**To:**    **Bay Area UASI Approval Authority**

**From:**  **Catherine Spaulding, Assistant General Manager**

**Date:**  **November 10, 2016**

**Re:**    **Item #5: 2016 THIRA**

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## Staff Recommendation:

Approve the THIRA for submission to CalOES

## Action or Discussion Items:

Action

## Discussion:

The Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) is a four step risk assessment process that helps stakeholders to understand risks and estimate capability requirements. FEMA requires all states, UASIs, and tribal nations to complete a THIRA on an annual basis in order to receive federal homeland security grant dollars. It is important to our strategic planning and investment justifications at both the regional and state level. The THIRA should guide how we allocate the dollars that we receive, although it does not affect the amount of funding FEMA provides to us.

The Management Team has updated the 2016 THIRA and presents it to the Approval Authority for approval for submission to Cal OES and subsequently to FEMA. The THIRA is based on information used last year as well as local subject matter expert input, existing Bay Area plans and reports, real world scenarios, resource modeling and estimation resources, and other open source research.

The THIRA document is available in hard copy at the November Approval Authority meeting. Please note the document is FOUO, and it has been prepared following FEMA's formatting specifications. We would like to thank the many regional stakeholders who reviewed the THIRA and provided relevant subject matter expertise.

Jason Carroll, Haystax Technology Project Manager, will provide a background briefing on the updated THIRA. Haystax is under contracted to support the preparation of all California UASI THIRAs.