

CITY OF OAKLAND

AGENDA REPORT

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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TO: Office of the City Administrator
ATTN: Deborah Edgerly
FROM: Fire Department
DATE: June 27, 2006

RE: Resolution Re-Designating The Manager Of The Office Of Emergency Services As An Additional Authorized Agent To Those Specified In Oakland City Council Resolution No. 79055 C.M.S., Dated February 15, 2005, For The Purpose Of Receipt, Processing And Coordination Of All Inquiries And Requires And Requirements Necessary To Obtain Available Federal Financial Assistance Under The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief And Emergency Assistance Act Of 1988, And State Financial Assistance Under The Natural Disaster Assistance Act.

SUMMARY

Ordinance No. 11467 C.M.S. of the City of Oakland empowers the City Administrator (Manager) to confirm the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City of Oakland is affected by a public calamity. The City Administrator proclaimed the existence of a local emergency on January 6, 2006, as the result of the 2005-2006 winter storms. A Gubernatorial and Presidential disaster declaration followed, opening up state and federal financial aid. The City has submitted an application for Disaster Assistance from the federal and state government. The State of California, Governor's Office of Emergency Services requires that a new resolution be filed to update the names of City staff that are authorized to execute for and on behalf of the City of Oakland, in order to pay any or all outstanding claims.

The attached resolution is needed in order to process outstanding and future claims for disaster aid filed with the Governor's Office of Emergency Services. This resolution amends the positions of the designees for City of Oakland. The Oakland Fire Department, Office of Emergency Services (OES) Manager is an addition to Resolution No. 79055 C.M.S. that lists the Director of Finance & Management Agency, the Controller and the Assistant Controller as authorized agents. The Manager of OES was taken off the authorized agent list because the position was vacant and occupied by an acting manger. This resolution is an amendment to Resolution No. 79055 C.M.S., dated February 15, 2005, that would re-designate the Manager of OES as an authorized representative of the City of Oakland for the purposes of filing for federal and state financial aid on behalf of the City of Oakland.

There is currently an active Presidential Declaration of Disaster 1628-DR for the City of Oakland, as a result of the December 17, 2005 – January 3, 2006, winter storms, and 1646-DR

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for spring storms which occurred during March-April 2006. The Oakland Fire Department, Office of Emergency Services staff is involved with coordination of the disaster assistance process.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact as this action is to re-designate the Oakland Manager of OES to the authorized list to act as an agent on behalf of the City of Oakland in executing Oakland claims for federal and state disaster reimbursement.

BACKGROUND

State OES requires the City of Oakland to update the names of City staff authorized to apply for federal assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Act of 1988 and state financial assistance under the Natural Disaster Assistance Act.

City Council Resolution No. 74078 C.M.S., adopted on February 17, 1998, designated the Oakland Manager of the Office of Emergency Services as one of the authorized representatives to apply for federal assistance. The former Manager of OES left the City on April 23, 2004 and, as of April 22, 2005, the OES Manager position is filled by a full time person. Therefore, the position should be reinstated to the list of authorized agents to assist City agencies with emergency management, the filing of disaster applications, coordination of disaster project lists and follow-up on damage estimations and designated outstanding disaster repair projects.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

In the past, the Manager of OES has been an integral point of contact for all of the declared disasters in the City of Oakland in the past 20 years. Officially re-instating the position of Manager of OES as an authorized agent representing the City of Oakland augments and compliments the existing position and/or responsibility for coordinating inquiries and the requirements of federal and state financial assistance.

During an active Gubernatorial or Presidential Disaster Declaration, the State of California, Governor's Office of Emergency Services requires that a new resolution be filed to update the names of City staff and/or positions that are authorized to execute for and on behalf of the City of Oakland, in order to pay any or all outstanding claims.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

This report contains no sustainable opportunities.

DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

There are no ADA or senior citizen access issues contained in this report.

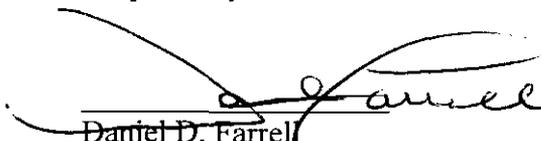
RECOMMENDATION(S) AND RATIONALE

Staff recommends that Council adopt the resolution re-designating Oakland's Manager of the Office of Emergency Services an authorized representative to receive, process and coordinate inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain available federal financial assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988, and state financial assistance under the Natural Disaster Assistance Act. This resolution in no way changes the authority of the Director of Finance & Management, the City Controller's or the Assistant Controller for the purposes of obtaining federal or state financial disaster assistance.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Oakland Fire Department staff request that Council approve this resolution to amend City Council Resolution No. 70955 C.M.S. and re-designates the City's authorized agents to include the Director of Finance & Management, Controller, Assistant Controller and the Manager of the Office of Emergency Services.

Respectfully submitted,

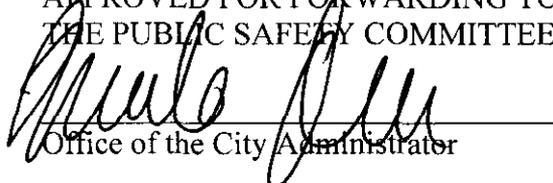


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APPROVED FOR FORWARDING TO
THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:



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Approved as to Form and Legality

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL


City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION RE-DESIGNATING THE MANAGER OF THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AS AN ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZED AGENT TO THOSE SPECIFIED IN OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 70955 C.M.S., DATED, FEBRUARY 15, 2005, TO RECEIVE, PROCESS AND COORDINATE ALL INQUIRIES AND REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN AVAILABLE FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE ROBERT T. STAFFORD DISASTER RELIEF AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1988, AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE NATURAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACT

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 11467 C.M.S. of the City of Oakland empowers the City Administrator to confirm the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when said City is affected by a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution No.79055 C.M.S. on February 15, 2005 designating certain persons to act as additional authorized agents to request financial assistance in the event of a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, the City Administrator proclaimed the existence of a local emergency on January 6, 2006, and re-declared the emergency due to the storms occurring in March and April 2006; and

WHEREAS, the City has submitted an application for disaster assistance to the State of California, Office of Emergency Services and to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for actual damages sustained during this disaster; and

WHEREAS, the State of California, Governor's Office of Emergency Services requires that a new resolution be filed to update the names of City staff who are authorized to execute for and on behalf of the City of Oakland, in order to pay any or all outstanding claims; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Emergency Services Manager position has been filled; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: that the City Administrator is authorized to designate the Manager of OES an Authorized Representative of the City of Oakland for the purpose of receiving, processing and coordinating all inquires and requirements necessary to obtain available Federal Financial Assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988, and State Financial Assistance Under the Natural Disaster Assistance Act, and to add the Manager of OES to

the current list of the City's authorized representatives; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the City of Oakland's City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the State Office of Emergency Services as an addendum to Resolution No. 79055 C.M.S., for filing with said agency.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID AND
 PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: _____

LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California