

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF Authorizing the Chief ) RESOLUTION NO. 14-4579  
Operating Officer to Execute an Intergovernmental )  
Agreement For Regional Disaster Preparedness ) Introduced by Chief Operating Officer Martha  
Within the Greater Portland Metropolitan Region ) Bennett in concurrence with Council  
President Tom Hughes

WHEREAS, Metro recognizes the need for coordinated regional disaster preparedness, response and recovery; and

WHEREAS, in 1993 the Metro Council adopted Resolution No. 93-1856, to approve the Regional Emergency Management Workplan and to enter into an intergovernmental agreement to form the Regional Emergency Management Group ("REMG"); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the REMG was to make policy and strategic decisions related to emergency management in the region; and

WHEREAS, a key part of Metro's primary role in emergency management is managing the development and implementation of the regional disaster debris management plan; and

WHEREAS, in 1997 the Metro Council adopted Ordinance No. 97-673, to adopt a Regional Disaster Debris Management Plan and to incorporate the plan into the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, Metro continues to be involved in debris management projects, conducted under federal grants provided under the Urban Areas Strategic Initiative ("UASI"); and

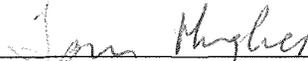
WHEREAS, the Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization ("RDPO") is the all-hazards organization created in the five-county Portland metropolitan region through a merger of the former REMG and UASI; and

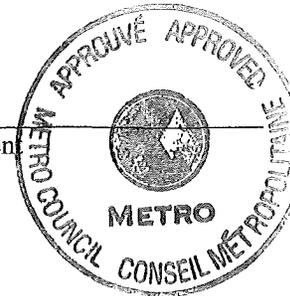
WHEREAS, the RDPO identified Regional Disaster Debris Management Planning as a regional priority; and

WHEREAS, the RDPO intergovernmental agreement formalizes the organization created through a merger of REMG and UASI; now therefore

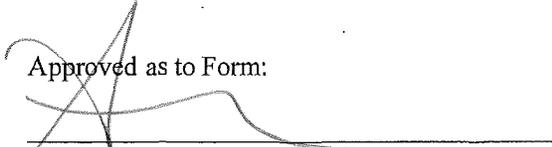
BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council authorized the Chief Operating Officer to enter into the RDPO intergovernmental agreement.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 2014.

  
Tom Hughes, Council President



Approved as to Form:

  
Alison R. Kean, Metro Attorney

## **STAFF REPORT**

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 4579 FOR THE PURPOSE OF Authorizing the Chief Operating Officer to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement For Regional Disaster Preparedness Within the Greater Portland Metropolitan Region

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Adoption of Resolution No. 14-4579 would result in the Council approving Metro Chief Operating Officer to execute and enter into the Intergovernmental Agreement for Regional Disaster Preparedness Within the Greater Portland Metropolitan Region. This Intergovernmental agreement, pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 190.010 to 190.030 and Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Chapter 39.34, by and among counties, cities, regional governments and special districts within Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah and Washington counties in Oregon and Clark County Washington (herein collectively "Participating Jurisdictions"), and supersedes previous agreements for regional emergency management coordination within the aforementioned five county region (hereafter the "Region"). Execution of the agreement would formalize Metro's participation as a participating jurisdiction and member of the core operating group of an intergovernmental organization intended to strengthen and coordinate the Region's disaster preparedness, response, and recovery capabilities and enhance its disaster resilience. The Agreement also outlines the broad operational, administrative and financial processes needed to manage and support the organization. The agreement does not create a separate intergovernmental or legal entity within the meaning of ORS 190.010 to 190.030 and RCW Chapter 39.34 respectively. It does establish an organizational structure and processes for guiding, enhancing, and coordinating disaster preparedness efforts across the Region. . The resulting RDPO would supersede the 2003 IGA which created the Regional Emergency Management Group.

## **BACKGROUND**

### **History of Metro's involvement in disaster preparedness planning**

The Regional Emergency Management Group (REMG) was borne out of a collaboration that started in the early 1990s between Metro, Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI), Federal Emergency Management Agency, the US Geological Survey, and National Institute of Building Sciences to collaborate to conduct geologic hazard analysis and produce earthquake hazard maps and information, including data and maps for the Portland metropolitan area. The string of studies and analysis by the group were funded by federal grant through Congress.

Upon publication of the earthquake hazard information, Metro invited emergency managers in the region to discuss how the data and publications could be used to enhance preparedness for natural and man-made disaster in the region. Discussions that followed paved the way for the formation of the REMG in late 1993 with an IGA (Metro Resolution No. 93-1856), and development of a work plan. REMG was made up of the REMG policy group and technical group -- Regional Emergency Management Technical Committee (REMTEC). Some Metro Councilors and Deputy COO participated in the REMG policy group meetings in the past, while Metro was represented on the REMTEC by the planning and development department staff.

Approval of this resolution would result in an annual contribution of \$11,667 per year to the RDPO. Council has previously approved \$35,000 for this purpose in the fiscal 2014-15 budget. In addition Council has previously approved a FTE for disaster debris management planning and coordination within the Parks and Environmental Services Department. No additional funds will be required beyond that already authorized.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The Chief Operating Officer recommends adoption of Resolution No. 14-4579 which would approve entering the Intergovernmental Agreement for Regional Disaster Preparedness Within the Greater Portland Metropolitan Region.