

Tuesday, September 19, 2006

Honorable Mayor and Members of
The Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular meeting of
September 26, 2006

APPROVAL OF THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that council:

1. Approve a Resolution adopting the City of Hermosa Beach's Emergency Operations Plan ("Plan") and authorizing the City Manager to amend and update the Plan as needed. Adoption legitimizes the plan and authorizes departments and their staffs to execute their responsibilities.

BACKGROUND

The Hermosa Beach Emergency Operations Plan identifies the City's emergency planning, organization, and response policies and procedures. The plan also addresses the integration and coordination with other governmental levels when required.

The plan is based on the functions and principles of California's Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) and the federal government's National Incident Management System (NIMS), both of which mandate the use of the Incident Command System.

The plan addresses how the City will respond to extraordinary events or disasters, from preparation through recovery. A hazard summary in the plan identifies a range of natural and technological hazards. The responsibilities of each department are identified in the plan, along with emergency response protocols.

The Fire Department is responsible for reviewing the entire plan on an annual basis, and coordinating the revision of the plan as required.

Each department manager is responsible for reviewing its internal standard operating procedures on an annual basis and coordinating the revision of the procedures with the Fire Department.

Emergency Planning Consultants was contracted to assist the City in drafting the Emergency Operations Plan. A Planning Team was formed consisting of

representatives from the Fire Department, Police Department, Community Development Department, Public Works Department, Planning Commission, and Area G - Disaster Management Area Coordinator. The Team met four times over a period of one year to examine the City's existing emergency plans and protocols and review changes in disaster management legislation.

PLAN STRUCTURE

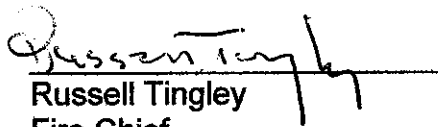
The Emergency Operations Plan consists of a Basic Plan that identifies the legal authorities and responsibilities associated with conducting emergency operations. The remainder of the Plan outlines the various roles and responsibilities of the departments and individual staff members prior to, during, and immediately following a major emergency.

PLAN APPROVAL

Following approval of the Emergency Operations Plan by the City Council, the Plan will be submitted to the State's Office of Emergency Services.

Staff recommends that City Council approves Resolution _____ which adopts the Emergency Operations Plan.

Respectfully submitted,



Russell Tingley
Fire Chief



Stephen Burrell
City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
HERMOSA BEACH TO ADOPT THE UPDATED EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

WHEREAS, the federal National Incident Management System (NIMS) and California's Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) legislation require the creation, maintenance, training, and exercising of emergency response protocols by every local government; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Response to critical incidents, whether natural or manmade, requires integrated professional management, and Unified Command of such incidents is recognized as the management model to maximize the public safety response; and

WHEREAS, The National Incident Management System, herein referred to as NIMS, has been identified by the Federal Government as being the requisite emergency management system for all political subdivisions, and that failure to adopt NIMS as the requisite emergency management system may preclude reimbursement to the political subdivision for costs expended during and after a declared emergency or disaster and for training and preparation for such disasters or emergencies.

THEREFORE, It shall be the public policy of this City to adopt the NIMS concept of emergency planning and unified command. It shall further be the policy of this City to train public officials and emergency responders responsible for emergency management.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH DOES RESOLVE AS
FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. To adopt the Emergency Operations Plan.

SECTION 2. To grant authority to the City Manager to amend and update the Plan.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption hereof.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS _____.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk