



**CITY OF SALINAS
COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

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DEPARTMENT: ADMINISTRATION
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TITLE: QUAKE SAFE CITY PARTNERSHIP WITH CAL OES

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a joint California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) – City Resolution (Attachment 1) affirming the City’s partnership with Cal OES as part of the Quake Safe City initiative.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council approve a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a joint Cal OES – City Resolution affirming the City’s partnership with Cal OES as part of the Quake Safe City initiative.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Cal OES is expanding earthquake preparedness education and outreach through partnerships with California cities. The City of Salinas seeks to partner with Cal OES through the Quake Safe City initiative, which includes coordinated education and outreach efforts to better prepare the Salinas community for the moment when an earthquake strikes and to help save lives.

BACKGROUND:

Earthquakes have adverse effects on the life and health of communities, damaging property and the environment, and having a negative impact on the economy and infrastructure of affected areas. Earthquake Warning California is a public awareness campaign conducted by Cal OES. The education and outreach program aims to raise awareness about the need for all Californians to be earthquake prepared for the moment when an earthquake strikes and the after-event recovery. Statewide outreach and coordination with cities is essential to meet our emergency preparedness goals of prevention, mitigation, and improvement of adverse effects from emergencies and disasters, and to help save lives.

The purpose of this Resolution is to establish a flexible framework between the City of Salinas and Cal OES to use an inclusive science-based approach to educate California residents about earthquakes through this first of its kind initiative. The Quake Safe City partnership with the City and Cal OES will support in reducing earthquake risks, enhancing community resilience, and

implementing activities for the prevention, mitigation, warning, response, and recovery of all disasters.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

Not a Project. The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378). In addition, CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 includes the general rule that CEQA applies only to activities which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Because the proposed action and this matter have no potential to cause any effect on the environment, or because it falls within a category of activities excluded as projects pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378, this matter is not a project. Because the matter does not cause a direct or foreseeable indirect physical change on or in the environment, this matter is not a project. Any subsequent discretionary projects resulting from this action will be assessed for CEQA applicability.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

This partnership aligns with the Council Strategic goals as follows:

- Public Safety
- Effective and Culturally Responsive Government

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

There was coordination with the Administration and the Fire Department.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

There is no significant impact to the General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Cal OES – City of Salinas Joint Quake Safe City Resolution
2. Resolution