



COUNTY OF SONOMA

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SUMMARY REPORT

Agenda Date: 10/1/2019

To: Board of Supervisors, County of Sonoma

Department or Agency Name(s): Emergency Management, Office of Recovery and Resiliency, Permit Sonoma

Staff Name and Phone Number: Chris Godley / 565-1152

Vote Requirement: Majority

Supervisorial District(s): All Districts

Title:

Two Years & Counting: Update on County of Sonoma Emergency Response Improvements and Mitigation Programs since the October 2017 Wildfires

Recommended Action:

Receive staff report on improvements to County public safety programs and services and related achievements resulting from the October 2017 Wildfires. ☐

Executive Summary:

In October 2017, 173 square miles burned, 5,300 homes were destroyed, and 24 lives were lost in the Sonoma Complex Fires. Based on those experiences, County staff and allied stakeholders have worked tirelessly to increase the capacity of our residents and communities to respond to future fires and other disasters.

In the first year following the fires, most County efforts focused on short-term recovery activities and assessing the response. The second year has been characterized by a shift to long-term recovery activities as well as implementing changes in order to be better prepared for future disasters.

The initial internal and external analyses as well as input provided directly by fire survivors and stakeholder organizations identified key strengths as well as areas for improvement. The County's Recovery and Resilience Framework as well as specific assessments of the County's Alert and Warning program and Emergency Operations Center (EOC) functions provided detailed opportunities for specific programmatic enhancements. Staff will report on progress made to date in several functional areas.

Discussion:

County departments and allied stakeholders have continued to implement improvements and changes to enhance response capabilities across a wide variety of functional areas including Alert & Warning, emergency management organizational structure, EOC processes, community preparedness, internal business functions, and vegetation management.

Many of these improvements and success came about due in part or in spite of efforts needed to support the February 2019 Winter Storm and Flood disaster response as well as prepare for disruptions due to PG&E electrical system de-energization incidents. ☐

Prior Board Actions:

8/6/2019: Reviewed and adopted the Sonoma County Operational Area Electrical System De-energization Annex.

7/9/2019: Reviewed and adopted the County's Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP).

7/9/2019: Board disaster workshop: wildfire.

5/21/2019: Board reviewed and approved the County's Disaster Preparedness Communications & Outreach Plan.

4/16/2019: Board disaster workshop: earthquake.

1/15/2019: Conducted the first Board of Supervisors disaster workshop addressing the hazards posed by winter storms and flooding. The After Action Report developed following the October 2017 Complex Fires recommended the Board consider conducting quarterly disaster preparedness updates at its meetings. The Board reviewed the *County Supervisors Guide to Emergency Operations*. □

12/12/2018: Reviewed and adopted the County's Recovery and Resiliency Framework.

8/14/2018: Reviewed and accepted the staff report on Emergency Management Program Reporting Relationship. The Board directed County departments and entities to review and update their respective Continuity of Operations Plans (COOPs) and to develop a training program to prepare staff to respond to emergencies and disasters.

6/11/2018: Reviewed and accepted the After Action Report for the County's Emergency Operations Center function during the October 2017 Wildfires event, the Sonoma County Community Alert and Warning Assessment Report, and the Emergency Management Program Assessment Report. The Board directed staff to implement selected recommended action items and approved funding to support implementation.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY 19-20 Adopted	FY20-21 Projected	FY 21-22 Projected
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures			
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
Total Sources			

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

None.

Staffing Impacts:			
Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A-I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

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None.

Attachments:

Presentation Slides

Related Items “On File” with the Clerk of the Board:

None.