



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



Emergency Services Council Finance Committee Meeting

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August 26, 2025 3:00PM – 4:00PM

Regional Operations Center
501 Winslow Street, Redwood City CA 94063

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AGENDA

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| 1. Roll Call (2 minutes) | Chair |
| 2. Public Comments, Correspondence (Clerk), Announcements (3 minutes) | Clerk |
| 3. Action to Set Agenda and Approve April 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes (5 minutes) | Chair |
| 4. Informational Update and Discussion Regarding Active Procurements and Agreements (15 minutes) | Director |
| 5. Informational Update and Discussion Regarding the Current State of FEMA and Potential Impacts to SMC EM (30 minutes) | Assistant Director |
| 6. Report Outs Related to Emergency Services Council (5 minutes) | Chair & Members |
| 7. Adjournment | Chair |

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Emergency Services Council Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2025

This meeting was called to order at 3:04 PM by Supervisor Lisa Gauthier.

I. Roll Call

Daly City	Council Member Sylvester	Present (Virtual)
Hillsborough	Council Member Chuang	Present
Pacifica	Council Member Boles	Present
San Bruno	Council Vice Chair Medina	Present
San Mateo	Council Chair Gauthier	Present

Attending Agency Representatives:

- Deputy County Executive Ely, County Executive’s Office
- Director Dhapodkar, San Mateo County Emergency Management
- Assistant Director Reynolds, San Mateo County Emergency Management
- Associate Management Analyst Ganapuram, San Mateo County Emergency Management
- Clerk of the Committee, Jen, San Mateo County Emergency Management
- Secretary of the Committee Mak, San Mateo County Emergency Management (Virtual)
- Secretary of the Committee Ruggles, San Mateo County Emergency Management (Virtual)

II. Public Comments, Correspondence, Announcements

- None

III. Action to Set Agenda and Approve Agenda Items

- Approved without objection

IV. Budget Presentation

- Director Dhapodkar noted funding challenges and future uncertainty due to federal grant cuts and increasing costs. The SMC EM 2024-25 budget is ending differently than predicted. SMC EM reviewed all budget items, with estimated cost savings of \$750K.
- Director Dhapodkar explained the FY 2025-26 proposed budget of \$4.7M. The proposed contributions are as follows: County 35%, Cities 35%, Grants 15%, SFO 9%, Trust Fund and Reserve 6% (\$300K). Director Dhapodkar noted that the actual grant contributions are uncertain and thanked the City of Daly City for sharing the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) grant. SMC EM is engaging with regional foundations for financial assistance.
- Operational communication, microwave phone lines into the ROC, has been reinstated in the budget (\$400K).
- Director Dhapodkar estimates \$1.8M to \$2.2M will be needed over the next 5 to 6 years for a replacement HazMat vehicle (\$1.5M to \$1.9M) for San Mateo Consolidated Fire and a replacement Environmental Health lab vehicle (\$300K). Consolidated will maintain the HazMat apparatus, but it belongs to JPA.
- Director Dhapodkar recommends ESC allocate \$150K/year from the Trust Fund for 5 to 6 years to a Vehicle Replacement Sinking Fund, raising \$750K. The remaining \$400K may come from the reserve, trust fund, and additional grants.
- Councilmembers recommended that SMC EM build partnerships with biotech companies, BART, SFO, and cities with multiple HazMat incidents (e.g., East Palo Alto) and then request donations to raise funds. The City of Hillsborough also recommended that SMC EM present the proposed budget at city council meetings.

V. Members Report

- Nothing to report.

VI. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 PM.

VII. Announcement of the next meeting: June 2, 2025.



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Date: August 26, 2025

To: Emergency Services Council (ESC)

Cc: Adam Ely, Deputy County Executive

From: Dr. Shruti Dhapodkar, Director

Subject: Informational Update and Discussion Regarding Active Procurements and Agreements

San Mateo County Emergency Management (SMC EM) is currently reviewing the existing agreements related to the Hazardous Materials (HazMat) response contract and the San Francisco International Airport (SFO) service contract.

As part of the review process, SMC EM has initiated discussions with partners at San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department and SFO. These conversations are focused on evaluating the terms of the current contracts and identifying potential updates to align with operational needs and mutual expectations.

SMC EM is taking a proactive approach regarding the contract with San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department for HazMat response services, which is in effect from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026. Additionally, the most recent amendment to the intergovernmental agreement between the City and County of San Francisco, acting through its Airport Commission for emergency services at SFO, is effective from November 10, 2020, through November 9, 2026, with an option to extend for an additional two years.

Further updates will be provided as discussions progress and proposed revisions are finalized.



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Subject: Informational Update and Discussion Regarding the Current State of FEMA and Potential Impacts to SMC EM

FEMA is making programmatic adjustments that will affect local emergency management nationwide. These changes primarily concern funding priorities, amounts and timing, alert and warning systems, and training support.

- **Funding**
Pre-disaster Federal funding is becoming more restricted, with possible cuts and greater emphasis placed on border security, counterterrorism, and specific national hazard priorities. This represents a shift that has already impacted grant allocations.
- **Alert and Warning**
Alert and warning remains a core focus for FEMA, described as the backbone of public safety communication. Program changes could be expected.
- **Training**
Funding and availability for FEMA-sponsored training programs are being reduced. While online modules and regional training hubs will continue, the scope and accessibility of in-person and immersive courses are being downsized. This will reduce opportunities for local jurisdictions to send staff to federally funded exercises and training events.

Given our established local and regional collaboration, the ESC-JPA is positioned to examine potential pathways forward. These may include enhancing advocacy efforts at the state and federal levels, engaging in public-private partnerships to leverage additional resources, aligning with regional partners to strengthen competitiveness for federal funding, elevating local financing mechanisms to sustain essential programs, and advancing data-driven approaches that reflect FEMA's evolving priorities.



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Agenda



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**Report Outs Related to
Emergency Services Council**
Chair



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Roll Call

Supervisor Gauthier



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Public Comments, Correspondence, Announcements

Clerk Jen



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Supervisor Gauthier



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Director Dhapodkar



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Assistant Director Reynolds

FEMA
A Shifting Landscape

Funding
Alert & Warning
Training



Funding

States Expected to Take the Lead



Priority Areas with Homeland Security Focus:

- Protecting soft targets and crowded places
- Supporting Homeland Security Task Forces and fusion centers
- Cybersecurity
- Election security
- Supporting border crisis response and enforcement

Alert & Warning



FEMA continues to support the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS), which delivers alerts via:

- Emergency Alert System (EAS)
- Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA)
- NOAA Weather Radio (NWR)

Training



Elimination of training has already happened at the federal level.

This affects:

- Law
- Fire
- Emergency Management (EM)
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- State Programs

Opportunity Zones

Solutions We Might Consider



*FEMA is opening up new opportunity zones for counties and states to take the lead in disaster preparedness. These zones aren't geographic in the traditional sense—they're **funding and strategic focus areas** where local governments can step in and lead.*



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Report Outs Related to Emergency Services Council

Supervisor Gauthier

THANK YOU



Together Forward.