

Appendix Y

Policy Group Plan

Policy Group

The Eagle County Policy Group consists of the chief appointed or elected officials (county manager, mayors/managers/chairs of affected jurisdictions, Sheriff) and other key advisors (deputy county manager, police chief, fire chief, public works director, district ranger, PIO, emergency manager, etc.). This group is responsible for all major policy decisions and overall operations. This group does not have responsibility for direct emergency management at a site during an incident. That responsibility rests with the Incident Command organization. The Policy Group is facilitated by the Eagle County Manager or his/her designee.

The key responsibilities of the Policy Group are:

- Authorize emergency spending to the extent allowed by laws and regulations and in accordance with approved resolutions or ordinances.
- Authorize use of available resources beyond normal functions, locations and times.
- Provide direction to the EOC for prioritizing resource allocation.
- Discuss and coordinate the need to declare an emergency and/or a disaster if appropriate. Separate declarations are required for each affected jurisdiction (county, municipalities). For process see Appendix H. A declaration is a request to the State for assistance.
- Work closely with the EOC Manager to provide support and coordination.
- Direct relocation of affected populations.
- Support field operations through resource acquisition approval and policy decisions.
- Discuss and coordinate with the County Manager the imposition of emergency regulations (curfew, alcohol sales, quarantines, event cancellations, etc.).
- Acquire vital supplies.
- Provide guidance for allocation, rationing, or redistributions of food, water, prophylactics, etc.
- Ensure that recovery operations are carried out.
- Assist businesses with their recovery.
- Work with Finance/Administration Section Chief(s) to ensure that all costs during the response and recovery phases are tracked and all avenues to recover these costs from the state and federal governments are explored.