



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: October 18, 2011
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: Pamela Mottice Muller, Director Office of Emergency Management
Subject: Great California Shakeout Drill on October 20, 2011 10:20 am
Attachments: Handout

INTRODUCTION

On October 20, 2011 at 10:20 a.m., the City of Beverly Hills will join the State of California, the County and City of Los Angeles, and many other stakeholders, including the Beverly Hills Unified School District, in participating in the Great California Shakeout drill. On that date, all participants including City Staff will stop what they are doing and react as if an earthquake has occurred; responding by dropping to the ground, taking cover under something sturdy, and holding on: DROP, COVER and HOLD.

DISCUSSION

We all must become better prepared for major earthquakes, and also practice how to protect ourselves when they occur. The purpose of the earthquake drill, is to help people and organizations do both. Compared to the rest of the country, California is considered a high earthquake risk. As with anything, to react quickly you must practice often. We may only have seconds to protect ourselves, before strong shaking knocks us down or drops something on us. The idea is, if we practice now, then when an earthquake actually occurs, we will take the correct action by automatically dropping to the ground, taking cover and holding on. On October 20, 2011 at 10:20 a.m., City staff will join millions of others by participating in the Shakeout Drill. All employees in all City facilities and in the field will stop and react accordingly. Customers visiting City buildings during the drill, will be directed to take the same action. The City hopes residents and businesses will do the same. Information on how to prepare and how to join the City and millions of others is found at www.shakeout.org.

Drill goals for all City departments are as follows:



- practice
- practice the activation of the EERT (Employee Emergency Response Team),

- practice the initial reporting and compiling of information on City facility damage, city injuries, and department status.

The drill will last approximately two minutes. Customer Service to the Public will be disrupted for a short amount of time.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

RECOMMENDATION

City Council is asked to go to www.shakeout.org and sign up to participate as well as encourage residents and businesses to do the same. City Council members are welcome to observe and participate in the drill at any City facility.

Pamela Mottice Muller

KP for PMM

Attachment 1

What will YOU be doing at 10:20 a.m. on

THURSDAY

OCTOBER 20, 2011 ?

The Great
California

**Shake
Out!!**

Join millions of Californians who will

Drop, Cover and Hold On!

Why? Earthquakes can shake the state at any time,
and this is our chance to practice what to do to be safe.



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