

STAFF REPORT*CITY OF OCEANSIDE*

DATE: May 18, 2011

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Fire Department

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE DESIGNATING PERSONNEL AUTHORIZED TO PROCESS FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS FOR THE STATE AND FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing specific city personnel to process financial documents for state and federal disaster assistance. California Emergency Management Agency (Cal-EMA) is requiring the City of Oceanside to update this authorization to be compliant in the disaster funds process.

BACKGROUND

The winter storms of 2010 that impacted the region resulted in a national declaration of a disaster. San Diego County qualified under the declaration and thus is entitled to seek federal funding to offset damages caused by the storm. The Robert T. Stafford Act and the Natural Disaster Assistance Act allows local entities to seek reimbursement funding from both the state and federal government. Cal-EMA (formerly California OES) is updating the authorization process for local communities and is now requiring updated resolutions every three years. The City of Oceanside last passed a resolution on this issue on March 3, 1999 (Resolution R99-033).

ANALYSIS

It is necessary to comply with Cal-EMA's mandate to update our resolution regarding this matter. The previous resolution listed the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Fire Chief and Community Services Director. Since the Community Services Director is no longer a position, it is the recommendation of staff to place the Chief of Police as the fourth designee. The Police Chief is a sworn official who deals directly with disaster response and would be an appropriate addition. The Assistant City Manager is no longer a position and will be replaced with Deputy City Manager. It is imperative the City comply with this process in order to qualify for funding not only for the winter storms of 2010, but for any future natural disaster that impacts our City.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact is in effect zero to pass this resolution. However, non-compliance could have a tremendous negative fiscal impact on the city in the future. We are currently seeking an estimated \$50,000 to \$75,000 reimbursement from damages that occurred in December of 2010.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

None

CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

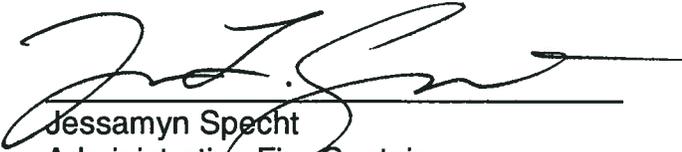
The referenced documents have been reviewed by the City Attorney and approved as to form.

RECOMMENDATION

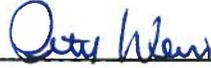
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Attachments:

1 RESOLUTION NO. _____

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
3 OCEANSIDE DESIGNATING PERSONNEL AUTHORIZED TO
4 PROCESS FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS FOR STATE AND
5 FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE

6 WHEREAS, the City of Oceanside has expended and will continue to expend funds
7 preparing for and responding to disasters and major emergencies;

8 WHEREAS, the City of Oceanside is eligible to apply for state and federal disaster
9 assistance under the state Natural Disaster Assistance Act and the federal Robert T. Stafford
10 Act (PL – 288 as amended); and

11 WHEREAS, in order to receive any state and federal disaster assistance funds it is
12 necessary for the City Council to authorize personnel to process the required financial
13 documents.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oceanside does resolve as follows:

15 SECTION 1. The City Manager, Deputy City Manager, Fire Chief and Police Chief
16 are hereby authorized to provide to the California Emergency Management Agency and the
17 Federal Emergency Management Agency the written assurances and agreements required for
18 all matters pertaining to such state and federal disaster assistance.

19 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Oceanside, California,
20 this 18th day of May, 2011, by the following vote:

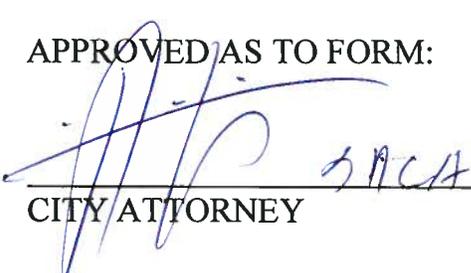
21 AYES:
22 NAYS:
23 ABSENT:
24 ABSTAIN:

25 _____
26 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE

27 ATTEST:

28 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY CLERK



CITY ATTORNEY

