



To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority

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RE: Item 6: Project Update of the Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant (RCPGP)

Discussion/Description:

This report provides a summary of the projects that are currently funded through the Bay Area's Regional Catastrophic Planning Grant Project (RCPGP). The goal of the RCPGP is to support an integrated planning system that provides for regional all-hazard planning for catastrophic events and the development of necessary plans, protocols, and procedures to manage a catastrophic event. The Bay Area UASI Management Team oversees this grant for the Bay Area, and the regional partners remain involved in the projects by participating in the Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Team (RCPT) Working Group. To encourage greater regional connections and build partnerships, the RCPT recently expanded to include the public health and medical emergency stakeholders at the monthly meetings. The group is now known as the RCPT/PH Working Group.

The Bay Area's goals and objectives are met using agreements made through the BA UASI with certain counties and core cities, contracts with vendors, and projects managed by the BA UASI Management Team itself. The active projects are funded through the RCPGP funding allocated to the Bay Area in FY2009, FY2010, and FY2011.

FY2009

In FY2009, the bulk of the funding was dedicated to validate plans produced earlier, using FY2007-08 RCPGP funding. The lead for this project was the URS Corporation (URS), and they have been paid in full for this contract. In FY2008, URS produced these regional and local plans to be used as annexes to the Regional Emergency Coordination Plan (RECP).



Using FY2009 funding, URS produced one additional plan – Donations Management, including both a regional plan and individual local plans, and organized and led plan validation workshops. After these activities, URS revised the plans. The validated plans (each with local and a regional version) included:

- 1) Debris Removal
- 2) Mass Care and Sheltering
- 3) Mass Fatality
- 4) Mass Transportation/Evacuation
- 5) Donations Management

FY2009 funds also allowed several of the counties and core cities to hire a Planner (or planners) to assist with the RCPGP-related projects, including local plan validation workshops and other duties. (Counties and core cities that did not hire a Planner relied on URS Corporation to write their plans and conduct the validation processes.)

- City of Oakland
- County of Marin
- City & County of San Francisco

The FY2009 RCPGP grant year has approximately \$247,000 remaining. The RCPT/PH Working Group has considered and made decisions on a project plan to spend these funds. The BA UASI Management Team is developing the project which will expand and update the regional debris removal plan with the assistance of partners in Los Angeles, agencies throughout the state, and by incorporating a web-based portal for the plan and an online, just-in-time training. The BA UASI Management Team has submitted a request to the state to extend the timeline for FY2009 RCPGP, and to waive the match requirement. In the meantime, staff is moving forward on the project, with guidance from the RCPT/PH Working Group.

FY2010

In FY2010, funding was organized within three major project areas: local and regional project planning, training and exercise, and public outreach and community preparedness. As in FY2009, several counties and core cities accessed the RCPGP funding to hire one or more Planners to conduct the work that was identified through the three project areas,



supporting Bay Area catastrophic disaster planning. These counties and core cities are paying for personnel through FY2010 RCPGP funding:

- City of Oakland
- City & County of San Francisco
- County of Marin
- County of Santa Clara

Regional and Local Recovery Project Planning

Several projects were identified in FY2010 to help meet the goals and objectives within the three project areas. There was a total of \$1.7 million specifically allocated for project planning in FY2010. These regional projects were developed as part of the Regional and Local Recovery Project Planning:

- 1) Regional Logistics Plan: URS Corporation was selected to produce this plan. The project is in its beginning stages, with the URS Corporation contract finalized in May. The final product will be an Annex to the RECP. As with the other annex plans, there will be a regional plan and local plans for the Bay Area counties and core cities.
- 2) Regional Long-Term Land Use Recovery Framework: San Francisco Planning and Urban Research (SPUR) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) are the lead agencies for this project. Working with regional stakeholders, SPUR will prepare a Strategy Report, which will present a strategy for addressing land use planning challenges in long-term recovery across the following categories: planning process, regulatory issues, financing, information, and multiple hazards. ABAG will provide a Gap Analysis focusing on governance issues across the Bay Area with a supplemental Action Plan to address those gaps.

In addition, funding was allocated for a Regional Restoration of Lifelines Project (\$200,000). This project was meant to develop regional definition of critical lifelines and compile a regional database with contact information for all jurisdictions within the Bay Area to assist in the restoration of lifelines after a disaster. There has not been sufficient progress on this project, so at this time the BA UASI Management Team is considering reallocating the funding for a different purpose.



Regional Catastrophic Incident Training/Exercise Project Plan

Like planning, training and exercise is an important project area within the goals and objectives for FY2010. A total of \$841,125 was allocated for these projects. In addition to paying for regional staff focusing on these projects, the Regional Catastrophic Incident Training/Exercise Project Plan allocated funding to establish exercise and evaluation activities needed to test, evaluate, validate, and improve the previously developed catastrophic plans. These training and exercise activities are being incorporated into the already existing Bay Area UASI Training and Exercise Regional Plan, and are being conducted on a local and regional basis for all Bay Area stakeholder agencies, including all levels of government, the health and hospital community, special districts and lifeline providers, the private/business sector, and other non-governmental organizations

Regional Public Outreach and Community Preparedness Project Plan

This is the third category of funding for the FY2010 RCPGP (\$850,125). It was designed to establish plan-specific Public Outreach and Community Preparedness programs, activities and messaging needed to test, evaluate, and improve the community's understanding of previously developed regional catastrophic plans. The projects include:

- 1) The Get Ready Five (GR5) project is a youth emergency preparedness program for 5th graders intended to cultivate generational preparedness through family disaster preparedness planning. Funding was allocated to the City of San Rafael. The RCPT received a presentation by GR5 Project Manager, Angela Del Ponte, in July. Regional points of contact for RCPGP jurisdictions were made at that meeting. Updated GR5 materials for use throughout the Bay Area are being printed for distribution.
- 2) The Building Community Readiness and Resiliency (BCRR) pilot project was funded through the City of Oakland. The goal is to successfully connect with and educate those community members who are traditionally the most difficult to reach for the purposes of personal preparedness planning. The BCRR is being implemented in Oakland, with the support of a list of public and private partners. To date, BCRR program accomplishments include a community agency directory, recruitment and placement of college and high school interns, and the institution of a BCRR action and vetting team. In addition, four events for continuing education and outreach are taking place in the month of August.
- 3) The Joint Information Center (JIC) Joint Information System (JIS) Project Development: This project is meant to improve disaster communication throughout the Bay Area, and support Public Information Officers in their duties during an



emergency. Members of the JIC/JIS work group met with Bay Area Region Public Information Officers (PIOs) on June 13th at the Oakland International Airport quarterly SFO Regional PIO meeting. This Regional PIO meeting will be used to sustain regional JIC/JIS planning. The RCPT JIC/JIS workgroup is continuing work to execute JIC/JIS regional objectives. The RCPT will assist in moving this project forward.

FY2011

The RCPGP FY2011 funds will be used to coordinate the development and completion of a series of tabletop exercises. Combining a Full Scale Exercise element with Urban Shield is being considered. The exercises will be designed to test the plans developed in the FY2007/08, FY2009, and FY2010 grants. Planning efforts include: focusing on regional collaborative planning and setting operational objectives. These activities will lead to the identification of gaps in capability which will help to determine additional training courses in the region. This funding is in the process of being formally budgeted and processed through the UASI fiscal team. The RCPT/PH Working Group will also be involved in ensuring that the budget is set up in the best way to meet the regional and local goals.