Bill Horn

SUPERVISOR, FIFTH DISTRICT
SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AGENDA ITEM

DATE: March 19, 2002

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: Coordination, partnership and seamless services for Emergency Service agencies in the unincorporated areas of Fifth District. (District: 5)

SUMMARY:

Overview

The recent Fallbrook Fire was managed well during and after the event by the responding emergency agencies. After every fire it is wise to evaluate all levels of service. The elements of an emergency are: Event, Response, Recovery, Mitigation and Prevention. It is in these areas that we need to look at coordination, partnership and seamless services at all levels including fire, medical, and law enforcement.

Recommendation(s)
SUPERVISOR HORN:

Direct the CAO to work with the emergency agencies serving Fifth District unincorporated areas and report back to the Board within sixty (60) days their findings to:

a. Determine what radio system was used in the Fallbrook Fire: VHF or 800 Mhz and why.
b. Determine if fire agencies that frequently work together should have a common dispatch link.
c. Determine how the County may better interface in the Command portion of major incidents to assist with recovery and mitigation.
d. Determine if the appropriate county departments are assisting the fire service with response, mapping, prevention, and recovery issues.
e. Look at options to make LUEG (Land Use and Environment Group) the coordinating agency for major emergencies i.e. fire, flood, earthquake relating to Event, Response, Recovery, Mitigation and Prevention and come back with a plan for coordinated response.

Fiscal Impact
N/A

Business Impact Statement
N/A

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Advisory Board Statement
N/A

BACKGROUND:

Citizens in the unincorporated areas of North County are served faithfully and efficiently by Fire and EMS agencies. The recent Fallbrook Fire was managed well during and after the event by the responding emergency agencies. In fact, we have been advised that the County's response to this event was the best ever for similar events. After every fire it is wise to evaluate all levels of service. The elements of an emergency are: Event, Response, Recovery, Mitigation and Prevention. It is in these areas that we need to look at coordination, partnership and seamless services at all levels. For instance, communications between fire, medical and law enforcement for emergency response in Fifth District unincorporated areas may need to be streamlined and more efficiently coordinated in order to assure seamless delivery of services. The ability to communicate with neighboring Fire and EMS Agencies in unincorporated areas of North County is essential for quick response in the event of fire, medical emergency or other types of disaster.

Respectfully submitted,

BILL HORN
Supervisor, Fifth District

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AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

CONCURRENCE(S)

COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW	[] Yes	
Written Disclosure per County Charter Section 1000.1 Required	[] Yes	[X] No
GROUP/AGENCY FINANCE DIRECTOR	[] Yes	[X] N/A
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	[] Yes	[X] N/A
Requires Four Votes	[] Yes	[X] No
GROUP/AGENCY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR	[] Yes	[X] N/A
COUNTY TECHNOLOGY OFFICE	[] Yes	[X] N/A
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES	[] Yes	[X] N/A

Other Concurrence(s): N/A

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: District Five

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