

# CITY OF OAKLAND

## AGENDA REPORT

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**To:** Office of the City Administrator  
**Attn:** Deborah Edgerly  
**From:** Fire Department  
**Date:** September 19, 2006

**Re: Supplemental Report on the Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to Amend the Lease with Willard and Celeste Korn for an Additional Three (3) Years and Three (3) Months Beginning July 2006, at 35 Hegenberger Place in the Amount of \$63,960 per Year Plus and Annual Four Percent (4%) Rent Escalator, for the Storage of Urban Search And Rescue (USAR) Material for the Oakland Fire Department**

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### BACKGROUND

At its September 12, 2006 meeting, the Finance and Management Committee requested additional information on the site location, overall grant size, and fiscal impact of the USAR material storage site at 35 Hegenberger Place.

### KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

In the fall of 2002 California Task Force 4 (CATF-4) began a search for warehouse space that would meet the requirements of the cooperative agreement between the City of Oakland Fire Department (OFD) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). FEMA required that CATF-4 acquire a space that was dedicated strictly for the storage of the USAR rescue cache as well as associated vehicles and support items. Storage space needs included:

- A secure location, with 24/7 availability, within the City of Oakland
- A space where tractor-trailer rigs could be utilized for loading of equipment
- Close proximity to the CATF-4's existing vehicle storage area at 5050 Coliseum Way
- A central location near major transportation routes for expedited ingress and egress

CATF-4 worked directly with Mr. Ron Basarich, a Real Estate Agent with the City of Oakland's Real Estate Services in CEDA. Mr. Basarich advised the Fire Department staff assigned to CATF-4 of the available space options in Oakland. With the help of Mr. Basarich, as well as independent inquiries, staff checked for any free space available through the City, including the Port of Oakland, and the Oakland Army Base. Staff also met with the Chamber of Commerce to see if any private firms could free up excess warehouse space.

After the extended search, a small number of properties were identified that met, to varying degrees, all of CATF-4's needs. A committee of CATF-4 managers made the final decision that 35 Hegenberger had the best combination of desirable qualities. Mr. Basarich secured a lease with this property and CATF-4 moved its USAR materials to the facility in the middle of 2003.

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In 2006, as the initial three (3) year lease was approaching expiration, CATF-4 again made an effort to explore Real Estate options. It was determined that there were no properties that presented a strong enough incentive to move from our current location.

On March 7, 2006, via Resolution No. 79787 C.M.S., the City Council authorized the City Administrator to accept FEMA funds in the amount of \$592,915, for the period April 1, 2006 through July 31, 2007, for appropriation to California Task Force 4. The amount of previous USAR grant awards has varied. The Statement of Work between CATF-4 and FEMA authorizes funds to cover the lease costs of the storage facility. There are no costs incurred by the general fund for the lease.

**ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Accept this supplemental report and adopt the proposed resolution authorizing the City Administrator to amend the lease with Willard and Celeste Korn for an additional 3 years and 3 months beginning July 2006, at 35 Hegenberger Place in the amount of \$63,960 per year plus an annual 4% rent escalator, for the storage of Urban Search And Rescue (USAR) material for the Oakland Fire Department

Respectfully submitted,



FOR

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED  
TO THE CITY COUNCIL:



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