



AGENDA REPORT

Department: Fire Department
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Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 7, 2025
Approved by: Scott W. Huth, City Manager

SUBJECT:

Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the City of National City and the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for Participation in the Safety Assessment Program (SAP).

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the Resolution Entitled, “Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for the Safety Assessment Program (SAP).”

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE PRIOR ACTION:

Not Applicable.

EXPLANATION:

The Safety Assessment Program (SAP), managed by Cal OES, provides licensed engineers, architects, geologists, certified building and public works inspectors, and trained SAP Coordinators to assist local governments in evaluating the safety of buildings and infrastructure following disasters.

The City of National City has identified the need to access SAP evaluators in the aftermath of a disaster. This MOU with Cal OES formalizes the framework for requesting or providing SAP resources. It defines responsibilities for both parties and ensures alignment with state emergency management best practices.

Under the MOU, the City agrees to provide deployment details to Cal OES, cover reasonable travel and lodging costs for SAP personnel (excluding State SAP personnel), deputize SAP evaluators as deputy building inspectors, and maintain activity logs. Cal OES will make reasonable efforts to provide SAP personnel, coordinate deployments, and communicate deployment details.

The MOU does not obligate funds or create legally binding obligations. Activities are contingent on available resources and funding. Approval of this agreement strengthens the City’s disaster recovery capacity and ensures access to qualified evaluators during emergencies, enhancing community resilience and safety.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the approval of this MOU. Costs related to deployment, if incurred, will be managed as part of a disaster response and may be reimbursable under state or federal disaster assistance programs.

RELATED CITY COUNCIL 2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Public Safety

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

This is not a project under CEQA and is therefore not subject to environmental review. CCR15378; PRC 21065.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:

The Agenda Report was posted at least 72 hours before the Regular Meeting date and time, and 24 hours before a Special Meeting in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act.

ORDINANCE:

Not Applicable

EXHIBITS:

Exhibit A – MOU

Exhibit B – Resolution