



To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority

From: Corey Reynolds, Regional Project Manager

Arthur Botterell, Senior Emergency Services Coordinator, Cal OES

Date: April 13, 2017

Re: Item 5: California State Warning Plan

Staff Recommendations:

None

Action or Discussion Items:

Discussion, Possible Action

Background:

The California State Warning Plan integrates new and existing public alert, warning, and notification systems to provide state and local authorities who are responsible for alert and warning a range of capabilities and dissemination channels. The plan aims to increase the likelihood that a given message will reach both people in an affected area and those outside who can benefit from greater awareness.

The California State Warning Plan details the roles and responsibilities of emergency managers and public safety officials at the local, state, and federal level. It also documents the recommended criteria for issuing public alerts and warnings, types of alerts and warnings, governance, training, and technical requirements for activating alerts. This plan provides best practices for writing effective alert and warning messages, choosing appropriate alerting technology, and providing public education to ensure the people of California understand how to obtain, use, and respond to information from public safety officials.

Discussion:

Regional Project Manager Corey Reynolds will introduce Arthur Botterell, Senior Emergency Services Coordinator, Alert and Warning Systems, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES). Mr. Botterell will provide an update on the completion of the California State Warning Plan and its impact on local jurisdictions' alert and warning programs.