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LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FILE NO. 16-037

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM:  Ralph M. Terrazas, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: CERTIFIED UNIFIED PROGRAM AGENCY EVALUATION FEEDBACK
FOR DECEMBER 2015

FINAL ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved w/Corrections	<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn
	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied	<input type="checkbox"/> Received & Filed	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

SUMMARY

The California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) along with the California Emergency Management Agency, Office of the State Fire Marshal, Department of Toxic Substances Control, and the State Water Resources Control Board, conducted a program evaluation, from July 29 through July 31, 2014, of the Los Angeles Fire Department's (LAFD) Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA).

This evaluation is mandated by the Health and Safety Code, Chapter 6.121, to be conducted at least once every three years, in order to verify the Certified Program Agency's implementation of the Unified Program (UP).

On March 8, 2016, a representative from the CalEPA and the State Water Resources Control Board visited our office to provide an update of their assessment on our progress. Both agencies agree that the majority of the deficiencies have been corrected but due to inconsistent performance by the LAFD CUPA during past triennial evaluations, they will maintain the program on a Performance Improvement Agreement for an undetermined amount of time (up to 12 months) in order for the program to demonstrate consistency. They were very pleased by LAFD's ability to recruit a new CUPA Manager and expressed a desire for the program to share their successes with the other State CUPAs at the next CUPA Conference.

Attached for your review are two documents:

1. The 67-page Performance Improvement Agreement, Deficiency Progress Report 4 which lists each deficiency and the corrective action that was taken as well as the State's response to that action.
2. A 3-page cover letter dated March 10, 2016 from Jim Bohon, Assistant Secretary for Local Program Coordination and Emergency Response, CalEPA, providing feedback on the LAFD's update dated January 21, 2016.

The Department will provide a progress report to the Board of Fire Commissioners at a future meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board:
Receive and file this report.

DISCUSSION

The current status of the 19 deficiencies is as follows:

- Five deficiencies corrected
- Fourteen deficiencies are “work in progress”

DEFICIENCY	PROGRAM ELEMENT	STATUS	PROJECTED COMPLETION DATE
# 1	UST	Work in Progress	July 2016
# 2	UST TESTING DOCUMENTS SUBMITTAL	Work in Progress	December 2016
# 3	UST INSPECTION REPORTS	Work in Progress	December 2016
# 4	SOC/UST DATA SUBMITTAL TO STATE	CORRECTED	SEPTEMBER 1, 2015
# 5	UST COMPLIANCE INSPECTIONS - PROCEDURES	Work in Progress	December 2016
# 6	ALL PROGRAMS – INSPECTION REPORTS	Work in Progress	December 2016
# 7	CONSOLIDATED PERMIT - UST	Work in Progress	March 2017
# 8	UST TEST RESULTS – REVIEW	Work in Progress	December 2016
# 9	HMBP SUBMITTAL	Work in Progress	Ongoing
#10	PA – LA COUNTY FIRE	Work in Progress	July 2016
#11	AREA PLAN	Work in Progress	August 2016
#12	APSA INSPECTIONS	Work in Progress	April 2016
#13	HMBP ACCESS TO FIRST RESPONDERS	Work in Progress	July 2016
#14	PA – LA COUNTY FIRE EVALUATION	Work in Progress	April 2016
#15	HEALTH & SAFETY TRAINING	CORRECTED	APRIL 23, 2015
#16	PA – LA COUNTY FIRE	CORRECTED	JULY 2015
#17	PA- LA COUNTY FIRE	CORRECTED	OCTOBER 2015
#18	DTSC REFERRALS	CORRECTED	APRIL 23, 2015
#19	COMPLIANCE, MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT (CME) DATA	Work in Progress	July 2016

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Attachments

Due to the large volume of pages in the attachment of this report, the attachment is not included.

A copy of the entire report can be obtained by contacting the Board of Fire Commissioners Office at (213) 978-3838