



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: May 7, 2013
Item Number: F-6
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: Pamela Mottice-Muller, Director Office of Emergency Management
Subject: RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY
HILLS TO THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT "AREA A" EXECUTIVE
BOARD
Attachments: 1. Resolution

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the City Council adopt the resolution appointing the City Manager to represent the City of Beverly Hills on the Area A Disaster Management Area Board. The Board will consist of the City Managers from the three Westside cities, including West Hollywood and Culver City.

INTRODUCTION

On June 6, 2000 the City Council approved a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with the County of Los Angeles for inter-agency cooperation in major natural and man-made disasters. This JPA joined the four Westside cities (Beverly Hills, Culver City, West Hollywood, and Santa Monica) as the Area A Disaster Management Area. According to the JPA, an Executive Board had to be established and each city had to appoint a representative to the Board. In 2001, the four City Council's, including that of the City of Beverly Hills, named emergency management staff from each city as representatives to the Board. After a recent review of all the JPA's in the County it was decided, to ensure ongoing cooperation between the four Westside cities, the Board composition needed to change to the City Manager's.

DISCUSSION

In the 1950s, Los Angeles County was divided into civil defense areas. These areas were established for purposes of coordinating disaster training, exercises and planning.

The County was divided into eight separate civil defense areas, known as "Disaster Management Areas." The four Westside cities are currently grouped in the Area A Disaster Management Area.

With input from the Disaster Management Area Coordinators, the JPA was developed by the Los Angeles County's Office of Emergency Management. These JPA's provided for a formalized responsibility for emergency planning and operations, allowed State funding to be passed on to the cities to support Area A activities and programs, and gave Area A an official vote on County emergency management policies and issues. Each of the cities appointed a voting member to the Area A Executive Board to guide policy decisions and joint projects.

In 2001, staff recommended to City Council that the primary voting member representing the City of Beverly Hills to the Disaster Management Area A Board be the Emergency Services Manager. Because it has been several years since the JPA was formed, internal and external staff recently reviewed structure, procedures, and by-laws for necessary updates. For continuity purposes staff now recommends that the City Manager be appointed as the primary voting member representing the City of Beverly Hills to the Disaster Management Area A Executive Board. This change will allow all the Emergency Service Managers to meet regularly and coordinate on-going activities and programs without noticing formal meetings.

The Area A by-laws will be updated to reflect this change. The Area A Executive Board will now be comprised of the three city managers: one from West Hollywood, Culver City, and Beverly Hills. The City of Santa Monica recently pulled out of the JPA but will still participate in all the Area A activities and programs. These changes allow for a high level of emergency management leadership and continuing cooperation between the respective emergency managers.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no direct fiscal impact to the City. Approximately twenty thousand dollars a year is made available in the Federal Emergency Performance Grant Fund to reimburse Area A for salaries, materials, or training. This will have no effect on funding.

Pamela Mottice-Muller 
Approved By

Attachment 1

RESOLUTION NO. 13-R-

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
TO THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT "AREA A" EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Council of the City of Beverly Hills does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. The County of Los Angeles is divided into eight "Disaster Management Areas".

Section 2. In June, 2000, the four Area A cities of Beverly Hills, West Hollywood, Santa Monica and Culver City approved a Joint Powers Agreement, which provides for improved training exercises, disaster planning and inter-agency cooperation in preparation for natural or man-made disasters. The City of Santa Monica is no longer a signatory to the Joint Powers Agreement.

Section 3. Now, therefore, the Council of the City of Beverly Hills does hereby appoint the City Manager to represent the City as the primary voting member of the Executive Board of the Disaster Management "Area A".

Section 4. The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the appointed member of the "Area A" Disaster Management Executive Board.

Section 5. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution and shall cause this resolution and his certification to be entered in the Book of Resolutions of the Council of this City.

Adopted:

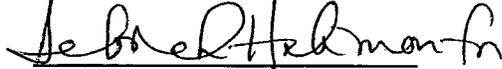
JOHN A. MIRISCH
Mayor of the City of
Beverly Hills, California

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ATTEST:

BYRON POPE (SEAL)
City Clerk

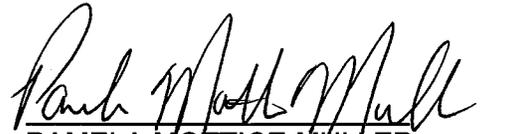
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