



To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority
From: Janell Myhre, Regional Program Manager
Date: March 10, 2016
Re: Item 10: State-Federal Catastrophic Earthquake Planning Update

Staff Recommendations:

None

Action or Discussion Items:

Discussion

Background:

This item updates the Approval Authority on the Bay Area RCPGP (Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program) regional plan coordination with the State-Federal Catastrophic Earthquake planning.

Discussion:

At the January 2015 Approval Authority meeting CalOES reviewed its plans to integrate the RCPGP plans into the new State-Federal Catastrophic Earthquake plan for the Bay Area. Several concerns were voiced by Approval Authority members, including a new operational model to work with Bay Area EOC's that is different than the current practice of activating a Regional Emergency Operations Center. Members also expressed the need to exercise the new plan with the Bay Area.

After discussion with Approval Authority members, CalOES agreed they would keep the Bay Area RCPGP plans posted on the CalOES website and continue to coordinate state and federal catastrophic earthquake planning with the Bay Area Regional Catastrophic Planning Team (RCPT) by 1) inviting all Bay Area Offices of Emergency Services (OES) to the State-Federal Catastrophic Earthquake Plan meetings, 2) including the Bay Area OES' in the comment and review period for the draft State-Federal plan, and 3) exercising the State-Federal Catastrophic Earthquake plan with Bay Area OES staff.

Update:

The RCPT's Catastrophic Plan Integration Sub-Committee has followed the State-Federal Catastrophic Earthquake Plan planning process for the Bay Area and represented the region at several plan development meetings in 2015. To date, there is no scheduled exercise for the State-Federal plan. On November 20th, 2015, the RCPT provided comments to the State-Federal Catastrophic Earthquake plan. These comments are attached as a transmittal letter and comment matrix in Appendices A and B.

Currently there is no response or further outreach from CalOES or FEMA regarding this planning process. The RCPT Chair and Sub-Committee will remain engaged with the State and Federal planning team to follow ongoing activities of the State-Federal Catastrophic Earthquake Plan for the Bay Area and keep the Approval Authority apprised.