



EMERGENCY ORGANIZATION

**PRE-DISASTER
RECOVERY PLAN**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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CITY OF CHULA VISTA EMERGENCY ORGANIZATION PRE-DISASTER RECOVERY PLAN

Background

The Chula Vista Emergency Organization was formed to provide for the preparation and carrying out of plans for the protection of persons and property within this City in the event of an emergency, and to coordinate the emergency functions of this City with all other public agencies, corporations, organizations, and affected private persons.

The Pre-Disaster Recovery Plan is for use by all City departments to conduct mitigation activities and facilitate post-disaster recovery efforts. The plan provides both strategy and structure to the decision making processes involved in recovery following a catastrophic event. It describes the actions necessary to facilitate successful recovery operations, and identifies the lead and supporting departments for each recommended action.

The Pre-Disaster Recovery Plan supports the City Emergency Operations Plan. Both are living documents that will be continuously updated and modified to reflect current operational procedures, incorporating lessons learned from real-world events, as well as exercises and trainings.

Purpose

The Pre-Disaster Recovery Plan is designed to provide users with recommendations of actions that should be implemented to expedite recovery. The plan is intended to establish parameters prior to disaster in order to help minimize the uncertainty and stress of making uninformed decisions in a chaotic post-disaster environment.

Scope

The Recovery and Reconstruction policies provide the framework from which the plan is based. Focusing recovery efforts on the functional areas listed in this section is the foundation for recovery. The recovery and reconstruction policies address basic human needs, public services, economy, and rebuilding, all foundational components of healthy communities. The recovery and reconstruction policies fall under the following functional areas:

- Residential, Commercial and Industrial Rehabilitation
- Public Sector Services
- Economic Recovery
- Land Use/Re-Use
- Organization and Authority
- Psychological Rehabilitation
- Vital Records
- Interjurisdictional Relationships

Several policies are described within each functional area, and the policies are designed to address the broad spectrum of each functional area. Each policy will list several actions that are necessary to accomplish the policy's mission.

Concept of Operations

The Plan follows the typical recovery format, placing much emphasis on planning for recovery prior to the disaster, and continued execution of recovery operations post-disaster. Recovery is broken into phases, pre-event, post-event-short-term, and post-event long-term, with the needs and focus changing slightly as recovery operations progress.

Pre-Event Policies and Actions

This section contains pre-event policies and the actions necessary to carry them out. Pre-event actions are those that should be addressed and considered for implementation as soon as feasible, to prepare the City for recovery efforts post-event. Pre-event activities are similar to mitigation activities and lay the groundwork for many post-disaster recovery tasks. City departments are currently engaged in or are making preparations for implementation of pre-event recovery activities.

Post-Event Short-Term Policies and Actions

The post-event short-term policies and the actions are those that should be initiated as soon as possible when an emergency occurs, helping to expedite recovery for immediate needs. Short-term recovery is immediate and overlaps with response. It includes actions such as providing essential public health and safety services, restoring interrupted utility and other essential services, reestablishing transportation routes, and providing food and shelter for those displaced by the incident. Although called “short term”, some of these activities may last for weeks.

The Recovery Director in the Emergency Operations Center will work with a team (Recovery Task Force) to execute the implementation of the short-term recovery activities identified in this plan.

Post-Event Long-Term Policies and Actions

Post-event long-term policies and actions are those that continue recovery efforts until conditions are returned to their pre-event status or better. Long-term recovery activities occur from months to years after the disaster has occurred. The Recovery Task Force is also responsible for the implementation of the long-term activities listed in the plan.