

RESOLUTION

San Mateo County Emergency Services Council

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RESOLUTION CONFIRMING DISASTER SERVICE WORKER (DSW) AUTHORIZED DESIGNEE STATUS TO CERT SPONSOR JURISDICTIONS AND AGENCIES IN THE SAN MATEO OPERATIONAL AREA AND DESIGNATING INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY ADMISTER THE DSW OATH

RESOLVED, by the San Mateo County Emergency Services Council, on this 21st day of April 2022, that

WHEREAS, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) administers the State of California Disaster Service Worker Volunteer Program (DSWVP) per the California Emergency Services Act (ESA), Government Code Section 8585.5; and

WHEREAS, California Code of Regulations, Title 19, Section 2570.2 (d) defines a disaster council as a public agency that is empowered to register and direct the activities of disaster service workers within the area of the county and, in this respect, acts as an instrument of the state in aid of carrying out general state government functions and policy with regard to disaster services; and

WHEREAS, the accredited disaster council for the County of San Mateo is the San Mateo County Emergency Services Council (ESC); and

WHEREAS, the accredited disaster service council may also designate in writing another government entity within its jurisdiction to administer the DSW Program to allow greater flexibility and effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, Eligible disaster service is defined in the CA Disaster Service Worker Volunteer Program Guidance as meaning all activities authorized by and carried on pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act (ESA) while assisting any unit of the emergency organization during a proclaimed emergency or during a Search and Rescue mission, including approved, documented, and supervised activities performed to mitigate an imminent threat of extreme peril to life, property & resources, training necessary to engage in such activities, official deployments and official mutual aid (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 19, §§ 2570.1, 2570.2.(b)(1)).

WHEREAS, ESC member jurisdictions maintain Cal OES recognized & FEMA registered Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) programs that have been deployed to ESC member jurisdictions within San Mateo County to provide emergency and non-emergency assistance; and

WHEREAS, under current circumstances when volunteers from programs within the County are deployed within County, despite being sworn in as DSWs by their sponsor jurisdiction or agency, they are still sworn in by the jurisdiction to which they respond, which causes delays in deployment and additional administrative work; and

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2019, the ESC passed a similar resolution for the Coastside Fire Protection District, the San Mateo County Fire Department, the Kings Mountain Fire Brigade and the La Honda Fire CERT programs; and

WHEREAS, the CERT programs have grown in size, stature, and strength where it makes sense for individuals within all of the CERT Sponsor Jurisdictions and Agencies within the San Mateo Operational Area have authority to administer the DSW Oath for their respective CERTs; and

WHEREAS, the ESC is in agreement with the CERT sponsor Jurisdictions and Agencies to grant DSW oath administration authority to ESC member agency staff that hold the position of an Emergency Manager or CERT Program Manager / Coordinator or Fire Service / Law Enforcement Command Staff rank; and

WHEREAS, the CERT sponsor Jurisdictions and Agencies will provide to the San Mateo County Department of Emergency Management on an annual basis, or when a change has occurred, the name of CERT program covered, named individuals being an Emergency Manager or CERT Program Manager / Coordinator or Fire Service / Law Enforcement Command Staff rank, designated to administer the DSW oath.

WHEREAS, the jurisdictions within the San Mateo Operational Area agree that a properly sworn and registered CERT member's DSW status will be recognized by all jurisdictions when mutual aid is sent or received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) sponsor jurisdictions and agencies in the San Mateo Operational Area be Authorized Designees able to administer the DSW Program for their respective Cal OES recognized & FEMA registered programs and select individuals holding positions of Emergency Manager or CERT Program Manager/Coordinator or Fire Service / Law Enforcement Command Staff rank within those CERT programs are authorized to administer the DSW oath; approve training and exercises; and activate CERT teams in accordance with the State DSWVP Guidance. Once sworn in, the DSW status of the CERT Volunteer will be in effect anywhere in the San Mateo Operational Area and will be duly recognized by all jurisdictions within the San Mateo Operational Area.

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