

August 3, 2015

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT

Resolution No. 8958 authorizing execution of the Regional Coordination Framework Agreement with King County which establishes a cooperative and voluntary platform linking private businesses, nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and special purpose districts to address emergency assistance covering the legal and financial obligations of partners sharing personnel, equipment, materials and/or support during a disaster or major planned event within King County.

FISCAL IMPACT

Pursuant to the Agreement, authorized costs for City of Bellevue resources including employees and equipment that are deployed to provide assistance would be reimbursed by the requesting party.

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POLICY CONSIDERATION

Should the City of Bellevue enter into an agreement with King County for the City to become a member of the King County Regional Coordination Framework which facilitates the reciprocal procurement of emergency assistance during a disaster or major planned event?

BACKGROUND

The Regional Coordination Framework (RCF) is the current evolution of the Regional Disaster Plan which the City signed in March 2002. As with its predecessor, the RCF facilitates a systematic, coordinated, and effective response to multi-agency or multi-jurisdictional disasters or planned events that occur within the geographic boundaries of King County. It provides a framework whereby cooperative relationships can be formed among public, private, tribal and non-profit organizations in order to accomplish this common goal.

Through the implementation of this framework, the resources and capabilities of the public, private, tribal and non-profit sectors can be more efficiently utilized to minimize the loss of life and property and to protect the environmental and economic health within King County. The RCF is a voluntary guide to regional response and short term recovery actions. Signatory partners are those organizations from the public, private, tribal, and non-profit sectors in geographic King County that are committed to working together in accordance with this framework and have signed the associated Agreement. There is no preferential treatment or priority given to those partners who are signatory to the Agreement versus those who are not. The benefit of being a signatory partner to the RCF

and the Agreement is to save time during a disaster by having decision making authority for jurisdictions already in place and on file.

The RCF applies to any disaster or planned event that concurrently challenges multiple jurisdictions or multiple disciplines within King County or affects a single entity to such a degree that it relies upon external assistance. The Framework and the associated Agreement are intended to be utilized in conjunction with other state and local emergency plans, including but not limited to mutual aid agreements such as the Intra-state Mutual Aid System (within Washington State), the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC: state-to-state), other public, non-governmental organization, tribal, or private sector agreements, and the Pacific Northwest Emergency Management Arrangement (PNEMA: States of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington and the Province of British Columbia).

The RCF addresses strategic response activities and allocation of incoming scarce resources for those disasters or planned events where normal emergency response processes and capabilities become overtaxed, or where there is a need for regional coordination of response operations shared situational awareness and coordinated public information due to the complexity or duration of the disaster(s). Although the focus is on disaster response, the RCF assumes future coordinated efforts to address regional protection, mitigation, preparedness, and recovery issues. Likewise, while relationships with other counties and neighboring jurisdictions are not specifically included in the RCF, they are not precluded from participating as a partner.

Additional information on the RCF can be found at the following web site:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/safety/prepare/EmergencyManagementProfessionals/Plans/RegCoordFramework.aspx>

EFFECTIVE DATE

If approved, this Resolution becomes effective immediately.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing execution of the Regional Coordination Framework Agreement with King County which establishes a cooperative and voluntary platform linking private businesses, nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and special purpose districts to address emergency assistance covering the legal and financial obligations of partners sharing personnel, equipment, materials and/or support during a disaster or major planned event within King County.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1.

MOTION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 8958 authorizing execution of the Regional Coordination Framework Agreement with King County which establishes a cooperative and voluntary platform linking private businesses, nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and special purpose districts to address emergency assistance covering the legal and financial obligations of partners sharing personnel, equipment, materials and/or support during a disaster or major planned event within King County.

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Resolution No. 8958

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL DOCUMENT LIBRARY

The Regional Coordination Framework Agreement (Regional Coordination Framework for Disasters and Planned Events for Public and Private Organizations in King County, Washington)