



To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority
From: Janell Myhre, UASI Regional Program Manager
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Re: Item 9: Technical Assistance Program Kick Off

Action or Discussion Items:

Discussion, Possible Action

Discussion:

The UASI Management Team is pleased to kick off its revitalized Technical Assistance (TA) Program delivering services to the Bay Area.

The UASI TA Program provides an easy way for Bay Area stakeholders to initiate important initiatives and accomplish jurisdiction goals using current and previously developed UASI deliverables. TA sessions enable jurisdictions to take the next steps to fully utilize plan templates, operational toolkits, and customizable trainings that have been developed with UASI funding. TA is delivered by Bay Area UASI project managers and includes support for planning, workshops, tabletops, and exercises.

Background:

Over the past three years, we have delivered nine TA sessions in the following jurisdictions: the cities of San Francisco, South San Francisco, San Jose, and Santa Clara and the counties of San Mateo, Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito, and Marin. These TA deliveries all received praise from stakeholders, as well as strengthened response and planning efforts during Bay Area real world events and incidents.

Next Steps:

Approval Authority and Emergency Management Work Group members have expressed strong interest in continuing to utilize and build capabilities with UASI products. Towards these ends, the Management Team will conduct greater outreach with stakeholders on the TA Program over the coming months. In addition, we will be distributing a newly developed brochure (see Appendix A), updating our website, and posting a TA Program webinar. Stakeholders will also be allowed to request TA sessions through WebGrants during the FY19 proposal process.

The UASI Management Team looks forward to hearing your feedback on the TA Program. We will come back to you with a program update in Spring 2019.