



To: San Mateo County Emergency Council
From: Don Mattei
Subject: Repurposing current Funding Model Using "State Mandated Plans" Section

RECOMMENDATION:

The Mandatory Planning Section in the Emergency Service Budget. The section has been there for many years. The proposal is to retitle the section and rename it Technology and Equipment. Each city contributes \$2,500 per year for a total of \$50,000. The funds at one time may have had a purpose for the planning, but currently, we support cities, help where we can, and have never charged our time against the Fund if that was the intention.

The money will serve a better purpose as we change the Technology and equipment used to support the Operation Area. The \$50,000 will be allowed to accumulate to fund technology and related items. The JPA members have a 50% split for all items relating to the cost of JAP. In the past, these costs were not passed down to the cities and were covered by the County.

BACKGROUND:

The Fund column changes to direct funding for computer software and equipment. Currently, the WEBEOC software used to manage significant events for the County and Cities belonging to the Operational Area was funded by San Francisco Bay Area Urban Security Initiative. We are currently in the process of purchasing new Emergency Operations Software. Rather than permanently removing funding from the reserves, there needs to be funding tasked with this function.

DISCUSSION:

Establish a funding source for software such as Voeci (example) so that cities can communicate with each other during an Emergency Operation Center activation. The vendor went through the County Request For Proposal. The Department of Emergency Management received responses from three vendors. They established (RFP) committee and selected Voeci. The project cost is \$188,046 over three years with designated funding in the ESC budget. We are currently facing this issue. Creating a funding stream will allow the ECS to fund items and not face increased costs for these items to city contributions to the JPA. We are currently in negotiations with Voeci.

RECOMMENDATION:

I would recommend that the ESC allow this shift so that this money can be used to fund the Operational Area technology. There will be other needs in the future, and this fund will support the long-range needs.