



To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority
From: Corey Reynolds, UASI Regional Project Manager
Date: March 10, 2016
Re: Item 9: POD Planning and Security

Recommendation:

None - for discussion only

Action or Discussion Item:

Discussion

Background:

In the October 2015 meeting, the Approval Authority allocated \$200,000 of FY13 unspent funds to build regional capabilities in Logistics Points of Distribution (POD) planning and security, through a series of workshops, trainings, tabletop exercises, and technical assistance. Logistics PODs are where the public may go to pick up emergency supplies following a disaster, based on a lack of infrastructure to support normal distribution of food, water, or other supplies. This regional capability building is in support of Yellow Command 2016, which will exercise POD activations to distribute drinking water to the public after water systems are disrupted.

Discussion:

In December 2015, a steering committee was formed, comprised of representatives from jurisdictions who have expressed interest participating Yellow Command with a full-scale POD activation (Monterey County, Solano County, Alameda County, City and County of San Francisco, and City of San Jose). The committee selected the following vendors to execute the workshop and tabletop exercises, as well as provide POD planning technical assistance to UASI jurisdictions:

- **CB&I:** To design and execute two workshops and two trainings/tabletop exercises (*Total Cost: \$108,000*).

- **Willdan Homeland Solutions:** To provide technical assistance in the form of developing a POD Activation Guide for one POD site in each jurisdiction (*Total Cost: \$56,000*).

As part of this project, a two-day POD training will also be offered through the Training and Exercise program to explain how PODs are set up and operated, and to provide an opportunity to set up and operate an actual Type III POD. Lastly, approximately \$36,000 of the \$200,000 allocation is reserved for purchasing POD equipment that can be used for the training, as part of Yellow Command, and made available for regional use moving forward.

A detail of the workshops, trainings, tabletop exercises, and technical assistance that compose the 2016 POD Planning and Security project is presented below.

Activity	Date	Objectives
POD Site Identification and Mapping Workshop	March 30	Understanding POD types, identifying POD sites, and mapping sites using Geographic Information Systems (GIS).
POD Resources and Staging Workshop	April 28	Understanding POD resource needs, how to stage PODs, and POD operations.
Water Systems Training and Tabletop Exercise	June 1	Understanding how water utilities will respond to emergencies and restore disabled systems, how EOCs should coordinate efforts with water utilities, and water utility system mutual aid.
POD Security Training and Tabletop Exercise	July 20	Understanding how security will be managed during POD operations, available security resources, and security staffing patterns for POD operations.
POD Set-Up and Operations Training	July TBD	Understanding how PODs are set up and operated during an emergency, providing opportunity to physically set up and operate a Type III POD.
POD Planning Technical Assistance	March - September	Developing one POD Activation Guide per jurisdiction, which will include detailed site information, maps, security plans, and transportation information.