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City of Elk Grove Awarded Congressional Grant for South County Regional Emergency Operations Center

Elk Grove, CA – The United States House of Representatives recently signed their Fiscal Year 2010 Homeland Security Appropriates Bill that includes \$750,000 toward an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for Elk Grove.

The City will use these funds to establish an EOC to coordinate emergency response efforts in the event of a disaster or crisis. Elk Grove will be able to work in concert with the County and City of Sacramento, State of California Office of Homeland Security and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to share information and respond rapidly to any event. Conversely, during a local emergency, the City of Elk Grove will have the capacity to mobilize its local emergency responders and call upon regional partners for support to protect the health, safety and properties of its residents.

“An Emergency Operations Center has been a long standing priority for the Elk Grove City Council,” said Mayor Pat Hume. “We sincerely appreciate Congressman Lungren’s efforts and support for this facility. It will be a tremendous asset to have in the south Sacramento region in the case of a natural or man-made disaster.”

Pushing this Bill forward to get approved was no easy task. The City has worked in close collaboration with the Cosumnes Community Services District, Elk Grove Unified School District and the Office of Congressman Dan Lungren to ensure this project was heard and given precedence for the south Sacramento region.

“This grant funding will help establish a primary emergency response coordination facility in South Sacramento County. Given the significant infrastructure and population of the region, I

felt it was proper for the federal government to assist in this effort,” said Congressman Dan Lungren. “This emergency operations center will give Sacramento area first responders the tools they need to appropriately handle a critical incident. I laud the City of Elk Grove for undertaking this initiative and I am very pleased to have been able to help secure the necessary funds to move it forward.”

The City Council Chambers has been designated the Emergency Operations Center for the City of Elk Grove, and the \$750,000 will be spent toward retrofits of the facility to accommodate technical, spatial and functional needs for full time operation. Renovations are scheduled to begin early next year.

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