



City Council Staff Report

DATE: September 19, 2012

CONSENT AGENDA

SUBJECT: APPROVE THE 2012 CITY OF PALM SPRINGS EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN (EOP)

FROM: David Ready, City Manager

BY: Fire Department

SUMMARY

It is recommended that City Council approve the 2012 City of Palm Springs Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). The City's EOP, addresses the City's planned response to emergencies associated with natural disasters and technological incidents. The 2012 EOP has been updated and reformatted, and will replace the 2008 EOP currently in effect.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) Adopt the 2012 City of Palm Springs Emergency Operation Plan (EOP).

STAFF ANALYSIS:

The California Emergency Services Act provides the basic authorities for conducting emergency operations following a proclamation of Local Emergency, State of Emergency or State of War Emergency by the Governor and/or appropriate local authorities.

The State of California Emergency Plan (SEP), which is promulgated by the Governor, is published in accordance with the Emergency Services Act, describes the functions and operations of government at all levels during extraordinary emergencies, including wartime. The Act states, in part, that "... this plan is in effect at all times and applies to all levels of state government and its political subdivisions." Local emergency plans are therefore, considered to be extensions of the State Emergency Plan.

The Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) provides for an effective response to multi-agency and multi-jurisdictional emergencies in California. SEMS is based on the Incident Command System (ICS), and incorporates existing mutual aid systems, the Operational Area Concept, and multi-agency or inter-agency coordination. SEMS is an integral component of the City of Palm Springs Emergency Plan.

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The City's Emergency Services Coordinator along with Terra Firma Enterprises compiled this plan during 2011/2012. The final draft of the plan was submitted to the Riverside County Office of Emergency Services (OES). Upon the completion of the County review the plan was forwarded to California Emergency Management Agency (CaEMA) for review and was approved in August 2012, contingent upon adoption by the Palm Springs City Council and signed concurrence by Principal Departments. Signatures have been obtained from all Principal Departments.

The plan does not address normal day-to-day emergencies or the well-established procedures used in coping with such emergencies. Instead, the operational concepts reflected in this plan focus on potential large-scale disasters that can generate unique situations requiring unusual emergency responses.

This plan is a preparedness document, designed to be read, understood, and exercised prior to an emergency. The city's emergency services coordinator has the responsibility to ensure that emergency plans are in place and that the City is prepared to respond to large-scale emergencies.

FISCAL IMPACT:

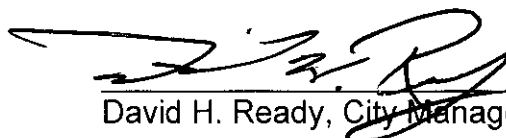
Upon final approval and adoption of the 2012 Emergency Operation Plan seventeen (17) copies of the plan will be printed and distributed throughout the city departments as well as the primary and alternate EOC. Estimated printing costs of \$2,500 are available in the Disaster Preparedness Account 001-3522-42570.



Scott Ventura, Fire Chief



Anjila Lebsack,
Emergency Services Coordinator



David H. Ready, City Manager

Attachments:

1. California Emergency Management Agency Review Letter

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August 15, 2012

Anjila Lebsock
City of Palm Springs
300 N. Cielo Road
Palm Springs, California, 92262

Dear Ms. Lebsock,

My staff has completed their review of the City of Palm Springs, County of Riverside, Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). I have reviewed the attached staff report and concur with its findings and recommendations. Accordingly, I have determined that the City of Palm Springs, County of Riverside EOP is acceptable in accordance with the requirements of the Emergency Services Act and the California Master Mutual Aid Agreement. This plan is also consistent with state guidance available at the time the plan was developed. This acceptance is contingent upon implementation of the recommendations in the attached staff report and the adoption of the EOP by your governing body or their designee.

Following the adoption of your plan, please provide us with the following:

- a signed copy of the Signed Concurrence by Principal Departments, and
- any resolutions that pertain to the adoption of your EOP.

Thank you for your planning effort. I encourage you to continue to develop supporting operating procedures, exercise your plan, and review the plan every three years.

If you have any questions or require any assistance, please contact my office at (562) 795-2900.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Huls".

Douglas Huls Deputy Regional Administrator
Southern Region

cc: Peter Lent, Riverside County OES
Bill Martinez, Emergency Services Coordinator
Master File, Cal EMA Southern Region

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE 2012 EMERGENCY OPERATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The 2012 Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) for the City of Palm Springs, attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein, is hereby approved and adopted.

SECTION 2. The 2012 EOP meets the requirements of the Emergency Services Act and Standardized Emergency Management System and is consistent with state and federal guidelines.

SECTION 3. The 2008 Emergency Operations Plan for the City of Palm Springs is hereby superseded, and no longer in force or effect.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE PALM SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL THIS 19TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2012.

DAVID H. READY, CITY MANAGER

ATTEST:

JAMES THOMPSON, CITY CLERK

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) ss.
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS)

I, JAMES THOMPSON, City Clerk of the City of Palm Springs, hereby certify that Resolution No. _____ is a full, true and correct copy, and was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Palm Springs on September 19, 2012, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

JAMES THOMPSON, CITY CLERK
City of Palm Springs, California