



Legislation Text

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SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution 2023-22 Designating the City Manager or Deputy City Manager as the Authorized Agent for the State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers adopting Resolution 2023-22 designating the City Manager or Deputy City Manager as the authorized agent for the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES).

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion adopting **Resolution 2023-22**, a Resolution of the City of Council of the City of Merced, California, designation of authorized agent to file applications and execute documents required to obtain disaster relief assistance.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve as recommended by Staff; or,
2. Approve, subject to other than recommended by Staff; or,
3. Deny; or,
4. Refer to Staff for reconsideration of specific items or,
5. Continue to a future meeting.

AUTHORITY

City of Merced Charter, Section 200

CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Public Safety, as provided for in the 2022-23 Adopted Budget.

DISCUSSION

The State of California, Cal OES requires a Resolution authorizing a public entity to submit applications for the purpose of obtaining federal financial assistance, under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. If this Resolution is approved, it will serve as a universal resolution which will be effective for all open and future disasters up to three (3) years following the date of City Council approval. The Resolution designates the City Manager or Deputy City Manager to serve as the City's Authorized Agent with respect to applications for financial assistance for disasters.

On May 4, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution 2020-21, which designated the City Manager or Assistant City Manager as the Authorized Agents for the State of Cal OES. This designation is effective until May 4, 2023, and it must be renewed every three years. This designation applies to any

disaster such as the January 2023 floods.

During the recent rainstorms, several City departments participated in efforts to protect the City from flooding and spent numerous hours preparing for an emergency/disaster response. The Resolution will allow the City to meet Cal OES requirements for reimbursement purposes. Without this Resolution, the City will not be eligible for emergency and/or disaster recovery reimbursement from the State.

If approved, copies of the executed Resolution will be forwarded to the Merced County OES, which acts on behalf of the County of Merced in its capacity as the lead agency for the Operational Area.

IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES

There is no General Fund fiscal impact related to submission of the Resolution. The City may receive a reimbursement or other federal aid.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution 2023-22
2. Cal OES Form 89 - Project Assurances for Federal Assistance