

2019 Update to the Goleta Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)

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What is the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)?

- The document that guides emergency operations during a disaster
 - Mandated by State and Federal law
- Created in 2006, updated in 2014







Why are we updating the EOP?

- As of 2017, State guidelines require an update every 2 years or after every activation of the plan
- Stay in compliance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS)
 - Falling out of compliance can limit or prevent the City's ability to obtain federal and state funding or disaster cost reimbursement



Goals of the Update

- 1. Create a user-friendly document that assists staff during emergency operations.
- 2. Remove redundant sections and emergency management jargon.
- 3. Create Job Action Sheets (JASs) that provide guidance to staff members on how to fulfill their role within the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).



The Process

- Full revision of the EOP. Submitted first draft for feedback to:
 - City Departments
 - Local partners and Special Districts
 - Office of Emergency Management (OEM)
 - Operational Area Leader
 - City Residents
 - 3 public outreach sessions; daytime and evening, one specifically for Spanish speaking community members.



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The Large Changes

- Easier-to-read language and formatting
- Removed redundant sections
- Increased clarity of emergency roles for staff

- Created Job Action
 Sheets (JASs) for EOC roles
- Updated threat analysis pages
- Created "how-to" pages for declaring an emergency with important timelines



Changes Going Forward

- To conform to the new updated EOP, the City Municipal Code will need changes. Changes are recommended by Public Safety Committee.
 - Revise membership of the Disaster Council to update changes in staff titles and clarify the Mayor's role during emergency operations
 - Make reference to State guidance on when and how to update the EOP



Public Safety Committee Recommendations

- Adopt the updated EOP and return to Council with GMC changes.
- 2. Authorize the City Manager, via resolution, to update the EOP
 - Allows for the creation of annexes to the EOP, and updating JASs in accordance with lessons learned from exercises
 - Staff to update council on EOP changes annually at already scheduled Winter Storm Readiness presentation



Alternatives

- There are no alternatives to complying with NIMS/SEMS guidelines
- If the updated EOP is not adopted:
 - The 2014 update will be left in place
 - The City will be out of compliance with NIMS/SEMS, which can jeopardize the City's ability to receive state or federal funds following a disaster



Thank you for your time.