

**CITY OF TEMECULA
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: City Manager/City Council

FROM: Chief John Crater, Temecula Fire Department

DATE: June 11, 2024

SUBJECT: Adopt Amended Alert and Warning Program as Support Plan to Emergency Operations Plan

PREPARED BY: Mikel Alford, Emergency Manager

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt and promulgate the amended alert and warning program as a support plan to the City of Temecula Emergency Operations Plan.

BACKGROUND: A comprehensive alert and warning program is a critical component to the City of Temecula's ability to effectively respond to emergencies and provide immediate information to the City Staff and our community. With recent disasters across the country and most recently wildfires throughout Northern California where alert and warning programs suffered, had gaps, and many inconsistencies, the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has amended the current plan to meet the identified changes to the State of California Alert & Warning Guidelines published in May of 2024. These guidelines provide the minimum expectations for the City of Temecula to implement an accessible alert and warning program for the purpose of enabling and encouraging consistent application of alert and warning best practices, procedures, and protocols.

It is the intent of the City's executive staff that, in the event of another catastrophe, such as the 2017 firestorms in Northern California, every tool at our disposal be used to alert and warn all members of the community in any affected area. History finds and declares that the safety of people as a whole requires designated alerting authorities (City Manager) to ensure they have multiple operators (Alert & Warning Team), adequate validation, testing, and functional equipment and software. These City of Temecula Alert and Warning Guidelines were developed in collaboration with the Office of Communications as part of the overall Emergency Management process.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact to the City in the adoption of this plan.

ATTACHMENTS: 2024 City of Temecula Alert & Warning Plan