



**To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority**

**From: Janell Myhre, Regional Program Manager**

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**Re: Item 5: Regional Project Update**

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**Action or Discussion Items:**

Discussion.

**Background:**

Traditionally, the Management Team kicks off regional project tasks in January in order to complete identified objectives in December of the same year. Through the UASI work group forums, Bay Area public safety staff oversees and provides guidance to project execution throughout the year.

However, on January 31, 2020 as regional project work was beginning, a national public health emergency was declared due to a novel Coronavirus. On March 4, the State of California and over half of the Bay Area counties declared a public health emergency due to COVID-19. On March 11, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic. Throughout March, restrictions on large gatherings were adopted by many Bay Area counties. The President declared a national disaster on March 13, opening up federal funding for local government support. By March 17, incidents of COVID-19 had been confirmed in all fifty states and the District of Columbia.

**Discussion:**

Many Bay Area Emergency Operation Centers (EOC) have been activated since the end of February to manage the COVID-19 incident. Subsequently, Bay Area public safety stakeholders have been needed to perform essential duties in their local jurisdiction, limiting their ability to provide input to regional project execution. Large gathering restrictions has also limited the ability to convene and conduct typical regional project activities.

Therefore, the Management Team has reviewed the need and timing for all regional meetings, initiatives and projects through the end of 2020. Due to the critical nature of COVID-19 response, the following revisions to workgroup meetings and project tasks were recommended and reviewed with UASI stakeholders for concurrence. A summary of agreed upon changes by project may be found in Table 1.

- All Q2 work group meetings were canceled. The remaining work group meetings will be limited to proposal or funding related topics and be held virtually or via conference call.
- All Fall 2020 exercises are moved to 2021. Funding amounts will be moved to next year to supplement 2021 exercise planning.

**Table 1: Regional Project Summary of Changes**

Project	Original Scope	Revised Scope
Golden Eagle (GE) Exercise	September 2020 Functional Exercise	September 2021 Enhanced Functional Exercise
Critical Transportation Capability Building	September 2020 Tested in GE Functional Exercise	September 2021 Tested in GE Functional Exercise
Joint Information System (JIS) Public Information Exercise	September 2020 Coordinated with GE Functional Exercise	September 2021 Enhanced activities coordinated with GE Functional Exercise
Bay Area Mass Prophylaxis Exercise Planning Support	November 2020 Full Scale Exercise support	November 2021 Full Scale Exercise support
Bay 72 Alert Registration Campaign*  <i>*Fire Season preparation</i>	Oct 2020 Landing Page for all Bay Area County Alert & Warning sign up  Oct 2020 Media Campaign buy with information targeted for each county	Oct 2020 Landing Page for all Bay Area County Alert & Warning sign up  Oct 2020 Regional Media Campaign buy  Oct 2021 Media Campaign buy with information targeted for each county
Regional Bay Area Mass Notification System Users Conference	May 2020 Conference	Daily (Feb-Dec 2020) Regional JIS call administrative support during COVID-19  Dec 2020 After Action Meeting and Report
Disaster Service Worker Program	April 2020 Region-wide DSW gap assessment	Dec 2020 Region-wide DSW gap assessment and recommendation with COVID-19 considerations