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BAY AREA MAYORS RON DELLUMS, GAVIN NEWSOM, AND CHUCK REED UNVEIL REGIONAL EMERGENCY COORDINATION PLAN

Bay Area is the First region in the State to Develop Regional Emergency Plan

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – January 3, 2008 – Today, in recognition of the need for a regional response to natural and human-caused emergencies San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom, Oakland Mayor Ron Dellums and San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed were joined by regional emergency management officials, first responders and the State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) to unveil the Bay Area Regional Emergency Coordination Plan (RECP). Ten Bay Area counties participated in the development of the "base" plan that will serve as the foundation for nine subsidiary plans to be submitted in spring 2008.

"In a region as large and vulnerable as the Bay Area, the need for a collaborative and organized response is vital," said Mayor Dellums. "The RECP is the first of its kind in the state and will ensure that if a major disaster occurs that all entities at all levels of government are on the same page."

The RECP provides an all-hazards framework for collaboration and coordination among emergency response entities in the Bay Area. The base plan focuses on the role of State OES in coordinating the regional response to an event. Additionally, the region will be continuing to work on more detailed plans in areas such as fire and rescue, medical examination, communications, hazardous materials, recovery, transportation, logistics and mass care and shelter.

The RECP is consistent with the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS), state mutual aid plans, and the California State Emergency Plan; and it complies with the requirements of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the National Preparedness Goal.

"This project was an investment in more than just a document – it's an investment in relationships," said Mayor Newsom.

"When disaster strikes, we all have to work together," said Mayor Reed. "This new Regional Emergency Coordination Plan builds on the spirit of teamwork and innovation that characterizes our region. Disasters don't recognize city borders, and in times of crisis, neither should we."

The RECP will now reside with the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, as it is designed to be used at the state's Regional Emergency Operations Center which is located in Oakland.

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