



Approval Authority Meeting
Thursday, September 14, 2023
10:00 AM

Alameda County Sheriff's Office OES
4985 Broder Blvd., Dublin, CA 94568
OES Assembly Room

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. ROLL CALL

Approval Authority Chair Mary Ellen Carroll called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and General Manager Craig Dziedzic subsequently took the roll. Chair Mary Ellen Carroll and Vice-Chair Rich Lucia were present. Members Erica Arteseros, Dana Reed, Steven Torrence, Raymond Riordan, Chris Hsiung were present. Members Jessica Feil, Mike Casten, and Jeff Duval were absent, but their alternates Olga Crowe, Jason Vorhauer and Sam Willis were present. No one from the County of Monterey was in attendance.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chair Carroll asked for any comments or questions concerning the minutes from the June 8, 2023 meeting. She then called for public comment.

One member of the public made a comment. ([Reference audio: September 2023 UASI Approval Authority Meeting at 1:40](#))

Chair Carroll then requested a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion: Approve the minutes from the June 8, 2023 Approval Authority Meeting.

Moved: Member Arteseros **Seconded:** Member Riordan

Vote: The motion was passed unanimously with one absence. ([Reference audio: September 2023 UASI Approval Authority Meeting at 4:18](#))

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Craig Dziedzic reported on the success of the 2023 National Homeland Security Conference held in Chicago on July 24-26, 2023. The UASI Management Team presented four presentations in which the Bay Area winter storms received the best in show category. The 2024 National Homeland Security conference will occur in Miami on August 19-24, 2024.

General Manager Craig Dziedzic presented an update on grant updates, the UASI Management Team, and the 2023 Tracking Tool.

General Manager Craig Dziedzic informed the Approval Authority that Bay Area UASI is expecting the same level of funding for FY 2024. The TVTP proposal did not get an approval for FY 2024. There were 34 grantees, funds went to universities and non-profit organizations.

The Management Team has 3 positions to backfill: Risk Management & Public Information and Securing the Cities Program Manager and Admin staff. The job announcements had been released; interviews will be scheduled by end of September to first week of October.

For the tracking tool, election of UASI officers will take place in the November 2023 AA Meeting.

[\(Reference audio: September 2023 UASI Approval Authority Meeting at 4:23\)](#)

Chair Carroll asked for Member comments or questions and there were none.

One member of the public made a comment. [\(Reference audio: September 2023 UASI Approval Authority Meeting at 9:40\)](#)

4. GRANT PROGRAM UPDATE

Regional Grants Manager, Molly Giesen-Fields introduced the presenters for the program updates:

4.a San Francisco Bay Area Securing the Cities (STC) Grant Program – Matt Devine, Interim STC Program Manager [\(Reference audio: September 2023 UASI Approval Authority Meeting at 13:37\)](#)

4.b Emergent Threats/Soft Targets and Crowded Places National Priority Areas (CBRNE) – Matt Devine, STC/CBRNE Project Manager [\(Reference audio: September 2023 UASI Approval Authority Meeting at 19:40\)](#)

4.c Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program (RCPGP) – Christophe Arnold, RCPG Project Manager [\(Reference audio: September 2023 UASI Approval Authority Meeting at 26:20\)](#)

4.d Community Preparedness and Resilience UASI National Priority Project – Corinee Bartshire will present on behalf of Meredith Terrell, Community Preparedness Analyst [\(Reference audio: September 2023 UASI Approval Authority Meeting at 34:35\)](#)

4.e Cybersecurity UASI National Priority Project – Mikyung Kim-Molina, Communications & Technologies Regional Project Manager [\(Reference audio: September 2023 UASI Approval Authority Meeting at 42:47\)](#)

Chair Carroll requested comments from the Approval Authority.

Member Reed asked Matt (STC) about plans for the 2026 Superbowl and World Cup if there will be increase in funding, which hospitals will be receiving equipment and training

for the specific big events. ([Reference audio: September 2023 UASI Approval Authority Meeting at 50:15](#))

Member Riordan also asked if there are scheduled full scale training for Office of Emergency Management and law enforcers for big events and how we are doing connecting with vendors for this planning. ([Reference audio: September 2023 UASI Approval Authority Meeting at 54:07](#))

One member of the public made a comment. ([Reference audio: September 2023 UASI Approval Authority Meeting at 55:28](#))

5. NCRIC THREAT BRIEFING – ELECTION SECURITY

NCRIC Assistant Deputy Director, Brian Rodrigues and NCRIC Lead Analyst Alison Yakabe presented a Cybersecurity threat briefing for the Bay Area UASI. They provided an update on the NCRIC management staffing and highlights of the NCRIC success stories in various counties regarding their support to remediate several crimes: traffickers, cyber ransomware, prolific offenders, catalytic converters, prolific offenders among others. ([Reference audio: September 2023 UASI Approval Authority Meeting at 58:18](#))

Chair Carroll asked about NCRIC working plans for APEC in November.

One member of the public made a comment. ([Reference audio: September 2023 UASI Approval Authority Meeting at 1:08:42](#))

6. BAY AREA UASI FY21 SPENDING REPORT

On behalf of Tristan Levarado, UASI CFO, Grants Accountant, Natalie Jew provided an update on the sub-recipient performance period of FY2021 UASI grant from November 1st, 2021 thru December 31, 2022 with some projects being extended to 12/31/23. Ms. Jew also added that the Bay Area UASI Fiscal Team is conducting monitoring for FY21. The focus is on procurement. The team has completed 17 jurisdictions. ([Reference audio: September 2023 UASI Approval Authority Meeting at 1:11:05](#))

Chair Carroll requested comments from the Approval Authority. Seeing none, she requested public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS - GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chair Carroll announced the on-going San Francisco's planning for APEC. SF-EOC will be activated for 7 days during APEC. SF-DEM has invited other EOCs from other states like Philadelphia, New York and DC and some other agencies to participate in the planning as professional experience in coordinating with the Feds for a big event.

Member Arteseros added that SFFD will be involved in bringing in support for hazmat end users.

UASI Grants Regional Manager Giesen-Fields made an announcement that at 1pm after the AA meeting, the Kickoff Meeting for the FY24-25 project proposal guidelines will happen in the same room.

Member Riordan asked about the Hub Meeting- whether it's in person or virtual. He also announced that the new San Jose EOC will be opening soon, by end of November and invited the AA Team to come and visit the new EOC. ([Reference audio: September 2023 UASI Approval Authority Meeting at 1:12:51](#))

8. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Carroll requested comments from the Approval Authority. Seeing none, she requested public comment.

One member of the public made a comment. ([Reference audio: September 2023 UASI Approval Authority Meeting at 1:17:12](#))

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 AM.