



**Bay Area UASI Program
Approval Authority Meeting**
Thursday, February 13, 2014
10:00 a.m.

LOCATION
Alameda County Sheriff's Office OES
4985 Broder Blvd., Dublin, CA 94568
OES Assembly Room

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DRAFT**

1. Roll Call

Vice-Chair Rich Lucia called the meeting to order via conference call at 10:03 am. General Manager Craig Dziedzic took roll. Vice-Chair Rich Lucia, Members Raymond Guzman, David Hober, Sherrie Collins, Mike Casten, Al Terrell, Ken Kehmna and Brendan Murphy were present. Chair Anne Kronenberg, Members Carlos Bolanos and Bob Doyle were absent, but their alternates, Amiee Alden, Mark Wyss, and Dave Augustus were present. Renee Domingo arrived at 10:30 a.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Motion: Approve the minutes from the January 9, 2014 Approval Authority meeting.

Moved: Alternate Member Alden **Seconded:** Member Wyss

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

3. General Manager's Report

(a) FY 2014 Omnibus Appropriations Bill

General Manager Craig Dziedzic stated that The United States Congress passed the FY2014 Omnibus Appropriations Bill allocating \$600,000,000 for the Urban Areas Security Initiative grant program. This Bill did not consolidate the preparedness grants as proposed by the President's budget request. In fact, language under Section 557 of the General Provisions prohibits any funds being used to implement the National Preparedness Grant Program or successor grant program unless explicitly authorized by Congress. The specific number of UASI

grants was not addressed; however, if the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) determines that risk can be more effectively addressed through a change in the number of urban areas receiving funds compared to FY 2013, then specific factors are to be briefed to the respective Committees 5 days prior to announcement. Changes should be consistent with more efficiently and effectively targeting resources to address risk.

The UASI grant Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is expected to be announced in March 2014 and it is anticipated that the grant may include approximately \$587 million (a 4.8% increase from the \$558.7 million allocated last year).

(b) FY 2014 Risk Profile (San Francisco – San Jose – Oakland)

Mr. Dziedzic stated that on January 30, 2014, the FEMA/Grant Programs Directorate (GPD) announced the FY 2014 State, Territory, and Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) risk validation process. Risk profiles for each jurisdiction were issued, along with instructions about the process. Per the Homeland Security Act of 2002, as amended, only the 100 most populous MSAs in the United States, as defined by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) are considered in the risk analysis. The OMB defines these MSAs through the application of published standards using data compiled by the U.S. Census Bureau. The FY 2014 risk analysis applied updated OMB definitions released in February 2013.

The Risk Profile is a part of the annual risk review process and helps inform the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) determination of FY 2014 grant allocations for States/territories and MSAs. Final FY 2014 Risk Profiles will be sent out following completion of the review process.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released the San Francisco – San Jose – Oakland risk profile and it is approximately the same as last year. The UASI Management Team is in the process of reviewing the data and will be drafting a letter to FEMA to address the region's concerns.

(c) Upcoming Trip to Washington D.C.

Mr. Dziedzic stated that in 2013 a delegation from the UASI Management Team and the Approval Authority traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with FEMA and Congressional staffers to educate and inform them of the many Bay Area activities and accomplishments. This year, the delegation plans to return to Washington to provide additional updates and information to representatives of the funding agencies. The delegation includes Approval Authority members Rich Lucia, Renee Domingo, Ken Kehmna, General Manager Craig Dziedzic, and Alternate Approval Authority member Amiee Alden. Mike Sena from the NCRIC will also be traveling with the delegation.

(d) Coalition of CA UASIs Update

Mr. Dziedzic stated that Cal OES has agreed to fund the Statewide Risk Manager's Position by using a vacant Statewide Information Coordinator Position. The new position, entitled Statewide Data Sharing Coordinator, merges the state-level position with the UASI Statewide Risk Manager position. This will allow the region to continue employing a Statewide Risk Manager without expending UASI funds. This will be a contract position and will be filled through a current contract that Cal OES has with SRA International.

Cal OES Director Ghilarducci has asked Mike Sena to facilitate the recruitment and selection process for the new Statewide Data Sharing Coordinator position. Mr. Dziedzic will be working with Mike Sena to ensure that the new position encompasses all the necessary duties and reporting responsibilities for all the California UASIs.

4. Report from the Advisory Group

NCRIC Director Mike Sena stated that during the January 23, 2014 Advisory Group meeting, the Advisory Group received thirteen presentations requesting funding for regional projects. A motion was approved to recommend ten regional projects for funding.

The City and County of San Francisco Bay 72, City of Palo Alto Mobile Medical Disaster Application and Contra Costa County Emergency Public Information Regional Coordination projects were not recommended for funding.

Member Casted asked if the South Bay Information Sharing System (CopLink) was part of a sustainment plan. Mr. Sena stated that the recommended funding includes sustaining the project.

5. Urban Shield 2013 – After Exercise Summary Report

Alameda County Sheriff Captain Tom Madigan presented the After Action Review of the 2013 Urban Shield exercise through a PowerPoint presentation. Urban Shield is the largest disaster preparedness/tactical training exercise in the nation. Urban Shield provides a multi-layered training exercise at critical infrastructure throughout the Bay Area region to enhance the skills of first responders and those responsible for managing large scale events.

6. 2013 Yellow Area Command Mass Fatality Exercise Summary

Interim Project Manager Caroline Thomas-Jacobs stated Urban Shield 2013 added a Yellow Area Command to their annual regional exercise which included 300 participants from 56 agencies. This command was designated as the Office of Emergency Services (OES) Area Command. It focused on operational coordination between multiple EOCs and affiliated responding agencies, such as Fire, Law Enforcement, EMS, American Red Cross, and other public and private sector agencies.

Ms. Thomas-Jacobs stated that the Yellow Area Command exercised the Regional Mass Fatality Plan and Regional Catastrophic Earthquake Logistics Response Plan. It was a four hour functional exercise in the morning and a four hour disaster mortuary operations and family assistance center demonstration in the afternoon. The scenario was a train accident with over 400 casualties and 150 fatalities, which required a regional response and disaster mortuary operations. This included a portable field morgue and the establishment of a family assistance center.

7. P25 Systems Update

Interoperability Project Manager Jeff Blau stated that the region's P25 interoperability project has funded 78 of 130 radio sites (60%) and 26,369 of 49,800 mobile or portable radios (53%). The region has invested general and grant funds of over \$155 million in P25 trunked infrastructure and \$102 million in P25 subscriber units for a total investment of approximately \$258 million.

Mr. Blau stated that additional funding is still needed to complete the eight Bay Area P25 systems. It is estimated that an additional \$122 million for infrastructure (52 sites) and \$90 million for subscriber units (23,300) for a total of \$212 million will be required before the project is complete.

8. Subrecipient Monitoring Results

Chief Financial Officer Tristan Levarado stated that the UASI is required to monitor subrecipients for all grant supported activities to ensure compliance with applicable Federal and State requirements and to also ensure that performance goals are being achieved. From the months of August through November 2013, the Grants Management Unit conducted monitoring site visits that covered 18 jurisdictions. Testing included sampled transactions from the following funding sources: FY10, FY11 and FY12 UASI, FY10 IECGP and FY10 RCPGP.

Mr. Levarado stated that the three jurisdictions which did not have any findings were San Jose, San Mateo/NCRIC, and Santa Cruz. The resulting findings yielded recommendations and required corrective action plans from the jurisdictions. All jurisdictions except for the Central Marin Police Authority (formerly Twin Cities Police Authority) agreed to the recommendations and submitted their corrective action plans, which were found to be acceptable and in compliance with the grant requirements. In the next round of monitoring, scheduled for late summer this year, staff will review those action items to ensure that full implementation has been achieved.

9. Tracking Tool

Vice-Chair Lucia asked the Board for any questions or comments. There were no questions or comments.

10. Announcements-Good of the Order

There was discussion amongst the Board after Vice-Chair Lucia proposed to move the Approval Authority meeting to March 20, 2014. After some discussion the Board passed a motion to have Member Domingo chair the March 13, 2014 Approval Authority meeting in the event Chair Kronenberg and Vice-Chair Lucia are absent.

Motion: Member Domingo to chair the March 13, 2014 Approval Authority Meeting

Moved: Member Hober **Seconded:** Member Collins
Vote: The motion passed unanimously

11. Future Agenda Items

Vice-Chair Lucia asked the Board for questions or comments. There were no questions or comments.

12. General Public Comment

BayRICS General Manager Barry Fraser stated that he attended the initial California First Responder Network Board (CalFRN) meeting on February 5, 2014 in Sacramento. Mr. Fraser is the BayRICS Authority representative on 13-member CalFRN Board.

General Manager Craig Dziejcz announced that Chair Kronenberg's husband had passed away and a sympathy card is in circulation for anyone who wishes to sign.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.