MULTNOMAH COUNTY
AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

Agenda Title:	Approval of Omnibus Inter-County Mutual Aid Agreement, 2010 Revision

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title.

Requested Meeting Date:	February 10, 2011	**Amount of Time Needed:**	Consent Agenda
Department:	Non D	**Division:**	Office of Emergency Mgmt.
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Presenter(s):	Dave Houghton		

General Information

1. **What action are you requesting from the Board?**

   Approval of the 2010 revision of the Omnibus Inter-County Mutual Aid Agreement

2. **Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.**

   Mutual aid agreements (MAAs) provide a legal framework for county-to-county resource requests during and after emergencies. The Board approved the original MAA in 2007. Twelve Oregon counties are signatory to that agreement. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires jurisdictions lending resources to neighboring jurisdictions to be party to agreements of this type as a condition of their receipt of federal disaster reimbursement.

   The Omnibus Inter-County Mutual Aid Agreement, 2010 Revision, will allow Multnomah County to seek reimbursement from borrowing counties for loaned equipment and personnel after the first twelve hours of deployment. No county party to the agreement is bound to lend resources when requested. The County Director of the Office of Emergency Management or his/her designee will serve the primary contact person for initiating or responding to requests for assistance from other party counties.

   Experience with the original agreement and changes in state law relative to emergency

service volunteers led to changes found in the Omnibus Inter-County Mutual Aid Agreement, 2010 Revision presented to the Board for approval. The 2010 Revision is substantively similar to the original but contains several operational and administrative changes as well as several editorial improvements.

Changes of note in the revision include: 1) Removal of "volunteers" as personnel that can be loaned between counties, and moving away from the term "personnel" to the term "employees," 2) Changing the time the lender provides assistance without charge from eight hours to twelve hours to more closely match a probable operational shift period in an emergency, 3) Changing the term "Director of Emergency Management" to "Emergency Program Manager" to be consistent with state law, 4) Clarifying the roles of the Party County Emergency Program Managers (individually and collectively), 5) Recognizing that donations can be made outside of the agreement, 6) Clarifying the non-exclusivity of the agreement, 7) Clarifying some parts of the indemnification and liability provisions, 8) Overhauling the modifications section, and 9) Revising the text to note that this is a revision of a prior agreement.

The revised agreement will become effective once signed by two-thirds of the original agreement signatories. At last report, 7 of the 12 original agreement signatories had signed. This agreement is available to all Oregon counties for execution.

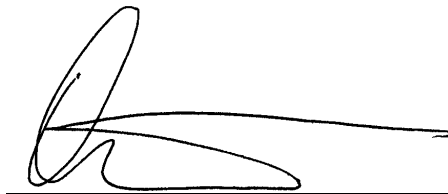**3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).**

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

Extensive review and revision process including input from emergency managers, attorneys and risk managers from several party counties including Multnomah County.

Required Signatures

Elected Official or Department/ Agency Director:

Date: 1/31/2011