



Employment Training Panel

Memorandum

To: ETP Policy Committee
Gretchen Newsom, Chairperson
Janice Roberts, Member
Rick Smiles, Member

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Subject: ETP Policy Committee Meeting Agenda Item 3.c.
Report to Policy Committee Re: RESPOND Guideline Update

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- I. Brief Issue Statement: In April, 2014, Panel approved the Rapid Employment Strategies On Natural Disasters (RESPOND) Guidelines. These guidelines were originally designed to address the Governor declared State of Emergency, due to extreme drought conditions.

Although originally only for ETP contractors and companies that had been affected by the drought, the larger intent was for the RESPOND program to help companies that had been affected by any kind of natural disaster. The way the Guidelines were worded, however, only for drought-affected companies.

ETP would like to revise and expand the RESPOND Guidelines to serve companies affected by any kind of natural disaster.

The proposed Guideline text includes a history of the RESPOND program, a definition of natural disasters, project elements that would apply under this program, and provides a means to incorporate any additional alternative funding, if any is received in the future.

- II. Recommendation

No action items beyond soliciting and receiving any feedback from the Policy Committee, contractors, stakeholders, and the public concerning the revised RESPOND Guidelines presented today. Any and all suggestions will be further considered by ETP staff, and a finalized version of the new RESPOND Guidelines will be brought to the Policy Committee in March, 2020 for consideration to move to full Panel for approval in May, 2020.