



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
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Board Report

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Authorize the Board of Supervisors' Chair to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with United Way Monterey County to provide volunteer management services and an Emergency Volunteer Center during disasters.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Emergency Services (OES) requests the Board of Supervisors' Chair on behalf of the County to sign this MOU with United Way Monterey County to effectively manage the referral process for spontaneous volunteer who emerge during disaster through online services, call centers and walk-in centers.

DISCUSSION:

This Memorandum of Understanding further strengthens the County ability to prepare for and respond to future emergencies or disasters through integrated planning, mutual training and coordinated effort between The United Way Monterey County (UWMC) and the Operational Area. UWMC has been a strong partner with the Office of Emergency Services in the past. With this agreement, United Way will provide staffing for an Emergency Volunteer Center which will register and refer spontaneous volunteers as needed during disaster operations. Volunteers provide tremendous value if given proper direction and suitable tasks. United Way will partner with the County in training and exercise opportunities that involve donation and volunteer management focus. In addition, United Way will provide a staff member to the Operational Area Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Logistics to serve as the Volunteer Resource Unit Leader. It is recommended that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the County and the Monterey County Operational Area Authority.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The content of this Memorandum of Understanding has been previously coordinated with County Counsel; United Way Monterey County; and the Operational Area Coordinating Council.

FINANCING:

There is no impact to the General Fund and incurring any additional costs with the signing and implementation of this MOU. Training and exercises efforts will be part of OES normal work plan. This MOU will provide valuable volunteer man-hours that are potentially reimbursable and credited as in-kind match after a state or

federally declared disasters.

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Attachments:

Memorandum of Understanding Between County of Monterey OES and United Way Monterey County.