



Adopt FEMA Resolution for Authorized Agents

Engineering and Operations Committee

Item 7-7

September 9, 2019

Requested Action

- Approve the Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution for Non-State Agencies

Background

Federal and State Disaster Assistance



- Disaster declared by Governor or the President
- Metropolitan is eligible for disaster assistance
- Over the past 20 years, Metropolitan has received over \$13 million in reimbursement for disaster related damage repairs

Background

Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution

- Required to receive Federal and/or State financial assistance for disaster relief
- Designates the applicant's agent
 - Agent signs official correspondences and receives FEMA reimbursement payments
- Resolution required every 3 years (last Resolution in 2016)



Examples of Recent Reimbursable Events

Fires of 2007 & 2008

- Freeway Complex Fire, Sayre Fire, Rice Fire
- Total reimbursement: \$1.2 Million



OC-71 Service Connection Structure - 2007



Fiber Optic Cable at Diemer - 2008

Rainstorms of 2017

- Flood damage in Orange, Riverside, and San Diego Counties
- Repair of eroded patrol roads and berms
- Total reimbursement: \$600,000



Example of Patrol Road Washout



Repaired Patrol Road

Rainstorms of 2019

- Flood damage in Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego Counties
- Repair of eroded patrol roads, exposed pipeline, and damaged erosion structure
- Applied total reimbursement: \$5.9 Million

Whitewater - Damaged Erosion Protection Structure



Board Options

- Option #1

- Approve the Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution for Non-State Agencies

- Option #2

- Do not approve the Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution for Non-State Agencies

Staff Recommendation

- Option #1



Background

Federal and State Disaster Assistance

- Disaster assistance becomes available when a disaster has been declared by the Governor or the President
- As an agency that provides a vital service, Metropolitan is eligible for disaster assistance for repairing disaster related damage in its service area
- Over the past 20 years, Metropolitan has received over \$13 million in reimbursement for disaster related damage repairs

Background

Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution

- A resolution that designates the applicant's agent is required to receive Federal and/or State financial assistance for disaster relief
- Applicant's agents sign official correspondences and receive FEMA reimbursement payments (3 agents are identified)
- The California Office of Emergency Services requires FEMA applicants to submit a new Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution every 3 years (last Metropolitan Resolution was updated in November 2016)