

**Council Meeting: June 3, 2008****SUBJECT: Council Intergovernmental Committee Alternate Appointment to the Santa Clara County Emergency Preparedness Council****REPORT IN BRIEF**

In January of each year, City Council fills a number of positions for intergovernmental assignments. Throughout the year, additional opportunities for intergovernmental assignments become available. Recently, the Council was informed that it may appoint an alternate to the Santa Clara County Emergency Preparedness Council (EPC). Currently, the City is represented by Councilmember Moylan, who serves as Vice Chair of the EPC.

Staff recommends Council appoint a Councilmember to serve as alternate to this assignment.

BACKGROUND

The City Council annually appoints members to a variety of intergovernmental agencies in order to represent the City's interests and to influence policies and regulations of other agencies. Specific intergovernmental appointments are sometimes made by other agencies; the appointments are then subject to Council ratification.

EXISTING POLICY

Legislative Sub Element, Goal 7.3C Participate in intergovernmental activities, including national, state and regional groups, as a means to represent the City's interest, influence policy and legislation, and enhance awareness.

Legislative Sub Element, Policy 7.3.C.1 Represent City policy in intergovernmental activities in accordance with adopted policy guidelines.

Council Policy 7.3.12 City Council Appointments to Intergovernmental Agencies, City Council Subcommittees and Council or Mayor-Created Advisory Task Forces

DISCUSSION

A brief description of the committee assignment follows, including designation of staff support.

The Emergency Preparedness Council promotes inter-jurisdictional disaster preparedness. The Emergency Preparedness Council educates elected officials about their duties and responsibilities in the mitigation of disasters, encourages coordinated emergency planning between and among the cities, the County and the Santa Clara Valley Water District, supports local, state and federal legislation favorable to disaster planning, mitigation and recovery, promotes individual, family and neighborhood post-disaster self-reliance programs, and serves as the Santa Clara County Operational Area Council (OAC) with governing body authority to carry out the responsibilities of the OAC as required by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

The Emergency Preparedness Council typically meets quarterly from Noon - 2 p.m. at the Sheriff's Office Auditorium in San Jose. The remaining 2008 meetings are currently scheduled for August 7 and November 6.

Staff support for this assignment will be provided by Lieutenant John Gienger, Fire Bureau of Special Operations Division, Department of Public Safety.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to this report.

PUBLIC CONTACT

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall, in the Council Chambers lobby, in the Office of the City Clerk, at the Library, Senior Center, Community Center and Department of Public Safety; posting the agenda and report on the City's Web site; and making the report available at the Library and the Office of the City Clerk.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Council appoints a Councilmember to serve as alternate to the Santa Clara County Emergency Preparedness Council.
2. Council takes no action at this time.
3. Other action as directed by Council.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Alternative 1: Council appoints a Councilmember to serve as alternate to the Santa Clara County Emergency Preparedness Council.

Appointing an alternate will support Council's ongoing participation on the Emergency Preparedness Council, which will help to ensure that the City is prepared to respond to emergencies which threaten life, property, or the environment.

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