



**Bay Area UASI
Risk Management Program Summary**

The Bay Area UASI regional Risk Management Program is led by Amy Ramirez of the UASI Management Team and supports Goal 1 of the Bay Area UASI Homeland Security Goals & Objectives and as aligned with the current Bay Area UASI Risk and Gap Report.

Goal 1 – Risk Management

Objective 1.1 Planning, Threat and Hazard Identification, and Risk Management
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Assess threats and hazards, prioritize investments in response, monitor the outcomes of allocation decisions, and take corrective and sustainment actions.
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A comprehensive Risk Management Program is necessary in order to develop a strategy for how best to utilize grant funding and derive the most value from our efforts. In addition, the Risk Management Program gives us the ability to compose a granular picture of our regional and Operational Area gaps and strengths and provides a framework for assessing the effectiveness of our programs over time.

Per Department of Homeland Security guidance and Approval Authority Bylaws, the region must use a risk and capability-based methodology to apply for and allocate grant funds. In addition, DHS requires all grantees to produce a Threat and Hazard Identifications and Risk Assessment (THIRA) on an annual basis.

The goal of the Risk Management Program is to effectively engage stakeholders to maintain an understanding of risk, facilitate efforts to identify gaps, and inform the community of actions to manage risks. This includes informing policy makers on the importance of using risk and capability data for informed decision-making as well as providing data that could be utilized to improve local emergency planning across the region.