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DATE: November 18, 2021
TO: Emergency Planning Council
FROM: Bill Boyd, Emergency Manager
RE: Consideration of approval of the 2021 Ventura County Emergency Operations Plan

REQUEST

The Ventura County Sheriff Office of Emergency Services staff requests the Emergency Planning Council approval the updated 2021 Ventura County Emergency Operations Plan.

DISCUSSION

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services is responsible for updating the Operational Area Emergency Operations plan on a 3-year cycle. The Emergency Operations Plan addresses the County of Ventura's planned response to extraordinary emergency situations and natural, human caused or technological disasters. The plan does not address normal day-to-day emergencies, or the well-established and routine procedures used in handling such emergencies. Instead, the operational concepts reflected in this plan focus on potential large-scale disasters that can generate unique situations requiring unusual emergency responses. In addition, this plan designates the County of Ventura as part of the California Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) and the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

The Office of Emergency Services initiated a contract in May of 2020 with Terra Firma Enterprises to assist with meeting facilitation and the authoring of plan enhancements. A primary stakeholder group comprised of key county officials was assembled and to date, over 12 virtual meetings have taken place. In addition to the primary stakeholder group, a disability, access, and functional needs (DAFN) group was established and has been instrumental in providing feedback on a number of critical items. The development of this group stemmed from 255 invitations soliciting participation in this emergency planning process by which 55 representatives from various Ventura County organizations agreed to participate.

In February of 2021, the 350-page plan was posted on ReadyVenturaCounty.org in English and Spanish, and a press release and social media posts were published inviting the public to review the plan and provide feedback. The feedback period remained open for well over 7 months while staff continued to facilitate minor changes to the document. All feedback received was reviewed and where appropriate, modifications were made to the plan. As the plan update process concluded, the Office of Emergency Services conducted a series of 5 virtual town hall workshops by which the plan was shared with the community and one additional opportunity to provide feedback was solicited. Lastly, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services provided a courtesy review of the plan and determined it met all necessary requirements.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Ventura County Emergency Planning Council adopt the 2021 Ventura County Emergency Operations Plan and recommend review and approval by the Ventura County Board of Supervisors.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Emergency Operations Plan PowerPoint Presentation

Attachment 2 – 2021 Emergency Operations Plan Update