

# TEMAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

September 19, 2012

## Recommendations for Statewide Mutual Aid

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1. De-conflict and revise language in 418, and establish consistency of process, payment, etc.
2. Establish a regional limit (i.e., communities under 50K) to ask for administrative assistance such as Recovery Officers identified in advance and contracted by the local jurisdiction for an event. *Note: Contractors wages will be reimbursed by FEMA as Direct Administrative Costs.*
3. Establish a template for mutual aid agreements with recommended clear, unambiguous language.
4. Consider distinguishing between “emergency collaboration” and “mutual aid,” where only mutual aid agreements may be reviewed by FEMA for history.
5. Request a template for mutual aid agreements from FEMA, reconcile with state needs/requirements, and then provide that template to communities as a resource. (Assigned to Dr. Walker)
6. Consider assigning time limits of operational periods (12, 18, and 24) to each aspect of mutual aid (local, regional, state).
7. Legislature develops law, state agencies develop rules, and local agencies and departments develop policy. Recommend that TDEM develop rules for mutual aid.
8. Request that the TDEM Recovery Section review reimbursement requirements and establish a list of eligible entities for reimbursement. Confirm none of those entities are excluded from the statewide system. Also provide a list of disallowed requests (Assigned to Ben Patterson)
9. Establish simple listservs (e.g., DDC 20 listserv) for information sharing. Also have listservs for DPS Regions I through VI, Texas EMCs. etc. (Assigned to Suzannah Jones)
10. Amend statewide mutual aid language in 418 to include public safety entities, such as VFDs, EMS (public and private), and ambulances.
11. Consider an education component for statewide mutual aid system recommendations to ensure local, state, and federal stakeholders’ awareness and support.
12. Follow up with FEMA Region 6 about our intent to disseminate the FEMA FCO letter that accepts statewide mutual aid for the disasters last year. Obtain their guidance about the use of that letter as precedent and policy for future acceptance of the statewide mutual aid statute (Assigned to Frank Cantu).
13. Coordinate statewide mutual aid recommendations with the First Responder Advisory Council (FRAC).
14. Convene interested parties from TEMAC/FRAC statewide mutual aid workgroup meeting in early October, from 1000 to 1500 (Assigned to Eric Epley).

## Other

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- Develop a quick reference guide to TDEM for TEMAC members' use (departments, how many employees in each, and quick facts such as # of plans reviewed, # of current PWs) (Assigned to Lauren Allen).
- Develop an organizational chart of the emergency management advisory groups (Assigned to Lauren Allen).
- Disseminate a list of responsibilities for TDEM's Preparedness Section in order for the executive committee to determine composition and organization of a preparedness committee (Assigned to Lauren Allen).
- Disseminate survey results through the TEMAC listserv (Assigned to Lauren Allen).