



To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority

From: Philip White, CBRNE Project Manager

Date: November 10, 2016

Re: Item 10: PRND Policies and Procedure Manual Approval

Staff Recommendations:

Approval and adoption of the PRND Focus Group Policies and Procedures Manual

Action or Discussion Items:

Action

Background:

At the April 10, 2014 Approval Authority meeting the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives (CBRNE) Workgroup announced the formation of a Preventive Radiological / Nuclear Detection (PRND) focus group to develop and adopt a regional approach to the threat of radiological and nuclear materials that may be used by terrorists as a weapon of mass destruction. Since then, much work has been done to develop the region's ability to detect and interdict radiological and nuclear materials that may fall out of regulatory control.

The PRND Focus Group meets quarterly and includes state and regional partners from public safety agencies including Alameda County Sheriff's Office, BART, the California Highway Patrol, Oakland Police Department, San Francisco Fire Department, San Francisco Police Department, San Jose Police Department, NCRIC, Santa Clara County Fire Department, and Solano County Sheriff's Department. The PRND Focus Group has developed and adopted a multi-year Strategy, including a Bay Area PRND Land and Maritime Concept of Operations, Standard Operating Procedures, regional equipment procurement procedures, and a three year training and exercise plan.

The Bay Area PRND Focus Group developed a regional PRND Policy and Procedure Manual which memorializes the region's commitment to a unified approach posed by the threat of a radiological / nuclear terrorism event. The manual provides guidance on important issues such as PRND standardized response protocols, equipment interoperability, and radiological/nuclear alarm information sharing. The manual also names the Bay Area Approval Authority as the ultimate arbitrator when disputes arise among jurisdictions. The Bay Area PRND Policy and Procedure Manual serves as a best practice when applying for the upcoming Securing the Cities grant program.

On behalf of the PRND Focus Group, the Bay Area UASI Management Team requests approval of the Bay Area PRND Policies and Procedures Manual in Appendix A.