



AGENDA REPORT

City Council

DATE:	October 24, 2023
TO:	Mayor Martinez and Members of the City Council
FROM:	Councilmember Bana and Councilmember Zepeda
Subject:	Itemize Budget for Public Emergency Preparedness for Public Disasters-Earthquake and Wildfire
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	Requesting \$1,090,000 to address immediate needs. Potential funding sources: General Fund and Measure X
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:	None
STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:	To establish an itemized list of actions and budget to increase awareness, education, and training on public emergency preparedness for Public Disasters-Earthquake and Wildfire.
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	RECEIVE a presentation from Councilmember Bana; and PROVIDE DIRECTION to City staff to develop a funding plan of \$1.09 million for wildfire and earthquake safety in November 2023, and return with an additional proposal for appropriations during Mid-Year Fiscal Year 2023-24 – Councilmembers Soheila Bana (510-779-7280) and Cesar Zepeda (510-620-6593).

DISCUSSION:

The Richmond Fire Department Office of Emergency Services (OES) leads the City in comprehensive emergency management including planning and preparedness for, response and recovery from, and mitigation of natural, manmade, and accidental incidents of high consequence.

Through innovative and effective coordination, management, and leadership, OES will optimize the City's capability to preserve life, stabilize & resolve incidents, limit loss, conserve property, and ensure continuity of operations and government. OES works with neighboring agencies, including agencies across the county and the nation to share plans, explore best practices and develop collaborative relationships to ensure the most effective and efficient response and recovery efforts.

These preparedness activities contribute directly to the ability of local government to respond to and recover from the effects of a major disaster, in an efficient and effective manner.

Goals:

- Wildfire Mitigation and Prevention
- Vegetation Management & Fuel Reduction
- Earthquake Community Preparedness
- Increase Public Awareness & Preparedness

Estimated Long-term Needs:

\$300,000 for Goats for Fuel Reduction,
\$400,000 for Citywide Public Disaster Preparedness Study & Planning, Richmond
Public Works
\$390,000 for Richmond Fire Department

Total amount: \$1,090,000

A citywide Public Disaster Preparedness Study & Planning showcases an emergency management cycle that names phases of mitigation, preparedness, response, recovery that depend on each other to be successful.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

Attachment 1– Public Emergency Preparedness PowerPoint