



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: CEO / OES
Department No.: 990
For Agenda Of: September 15, 2009
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director Michael D. Harris, Emergency Operations Chief
Contact Info: Richard Abrams, Emergency Manager
Office of Emergency Services, 560-1081
SUBJECT: Resolution Adopting the National Incident Management System (NIMS) into Emergency Planning and Management

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: No

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors adopts the resolution ensuring integration of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) into Santa Barbara County emergency planning and management.

Summary Text:

The President in Homeland Security Directive-5, issued February 2003, directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer NIMS. NIMS provides a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, local and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from domestic incidents. The Santa Barbara County Operational Area, and its entities, already utilize NIMS in their planning and response efforts. This ministerial resolution, seeks to formally recognize the use of NIMS. Not adopting the resolution may jeopardize future federal Homeland Security Grants and other emergency funding and reimbursement opportunities.

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) Background:

Years ago field emergency responders developed a system to assist in the organization of field personnel and equipment to an emergency. This system identified a “Management Section”, headed by an Incident Commander that was responsible for the tactical execution of the incident. Other sections addressed obtaining additional resources (“Logistics Section”), tracking the incident costs and contracting for services (“Finance & Administration Section”), planning for what might realistically happen with the incident (“Planning Section”) and executing the mission by coordinating field resources (“Operations Section”). As incidents continued to occur between agencies and jurisdictions, California developed the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS).

Where the ICS addresses the field-level of response, SEMS seeks to ensure overall policy, management and support of the incident(s). This is particularly important when there are multiple incidents in different jurisdictions involving multiple agencies. After the September 11th terrorist attacks on America, coordination problems were identified. As such, the Federal government, looking at SEMS as a model, developed NIMS.

The California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) is responsible for overall statewide integration of NIMS and the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) to meet federal requirements. NIMS is the federal version of emergency incident management. SEMS is the state version of emergency management and mirrors NIMS. Both SEMS and NIMS are based on the incident command system (ICS). The resolution before the Board restates, as a matter of record, that the Santa Barbara County Operational Area adopts and follows the NIMS, SEMS, and ICS.

This adoption will also be consistent with the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) for the Santa Barbara County Operational Area. The EOP has been undergoing significant update and has received input from numerous local agencies and jurisdictions. A new EOP will be brought to the Board for adoption in the very near future.

Performance Measure:

The management of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) shall be consistent with NIMS and SEMS at all times. During an incident(s), cooperating agencies to the Office of Emergency services shall operate in accordance with NIMS and SEMS.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: N/A

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund	0	0	0
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	0	0	0

Narrative:

The National Incident Management System (NIMS) is a federal mandate required for certain Federal Homeland Security Grant applications and will improve service during a federal declared emergency. Adoption of the resolution will have no additional financial impacts.

Special Instructions:

Please return executed copies to:
Richard Abrams, CEM, Emergency Manager
Office of Emergency Services
105 East Anapamu Street, Suite 3

Attachments:

NIMS Resolution.

Authored by:

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Office of Emergency Services

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS)	Resolution No. _____
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WHEREAS, the President in Homeland Security Directive-5, directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, local and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity; and

WHEREAS, the collective input and guidance from all Federal, State, local and tribal homeland security partners has been, and will continue to be, vital to the development, effective implementation and utilization of a comprehensive national incident management system; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable that all Federal, State, local and tribal emergency agencies and personnel coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest levels of incident management; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the most efficient and effective incident management it is critical that Federal, State, local, and tribal organizations utilize standardized terminology, standardized organizational structures, interoperable communications, consolidated action plans, unified command structures, uniform personnel qualification standards, uniform standards for planning, training, and exercising, comprehensive resource management, and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters; and

WHEREAS, the NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities, and resources will continue to assist the County of Santa Barbara's ability to utilize State and Federal funding to enhance local readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes; and

WHEREAS, the California's Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) meets the objectives of the NIMS; and

WHEREAS, the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks (9-11 Commission) recommended adoption of a standardized Incident Command System;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Santa Barbara, a political subdivision of the State of California, will continue to integrate the NIMS into the emergency management system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Santa Barbara utilizes emergency management systems consistent with the integration of the NIMS and the SEMS used by the State of California in its current and future revisions to the County of Santa Barbara Emergency Management Plan (EMP, formally entitled "Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)"); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) for their information and action as necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Santa Barbara recognizes the importance of many non-government organizations, associations, utilities, volunteer, and private sector incident management and response organizations and therefore encourages NIMS adoption and use by such organizations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 15th day of September, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

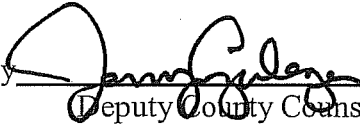
Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara

ATTEST:
MICHAEL F. BROWN
CLERK OF THE BOARD

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

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Regarding The National Incident Management System (NIMS)
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APPROVED AS TO FORM
DENNIS MARSHALL

By  _____
Deputy County Counsel

