COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1320 NORTH EASTERN AVENUE
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90063-3294
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P. MICHAEL FREEMAN
FIRE CHIEF
FORESTER & FIRE WARDEN

September 4, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

APPROVE AGREEMENT TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TO RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES TO BE INCURRED FROM CONDUCTING TRAINING EXERCISES FOR THE CALIFORNIA FIRE AND RESCUE TRAINING AUTHORITY (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD, ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:

1. Find that the Agreement for Task Force Mobilization Exercise and Training between the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District) and the California Fire and Rescue Training Authority is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

2. Approve and instruct the Chairman of the Board to sign the Agreement for Task Force Mobilization Exercise and Training and authorize the District to receive reimbursable costs incurred by the District as a result of District's conducting such training exercises. Total reimbursable amount will not exceed $100,000.

3. Authorize the Fire Chief to enter into future agreements with local, State and Federal agencies, or their agents, for reimbursable training exercises, preparedness needs, or deployments to fulfill the needs of the District and other public agencies.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The District is requesting your Board's approval for the District's Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Task Force to participate in training exercises associated with deployment of its USAR Task Force to local, State and Federal disasters. The training will occur on November 13 through November 15, 2007. This joint training exercise will maintain efficient inter-agency coordination among participating USAR Task Forces responding to major disasters throughout the United States.

This Agreement will allow the District's USAR Task Force to conduct training exercises sponsored by the California Fire and Rescue Training Authority and receive full reimbursement, not to exceed $100,000, for all activities associated with this event.

In addition, for those projects where the District will be reimbursed by participating or receiving agencies, the delegation of authority to the Fire Chief to enter into such agreements will expedite the District's participation in such projects, especially in responding to major emergencies. Prior to executing any agreement for reimbursable projects, the District will ensure that County Counsel approves the agreement as to form.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the County's Strategic Goal No. 1, "Service Excellence," of the County Strategic Plan which guides us to "Implement programs to improve the efficiency, quality, and responsiveness of County services to all residents."

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

None. All costs incurred by the District will be provided for through reimbursement from the California Fire and Rescue Training Authority.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Agreement will be effective the day it is approved by the California Fire and Training Rescue Authority and will provide the operational guidelines that detail the activities and costs eligible for reimbursement.

County Counsel has approved this Agreement as to form.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES OR PROJECTS

The District will be able to participate in the joint training exercise, which will reinforce the District's response readiness when responding to local, State and Federal disasters.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This Agreement is exempt from the CEQA pursuant to Section 15061 (b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because it can be seen with certainty that this activity will not have a significant effect on the environment. A Notice of Exemption is attached.

CONCLUSION

Upon execution by your Honorable Board, please instruct the Executive Officer, Clerk of the Board to return the following to this office:

- Two (2) copies of the Minute Order and this approved letter.
- Two (2) executed original and two (2) copies of the Agreement for Task Force Mobilization Exercise and Training.

Upon your Board's approval, the District will forward the Agreement to the California Fire and Rescue Training Authority for their approval, and after action by the Authority, will return one fully executed Agreement to the Executive Officer, Clerk of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

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Attachments

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: [ ] Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

[XX] County Clerk
County of Los Angeles

From: (Public Agency) Consolidated Fire Protection District
1320 N. Eastern Ave.
(Address)
Los Angeles, CA 90063

Project Title: Agreement for Task Force Mobilization Exercise and Training

Project Location - Specific: Los Angeles County- Location to be Determined

Project Location - City: To be Determined **Project Location - County:** Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Agreement will allow the District's USAR Task Force to conduct training exercises sponsored by the California Fire and Rescue Training Authority and receive full reimbursement, not to exceed $100,000, for all activities associated with this event.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County

Exempt Status: (*check one*)

[ ] Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
[ ] Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
[ ] Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
[XX] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:
[ ] Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: Pursuant to Section 15061 (b)(3), this project is not subject to CEQA as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that it may have significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Kien Chin Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 323-881-2404

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Signature: Date: 8-16-07 Title: Chief, Forestry Division

[ ] Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR:

[XX] Signed by Applicant

Revised October 1989

AGREEMENT FOR TASK FORCE MOBILIZATION EXERCISE AND TRAINING

Agreement made on the last date written below between the California Fire and Rescue Training Authority (hereafter "CFRTA"), a California Joint Powers Authority duly formed pursuant to Government Code §§6500 et seq., and Consolidated Fire Protection of Los Angeles County, also known as the Los Angeles County Fire Department (hereafter "Department").

Recitals

1. CFRTA is desirous of having a mobilization exercise for the Urban Search and Rescue (hereafter "USAR") Task Forces sponsored by the Department.

2. The Department has the wherewithal and has arranged to conduct training exercises on November 13-15, 2007 at facilities selected by Department.

3. The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, as a member agency of CFRTA, has allocated specific funding to CFRTA for the purposes of conducting these mobilization exercises.

Terms and Conditions

1. Department will conduct a mobilization exercise for the Respective USAR Task Force consistent with the Mobilization or MOBEX Drill Plans previously submitted to the CFRTA and hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

2. At a minimum, the exercises will train and be evaluated on the following areas:

    - Task force leadership
    - Task force movement by ground/air transportation
    - Local government interface
    - Hasty search evaluation
    - Base of operations
    - Decontamination of search & rescue personnel
    - Food and water provisioning
    - Communications section operations
    - Evaluation of administrative section
        - Planning section
        - PIO
        - Safety officer
    - Evaluation of
        - Technical information section
        - Operation section
        - Technical search
        - Canine search
        - Rescue
        - Medical section

3. Department will submit any changes to the Mobilization or MOBEX Drill Plans to the designated representative of the CFRTA for approval prior to implementing the change.

4. Department will submit a budget for the exercise to the CFRTA at least 30-days prior to commencement of the exercise for approval by the CFRTA.

5. Exercise budgets submitted by the Department pursuant to paragraph 4, above, may include expenditures for: personnel, expendable or consumable items, transportation of task force personnel, sanitation facilities, fuel, food, potable water, and communications.

6. Any costs incurred and contracts entered into to fulfill this Agreement must be consistent with the federal, state, and local laws applicable to the Department.

7. All approvals by the CFRTA must be in writing.

8. A total sum of One Hundred Thousand dollars ($100,000) has been allocated for use by the Department for accomplishing the objects identified in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of this section.

9. Department may spend, in advance, up to Twenty Five Thousand dollars ($25,000) of the total sum allocated to Department and consistent with Paragraphs 4 and 5, for Administrative Costs as defined in Paragraph 10, below. The Department may invoice CFRTA for these funds.

10. For the purposes of this Agreement, "Administrative Costs" mean those expenses incurred by a Department for personnel expenditures that are associated with the planning, preparation, and managing of the exercise.

11. Department agrees to invoice CFRTA for costs associated with providing mobilization exercise as specified in Paragraphs 5, 6, and 9 of this Agreement within sixty (60) days of the commencement of the exercise.

12. CFRTA agrees to pay the Department for all costs incurred consistent with this Agreement not to exceed the $100,000 identified in paragraph 8.

13. No amendment or variation of the terms of this Agreement shall be valid unless made in writing, signed by the parties and approved as required. No oral understanding or agreement not incorporated in the agreement is binding on any of the parties.

14. CFRTA agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Department from and against any and all liability arising from or relating to this Agreement.

15. Any and all written notices to the Department should be addressed to:

    Battalion Chief Thomas C. Ewald
    Technical Operations Section, Special Operations Bureau
    Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County
    12605 Osborne Street
    Pacoima, CA 91331-2129

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed by each party on the day and year written below, and is effective and operative upon the date that it is fully executed by both parties, whichever date of execution by either party is later.

CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

By _____
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

DATE September 4, 2007

ATTEST:

SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer-Clerk of
The Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.
County Counsel

By _____
Deputy

CALIFORNIA FIRE AND RESCUE TRAINING AUTHORITY

By _____
David Baltzell,
Executive Director

DATE _____

I hereby certify that pursuant to Section 25103 of the Government Code, delivery of this document has been made.

SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By _____
Richard Margarita,
General Counsel

ADOPTED
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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