Redwood City Fire Department, City of Richmond Fire Department, City and County of San Francisco Fire Department, City of San Mateo Fire Department, City of South San Francisco Fire Department, Southern Marin Fire Protection District, Tiburon Fire Protection District, and U.S. Coast Guard Sector San Francisco.

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OUTCOME

Entering into an Automatic Aid Agreement for maritime emergency response will allow participating agencies to aid and assist each other in the event of a maritime emergency, by interchanging services and resources to manage problems associated with (but not limited to) rescue, relief, evacuation, rehabilitation, and reconstruction in the event of a maritime emergency.

BACKGROUND/LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Over the past two years, the Maritime Search and Rescue Council (MSAR Council) in coordination with Cal Maritime, and the United States Coast Guard (USCG) has worked to develop policy, procedures and standardized emergency response and training in the San Francisco Bay Area maritime environment. In an effort to effectively mitigate various maritime incidents through the use of available regional resources, the MSAR Council is laying the framework for a regional multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional consortium for mutual aid response to fire, spill response, rescue, evacuation and other emergencies affecting life safety, property conservation, and environmental protection involving maritime incidents. The California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) fully supports the goals and objectives of the MSAR Council and has provided additional guidance and input into the San Francisco Bay Region Auto-Aid Agreement for Maritime Emergency Response from state level oversight.

The MSAR Council is currently a subsection of the Area Maritime Security Committee and may become a subsection of the harbor safety committee as it becomes self-reliant and less dependent on USCG guidance. The USCG had served primarily as a Command, Control, and Coordination agency since the early 1980's. However, its role in hands-on firefighting has been shifted to local governments effective February 2011, when shipping companies were mandated to establish agreements for firefighting and emergency response upon their vessels. The USCG will continue to provide oversight, but looks to the local jurisdictions to effectively address their own firefighting and emergency response needs.

ANALYSIS

This agreement allows for each participating agency to develop its plan to provide effective mobilization of its resources to respond to maritime emergencies that may occur within its jurisdiction. Such local plans will be incorporated into a San Francisco Bay Area Region Maritime Emergency Operational Plan by the United States Coast Guard Sector San Francisco, for implementation and support of various entities as needed in a maritime emergency. The San Francisco Bay Area Region Maritime Emergency Operational Plan may include provisions for training and testing to make such automatic aid effective.

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Each participating agency agrees to furnish resources and equipment to render services to other participating agencies to prevent and mitigate maritime emergencies in accordance with the adopted San Francisco Bay Area Region Maritime Emergency Operation Plan. However, no participant shall be required under this agreement, to deploy so much of its own resources while providing automatic aid, that it compromises its ability and capacity to protect its jurisdiction and respond to calls for service within its jurisdiction.

COORDINATION

While this agreement is strictly between regional fire departments, depending on the nature, severity, and need for additional resources, the Oakland Police Department could possibly be asked to assist in emergency response situations due to its possession of three marine vessels.

COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS

There is nothing set forth in this agreement that prevents any participant from seeking reimbursement for aid rendered when allowed by law to do so.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: There are no economic opportunities associated with this report.

Environmental: By entering into this agreement, the City of Oakland will assist in responding to maritime emergencies within the region, thereby helping to mitigate potential environmental issues and creating a healthier environment.

Social Equity: More effective and timely response to regional emergencies will help to rebuild communities, making neighborhoods habitable.

For questions concerning this report, please contact Deputy Chief Mark Hoffmann at 238- 4053.

Respectfully submitted,



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RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT WITH MULTIPLE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION FOR RESPONSES TO MARINE EMERGENCIES

WHEREAS, the State of California has implemented policy guidance and direction for management of emergencies under the state of California emergency plan; and

WHEREAS, this Automatic Aid Agreement is intended to support the State's plans, and provide an integrated immediate response capability without regard to jurisdictional constraints; and

WHEREAS, agencies included in this agreement are: City of Alameda Fire Department, Alameda County Fire Department, City of Berkeley Fire Department, California Emergency Management Agency, Chevron Fire Department, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District, East Contra Costa Fire Protection District, Foster City Fire Department, Menlo Park Fire Protection District, City of Oakland Fire Department, City of Redwood City Fire Department, City of Richmond Fire Department, City and County of San Francisco Fire Department, City of San Mateo Fire Department, City of South San Francisco Fire Department, Southern Marin Fire Protection District, Tiburon Fire Protection District, and U.S. Coast Guard Sector San Francisco; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into an automatic aid agreement with multiple federal, state, and local emergency response agencies throughout the San Francisco Bay Region for responses to marine emergencies; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator or her designee is hereby authorized to complete all required negotiations, certifications, assurances, and documentation required to accept, modify, extend and/or amend this agreement; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Attorney shall review and approve said agreement as to form and legality and copies of said agreement shall be filed with the Office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20_____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

BROOKS, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, SCHAAF, BRUNNER and PRESIDENT REID

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: _____
LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the
Council of the City of Oakland, California