To: **Bay Area UASI Approval Authority**

From: **Catherine Spaulding, Assistant General Manager**

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Re: **Item 10: 2016 THIRA Process**

Staff Recommendation:

None

Action or Discussion Items:

Discussion only

Discussion:

The Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) is a four step risk assessment process that helps stakeholders to understand risks and estimate capability requirements. FEMA requires all states, UASIs, and tribal nations to complete a THIRA on an annual basis. The Management Team is planning a refresh of the 2015 THIRA for purposes of the 2016 requirement.

We are not currently anticipating any significant changes or new requirements from FEMA on completing the THIRA this year, although we will know more when they release their annual guidance on this topic in the coming months.

Our 2016 THIRA process will begin with a kickoff and scenario workshop in which we will confirm scenario selection for 2016 as well as walk participants through the document review process. In August, Bay Area UASI work groups will have the opportunity to review and update the capability targets and resource allocation sections. The THIRA will be presented to the Approval Authority for approval in November. Key dates are as follows:

- Wednesday April 20th – THIRA Kickoff and Scenario Workshop
- Month of August – UASI work groups and other stakeholders review draft
- Thursday November 10 – THIRA presented to the Approval Authority for approval
- Thursday December 31 – THIRA submitted to DHS/FEMA.

Haystax Technology supports the preparation of all California UASI THIRAs as part of the statewide risk management contract, and will again be working with the Bay Area UASI to complete our THIRA in 2016.