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DATE: August 11, 2011

TO: YCH Board of Commissioners

FROM: Lisa A. Baker, Executive Director 

PREPARED BY: Janis R. Holt, Resource Administrator

SUBJECT: **Receive and File Correspondence from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency**

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

That the Board of Commissioners:

1. Receive and file the Correspondence

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

YCH in collaboration with the City of Davis, the City of Winters, the City of West Sacramento, the City of Woodland, the County of Yolo and the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation have developed a partnership to establish a shared Office of Emergency Services to reduce costs, eliminate duplication and provide a centralized, regional focus.

Nancy Ward, Regional Administrator with the US Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Region IX wrote a letter dated July 14, 2011 to Matt Rexroad, Chair of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, recognizing this creative and proactive initiative to maintain a robust emergency management capability for the citizens of Yolo County.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that the Board receive and file the correspondence.

Attachment: Correspondence from US Department of Homeland Security, FEMA Region IX



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Supervisor Matt Rexroad
Chair, Yolo County Board of Supervisors
625 Court Street, Room 204
Woodland, CA 95695


Dear Mr. Chairman:

I read with much interest an article in the June 14, 2011 edition of the *Sacramento Bee* titled "Shared Disaster Services Planned." The article described how Yolo County, four cities within the County, your Housing Authority and the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation are developing a partnership to establish a shared Office of Emergency Services. As planned, it will reduce costs, eliminate duplication, and provide a centralized, regional focus that will enhance collaboration, communication, and team work. I am writing to acknowledge and commend your efforts to ensure a robust emergency management capability for Yolo County and its citizens.

It is no secret that governments at all levels are facing budgetary challenges as funding for many programs is scrutinized and reduced. We at the federal level are facing some serious cuts to our spending accounts which has led to some belt-tightening at our national and regional levels. While we may struggle to adjust to this streamlining, however, an elevated regional level of preparedness to ensure FEMA's support to our many stakeholders during their responses to emergencies and disasters remains our primary regional focus. Similarly, your initiative to combine your regional talents into one operation during these tough budget times is smart in these lean times. I applaud your partnership efforts to ensure a high level of regional capability when it comes to emergency management in Yolo County. Your citizens should be well served.

Thank you for your continued support to the emergency management goals of Yolo County.

Sincerely,


Nancy Ward
Regional Administrator
FEMA Region IX

cc:

Mayor, City of Davis
Mayor, City of West Sacramento
Mayor, City of Winters
Mayor, City of Woodland
Chair, Yolo County Housing Authority
Chairman, Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation