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LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FILE NO. 16-102

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM:  Ralph M. Terrazas, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: CERTIFIED UNIFIED PROGRAM AGENCY EVALUATION FEEDBACK
FOR AUGUST 2016

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 Withdrawn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).

I am very pleased to report the State has changed the performance status of the LAFD CUPA program from 'unsatisfactory' to 'satisfactory'. In addition to the status change, the State has also released LAFD CUPA from the Program Improvement Agreement. This is a very significant and well received change for the CUPA program and would not be possible without strong leadership, skilled management and the exemplary performance of the CUPA staff, members and support services from within the Bureau.

The CUPA Program will continue to resolve the remaining deficiencies and is expecting the next CUPA evaluation by California Environmental Protection Agency in January 2017.

Attached for your review are two documents:

1. The 100-page Performance Improvement Agreement, Deficiency Progress Report #6 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 August 24, 2016, from Jim Bohon, Assistant Secretary for Local Program Coordination and Emergency Response, CalEPA, providing feedback on the LAFD's most recent PIA update.

3. A 3-page letter dated August 24, 2016, addressing CalEPA's concerns regarding the education level of sworn LAFD CUPA Inspectors.

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:

- Eleven deficiencies corrected
- Eleven deficiencies are "work in progress"

DEFICIENCY	PROGRAM ELEMENT	STATUS	PROJECTED COMPLETION DATE
# 1	UST	Work in Progress	December 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	CORRECTED	July 2016
#11	AREA PLAN	CORRECTED	August 2016
#12	APSA INSPECTIONS	CORRECTED	April 2016
#13	HMBP ACCESS TO FIRST RESPONDERS	CORRECTED	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	CORRECTED	July 2016

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Attachments

**Due to the large volume of pages of this report
the attachments are not included.**

A copy of the entire report can be obtained by
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