



CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE: September 24, 2019

DEPARTMENT: FIRE

FROM: Pablo Barreto, Fire Chief

TITLE: STANDARDS OF COVER AND COMMUNITY RISK ASSESSMENT

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Accept the final draft report on a comprehensive fire department “Standards of Cover and Community Risk Assessment” from Emergency Services Consulting International (ESCI).

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Council accept this report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires that all grant-eligible communities maintain an approved disaster response plan. The all-hazard community analysis is a critical component of the plan. In addition to completing and maintaining an updated hazards analysis, it is recommended that the jurisdiction conduct a standard of cover (SOC) analysis. This provides specific response and deployment data that can be utilized to maximize the use of people and equipment to best achieve a prompt and effective response to emergencies.

BACKGROUND:

In December of 2012, Council received a report from Management Partners Inc. that urged the completion of a comprehensive assessment of risks to the safety of the community and the development of a Standard of Cover for the fire department. This was highlighted again in the 2017 Center for Public Safety Management (CPSM) overtime study of the fire department and most recently in the National Resource Network’s (NRN) evaluation that was adopted by Council as “The Salinas Plan”.

In November 2018, the Council approved a Professional Services Agreement with Emergency Services Consulting International (ESCI) to conduct a comprehensive community risk analysis and develop an associated standard of cover for the Salinas Fire Department. For Salinas, this analysis provides guidance for longer term staffing needs, station locations, deployment models, and a myriad of other issues.

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).

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

Completion of this report supports the following City of Salinas Strategic Plan goals and objectives:

- II. *Safe Livable Community*
- III. *Effective Sustainable Government*
- IV. *Well Planned City and Excellent Infrastructure*
- V. *Quality of Life*

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

Completion of this report relied upon vast amounts of statistical data from both internal and external sources. Staff provided detailed response data from current and legacy fire department records management systems. City GIS staff provided detailed information for mapping of hazards and the finance division provided associated fiscal information. Corroborating Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) response data, while limited, was provided by the Monterey Emergency Communication Department.

Several requests for ambulance-related dispatch data were made to the Monterey County Emergency Medical Services Agency. Those requests were largely unanswered.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

This report was approved for an amount not to exceed \$42,680 and was funded under the FY-17/18 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Implementation of the recommendations contained in this report may have initial and/or ongoing fiscal impacts that will be the subject of future action(s) by the City Council.

ATTACHMENTS:

Salinas SOC Final Draft