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GENERAL MEMORANDUM NO. 082-21

To: Secretary of Samoan Affairs, CEOs, Presidents and Executive Directors of Authorities, Directors, Agency and Office Heads

cc: Honorable Tuaolo Manaia E. Fruean, President of the Senate
Honorable Savali Talavou Ale, Speaker of the House of Representatives

From: Governor of American Samoa

Subject: Establishment of the Territorial Hazard Management Council

Pursuant to authority A.S.C.A. § 4.0302, the Territorial Hazard Mitigation Council (Council) is established. The Council is established to assist the Territorial Emergency Management Coordination Office in fulfilling its responsibilities outlined in A.S.C.A. § 26.0106.

The Council shall:


1. Assist the American Samoa Government in identifying hazard mitigation issues and opportunities facing the Territory for development of a comprehensive hazard mitigation strategy;
2. Prepare strategies, policies, and reports on hazard mitigation issues and provide recommendations to the Governor, the Fono, and key territorial agencies involved in mitigation related areas within their normal agency missions;
3. Ensure agencies collaborate and cooperate fully to develop and execute sustainable hazard mitigation actions to reduce risks posed to the Territory;
4. Coordinate with and support agency efforts in obtaining and administering federal and other grants, including post-disaster mitigation grants available under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to promote hazard mitigation opportunities with the Territory; and
5. Identify and prioritize mitigation activities annually for funding under the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Flood Mitigation Assistance, Public Assistance, Repetitive Flood Claims, Severe Repetitive Loss, and other mitigation funds that become available.

The Council shall consist of the following members:

1. Governor's Authorized Representative
2. A Senator appointed by Senate President
3. A Representative appointed by Speaker of the House of Representatives
4. Secretary of Samoan Affairs
5. Director, Department of Commerce
6. Director, Department of Port Administration
7. Director, Department of Public Works
8. Director, AS Environmental Protection Agency
9. Director, AS Historic Preservation Office
10. Chief Executive Officer, American Samoa Power Authority
11. Chief Executive Officer, American Samoa Telecommunications Authority
12. Chairperson, Chamber of Commerce
13. Director, American Samoa Department of Homeland Security

Each member shall designate a representative or alternate to attend Council meetings and functions in the event they are unable to attend.

This memorandum supersedes General Memorandum No. 136-21 and it is effective immediately.


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