

**City of Culver City, California
Agenda Item Report**

Meeting Date: 10/10/11		Item Number: <u> C-8 </u>	
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM: Adoption of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Culver City Designating Agents by Title Authorized to Execute Applications and Other Related Documents for and on Behalf of the City of Culver City for Financial Assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the State Emergency Management Agency (CAL EMA) for Recovering Costs Associated with Declared Emergencies			
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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☐ No ☒		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☐ Attachments: ☒	
Commission Action Required: Yes ☐ No ☒		Date: _____	
PUBLIC NOTIFICATION – Meetings and Agendas – City Council (10/05/11)			
Department Approval: Chris Sellers (9/28/11)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by L. Vidra 9/29/11)	
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (10/04/11)		City Manager Approval: John M. Nachbar (10/05/11)	
<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution designating agents by title authorized to execute applications and other related documents for and on behalf of the City of Culver City for financial assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the state Emergency Management Agency (CAL EMA) for recovering costs associated with declared emergencies. <u>BACKGROUND</u> The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988, codified at 42 U.S.C. sections 5121-5207 (the “Stafford Act”), provides the authority for the federal government to respond to declared disasters and emergencies in order to provide assistance to save lives and to protect public health, safety, property and the environment. In addition, the Stafford Act authorizes the President of the United States to make contributions to state and local governments to help repair or reconstruct public facilities, to pay for emergency response, and to provide grants for the development of plans and programs for disaster preparedness. To be eligible for reimbursement of costs associated with declared emergencies, a resolution of the governing body of the municipality must be filed with CAL EMA. CAL EMA has recently passed a new policy requiring forms and authorizations to be updated and re-adopted every three years. The City has not previously			

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adopted this type of universal resolution. In the past, the City adopted a resolution for disaster reimbursement, but it was specific to one incident (Resolution 2005-R011, pertaining to a hillside slope failure).

DISCUSSION

The adoption of this resolution grants authority to the individuals in designated City positions to apply for financial assistance and reimbursement applications for the purpose of obtaining certain federal and financial assistance made available by the Stafford Act, and/or state financial assistance under the California Disaster Assistance Act, and to file the same with the State Emergency Management Agency on behalf of the City of Culver City.

The State will not authorize reimbursement to the City for cost of disaster expenditures until a resolution is filed.

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the proposed resolution, which designates the positions of City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Chief Financial Officer, Fire Chief and Police Chief, and any of their designees, to execute financial assistance and reimbursement applications. The resolution assumes that these proposed authorized agents will abide by all assurances and agreements as stated in the project application for the California Disaster Assistance Act Program as provided by the state of California Emergency Management Agency.

FISCAL IMPACT

Without the adoption of this resolution, state and federal funds specifically targeting disaster response, reconstruction and rebuilding efforts could be delayed.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Resolution

MOTION:

That the City Council:

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