



Memorandum

Meeting Details: August 12, 2026

Prepared For: Mayor & Board of Commissioners

From: Megan Wepfer, Public Works Director

Subject: Disaster Debris Management Participation Agreement with DRC

Background

The City of Madeira Beach has previously entered into and fully executed an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) for Disaster Debris Collection, Removal, and Monitoring. The City funded its participation in this agreement to ensure access to competitively procured emergency debris management contracts and to enhance its disaster preparedness and recovery capabilities.

Participation in the ILA provides the City with access to pre-qualified contractors that have been competitively selected in accordance with applicable procurement requirements. Establishing these contractual relationships prior to a disaster is a recognized best practice and helps ensure the City can respond quickly following a declared emergency while maintaining compliance with state and federal procurement requirements, including those associated with potential FEMA reimbursement.

The Participation Agreement with DRC Emergency Services, LLC is an administrative document that allows the City to utilize the contracts available through the previously executed ILA. Execution of this agreement does not obligate the City to expend funds or initiate work. Instead, it establishes the contractual relationship necessary for the City to issue work authorizations if disaster debris management services become necessary following a future emergency.

Having these agreements in place before a disaster occurs significantly reduces response time and enables the City to mobilize qualified contractors immediately after an event, minimizing delays in

debris removal, restoring safe access to public facilities and roadways, and supporting the community's recovery.

Importance of the Agreement

Approval and execution of the Participation Agreement provides several important benefits:

- Implements the City's previously executed and locally funded Interlocal Agreement for disaster debris collection, removal, and monitoring.
- Allows the City to utilize competitively procured emergency debris management contracts without conducting emergency procurements following a disaster.
- Supports compliance with applicable procurement requirements for potential state and federal disaster reimbursement.
- Improves the City's ability to rapidly respond to hurricanes, tropical storms, and other declared emergencies.
- Reduces recovery time by ensuring qualified contractors are immediately available when needed.
- Strengthens the City's overall emergency preparedness and resiliency planning.

Fiscal Impact

There is no immediate fiscal impact associated with approval of the Participation Agreement. Costs are incurred only if the agreement is activated following a declared emergency and services are authorized by the City. Funding for any activated services would be brought before the Board, as appropriate, and may be eligible for reimbursement through applicable state and federal disaster assistance programs.

Recommendation(s)

Staff recommends the Board of Commissioners approved the participation agreement with DRC.

Attachments

- DRC Agreement