

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: CEO / Office of Emergency Services

BOARD AGENDA # *B-2

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE September 30, 2008

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

(Information Attached)

SUBJECT:

Approval to Accept the Fiscal Year 2008/2009 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Authorize the Chief Executive Office - Office of Emergency Services to Accept the 2008/2009 Hazardous Materials Preparedness Grant.
2. Direct the Auditor-Controller to increase appropriations and estimated revenue in the amount of \$20,000 as detailed in the Budget Journal form.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Fiscal Year 2008/2009 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant is a federal grant through the Department of Transportation that provides assistance to the public sector employees through training and planning grants. Stanislaus County is eligible for \$20,000 in funds for hazardous materials planning. A twenty percent match is required. This requirement can be met from the Board-approved budget for the Office of Emergency Services, Department of Environmental Resources and Sheriff's Department in the form of in-kind salary matches.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2008-685

On motion of Supervisor Grover, Seconded by Supervisor O'Brien
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Grover, Monteith, and Vice-Chairman DeMartini

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: Mayfield

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:

Christine Ferraro

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

DISCUSSION:

This item is submitted to the Board of Supervisors to receive approval to accept the 2008/2009 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant. The HMEP grant is administered by the Department of Transportation. The purpose of the grant is to increase effectiveness in safely and efficiently handling hazardous materials accidents and incidents. The grant also encourages a comprehensive approach to emergency training and planning by incorporating the unique challenges of responses to transportation situations. HMEP is a performance-based grant that builds on and supports the accomplishments of long-term goals and objectives. The HMEP grants are administered by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and awarded through the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).

On July 1, 2008, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Office of Emergency Services (OES) to submit an application for the HMEP grant. The Governor's Office of Emergency Services has advised OES that the Stanislaus County application has been approved. The funding from this grant will be used to coordinate the development of an all-hazard emergency response plan specific to ethanol. Key components of the plan will include the incorporation of the following areas relevant to an ethanol hazard: hazmat, fire, law enforcement, emergency medical services, technical rescue (confined space and high angle / low angle rescue), emergency notification, evacuation, dust explosions and terrorism issues. The plan will be compliant with National Incident Management System, Standardized Emergency Management System and Incident Command System requirements.

The total cost for the plan development will not exceed \$20,000. Staff from OES, the Sheriff's Department and Department of Environmental Resources will participate in developing the plan specific to their areas of expertise. The staff time expended will be used to meet the 20% match requirement for this grant.

At this time, OES is requesting approval to accept the \$20,000 award for development of the ethanol emergency response plan.

POLICY ISSUES:

This grant is consistent with the Board of Supervisors' priorities of *A safe community*, *Effective partnerships* and *A well-planned infrastructure system*. The plan resulting from the HMEP grant will enhance Stanislaus County's ability to respond to an ethanol related incident, thereby protecting our first responders and our citizens.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Existing staff will administer the grant, and OES will contract with an expert in the field of emergency management, hazmat and fire to develop the response plan.

