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To the Bay Area Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) region:

As you may be aware, the Bay Area UASI Approval Authority approved a one-time re-allocation of the regional Training and Exercise (T&E) Program funding for the 2019 calendar year (FY 2018).

As the Chair of the UASI Approval Authority, I am writing to reaffirm our commitment to a regional multi-year training and exercise program. Below is a summary of what was agreed upon by the UASI Approval Authority relative to the regional training and exercise program:

- The UASI grant stream will continue to fund all approved local government (hub) and regional projects;
- Through June 30, 2019, the UASI regional T&E program staff will coordinate free training courses provided through the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium (NDPC) using the website link <https://www.bauasitep.org>;
- All other training courses originally planned via the Alameda County T&E Program for the calendar year 2019 will not occur;
- The Bay Area Urban Shield full-scale weekend exercise series will not occur.
- The Bay Area Regional Critical Transportation Exercise (aka Yellow Command) will occur.

How funds were reallocated:

- A number of regional projects will receive additional funding.
- The Bay Area UASI counties will receive additional funding to host local training courses and/or other eligible projects.

What are the next steps:

- A process to identify and develop a whole community approach to the next Regional Training and Exercise Program management structure will be determined by June 2019.

Again, please be assured that the Bay Area UASI Approval Authority and the UASI Management Team is committed to making our communities more prepared and safe and building capabilities within all of our communities.

You may visit the Bay Area UASI website at www.BayAreaUASI.org for updates on this matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Ellen Carroll".

Mary Ellen Carroll
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Executive Director, SF Department of Emergency Management