



To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority
From: Catherine Spaulding, Assistant General Manager
Date: November 12, 2015
Re: Item #5: 2015 THIRA

Staff Recommendation:

Approve the THIRA for submission to Cal OES

Action or Discussion Items:

Action

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 in order to receive federal homeland security grant dollars. It is important to our strategic planning and investment justifications at both the regional and state level. The THIRA should guide how we allocate the dollars that we receive although it does not affect the amount of funding FEMA provides to us.

The Management Team has updated the 2015 THIRA and presents it to the Approval Authority for approval for submission to Cal OES and subsequently to FEMA. The THIRA is based on information used last year as well as local subject matter expert input, existing Bay Area plans and reports, real world scenarios, resource modeling and estimation resources, and other open source research.

The THIRA document is available in hard copy at the November Approval Authority meeting. Please note that the document has been prepared following FEMA's formatting specifications. We would like to thank the many regional stakeholders who reviewed the THIRA and provided relevant subject matter expertise.

Jason Carroll, Haystax Technology Project Manager, will provide a background briefing on the updated THIRA. Haystax is under contracted to support the preparation of all California UASI THIRAs.