



London N. Breed
Mayor

Mohammed Nuru
Director

San Francisco Public Works
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl.
Room 348
San Francisco, CA 94102
tel 415-554-6920

sfpublicworks.org
facebook.com/sfpublicworks
twitter.com/sfpublicworks
twitter.com/mrcleansf

TO: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
FROM: Jeremy Spitz, Special Assistant for Legislative Affairs
DATE: March 20, 2019
SUBJECT: Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

The California Emergency Services Act (Government Code, Sections 8550 et seq. and Sections 8630 et seq.) authorizes political subdivisions, including the City and County of San Francisco, to provide mutual aid to any affected area in periods of local emergency. Presently, 19 counties and 155 cities throughout the State of California have become parties to the Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement, including Marin County and Solano County. The Agreement is a means for public works agencies to give and receive mutual aid quickly following a catastrophic disaster, such as a large earthquake. It is voluntary and participating agencies are under no obligation to provide or deplete their own resources.

San Francisco Public Works wishes to become a party to the Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement. The agreement procedures require a signature page and a resolution from the governing body. If given approval to enter into the agreement, the department's signature page would be added to the original 1989 agreement. The recital terms of that agreement follow below.

PUBLIC WORKS MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

This Mutual Aid Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into by those parties who have adopted and signed this Agreement.

WHEREAS, the California Office of Emergency Services, the League of California Cities, the County Supervisors Association of California, and the American Public Works Association have expressed a mutual interest in the establishment of a plan to facilitate and encourage public works mutual aid agreements between political subdivisions throughout California; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have determined that it would be in their best interests to enter into an agreement that implements that plan and sets forth procedures and the responsibilities of the parties whenever emergency personnel, equipment and facility assistance is provided from one party's Public Works Department to the other; and

WHEREAS, no party should be in a position of depleting unreasonably its own resources, facilities, or services providing such mutual aid; and

RECEIVED
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SAN FRANCISCO

2019 MAR 26 PM 12:34

BY

WHEREAS, such an agreement is in accord with the California Emergency Services Act set forth in Title 2, Division 1, Chapter 7 (Section 8550 et seq.) of the Government Code and specifically with Article 14 (Section 8630 et seq.) of the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE CONDITIONS AND COVENANTS CONTAINED HEREIN, THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. For this Agreement, the following terms shall be ascribed the following meanings:
 - A. "Coordinator" shall mean the person designated by each party to act on behalf of that party on all matters relative to mutual aid, to include but no be limited to requests, responses, and reimbursement.
 - B. "Local Emergency" shall mean the actual or threatened existence of conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons or property within the territorial limits of one of the parties caused by human or natural conditions such as air pollution, fire, flood, storm, wind, earthquake, explosion, transportation accident, hazardous material problem, tsunami, sudden or severe energy shortage, epidemic, riot or other occurrences, other than conditions resulting from a labor controversy, which occurrences, or the immediate threat thereof, are likely to be beyond the control of personnel, equipment or facilities of the other party are therefore desired to combat.
 - C. An "Operational Area" for the coordination of public works mutual aid shall normally be a County and all the jurisdictions within the County that are parties to this Agreement. A different public works operational area may be established by the parties in some unique cases.
2. Coordinators designated by each party shall be designated by Title, Name, Address and Phone Number, and if said Coordinator changes, the other parties of the Agreement shall be notified in writing as soon as practical after the appointment has been made through the Agreement Coordinator designated in Paragraph 18 hereinafter.
3. When a Local Emergency has been proclaimed by party's governing body or authorized official, the Coordinator may request assistance.
4. When request for assistance is received, the assisting Coordinator shall promptly advise of the extent of response, provide whatever personnel, equipment, and /or facilities as can be provided without jeopardizing the safety of persons or property within their jurisdiction. No party receiving a request for assistance shall be under any obligation to provide assistance or incur any liability for not complying with the request.
5. When the assisting Coordinator's personnel, equipment, and /or facilities are no longer required or when assisting Coordinator advises that the resources are required within their own jurisdiction, the requesting Coordinator shall immediately arrange for the return of those resources.
6. Requesting party shall be responsible for the safekeeping of the resources provided by the assisting party. Requesting Coordinator shall remain in charge of the incident or occurrence and shall provide control and direction to the resources provided by the assisting party. The request may include for providing supervisory personnel to take direct charge of the resources under the general direction of the requesting Coordinator. Requesting Coordinator shall make arrangements for housing and feeding, assisting personnel, fueling, servicing, and repair of equipment if such support is requested by assisting Coordinator. Assisting party's personnel shall not be deemed employees of requesting party and vice versa.

7. The requesting party agrees to pay all direct, indirect, administrative and contracted costs of assisting party incurred as a result of providing assistance pursuant to this Agreement, based upon standard rates applicable to assisting party's internal operations. Payment shall be made within sixty (60) days after receipt of a detailed invoice. Requesting party shall not assume any liability for the direct payment of any salary or wages to any officer or employee of assisting party.
8. Requesting party shall hold harmless, indemnify, and defend the assisting party, its officers, agents, and employees against all liability, claims, losses, demands or actions for injury to, or death of, a person or persons, or damages to property arising out of, or alleged to arise out of or in consequence of, this Agreement provided such liability, claims, losses, demands, or actions are claimed to be due to the acts of omissions of the requesting party, its officers, agents, or employees, or employees of the assisting party working under the direction and control of the requesting party when the act or omission of such assisting party employee occurs or is alleged to occur within the scope of employment under the direction and control of the requesting party.
9. When mutual aid is provided, the requesting and assisting agencies, will keep account records of the personnel, equipment, and materials provided as required by Federal and State (NDAA) and FEMA guidelines to maximize the possibility of Federal and State disaster reimbursement. Each party shall have access to other party's records for this purpose.
10. Agreement shall take effect immediately upon its execution and shall remain in effect until terminated.
11. Any party may withdraw from agreement without cause upon delivery of sixty (60) days prior written notice to the Agreement Coordinator designated in Paragraph 18 hereinafter.
12. To the extent that they are inconsistent with this agreement all prior agreements for public works mutual aid between the parties hereto are hereby null and void.
13. Requests for mutual aid assistance under this Agreement when more than one County is impacted by a disaster, should be channeled through the appropriate Regional State Office of Emergency Services to ensure maximum effectiveness in allocating resources to the highest priority needs.
14. Requests for Public Works assistance from outside of an operational area should be channeled through the authorized emergency management organizations for the requesting and providing parties' operational areas.
15. Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement, or the breach thereof, shall be settled by arbitration in accordance with the Rules of the American Arbitration Association and judgement on the award rendered by the arbitrators(s) may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof.
16. This agreement in no way acts to abrogate or waive any immunity available under the Tort Claims Act.

17. Initial signatories to this Agreement are:

Los Angeles County
Orange County

18. The County of Los Angeles shall act as the initial Agreement coordinator of this program for the purpose:

- a. Receipt of new members to the Agreement.
- b. Maintaining a current list of signatory parties and representatives.
- c. Circulating annually a list of all parties and Representatives to all signatory parties.
- d. Arranging for amendments to agreement as may be necessary.

The party acting as Agreement Coordinator may transfer these responsibilities to another party with the consent of that party and upon notification of the other parties to the Agreement.

19. All signatory parties agree that any other qualified public agency or quasi-public agency may become a party to this agreement by executing a duplicate copy of this agreement and sending same to the Agreement Coordinator, initially the County of Los Angeles addressed as follows:

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
900 South Fremont Avenue
Alhambra. CA 91803-1331
Attention: Disaster Services Coordinator