

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

DEPT: Chief Executive Office

BOARD AGENDA # IX.A

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE May 5, 2009

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES  NO   
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES  NO

SUBJECT:

Approval of a Transfer from the Appropriation for Contingencies Not to Exceed \$100,000 for Expenses Required to Support the Activation of the Emergency Operations Center for the Spring 2009 H1N1 Influenza 2009 Incident

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Direct the Auditor-Controller to establish a budget not to exceed \$100,000 for the H1N1 Influenza 2009 Incident for expenses required to support the activation of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) by a four-fifths vote of the Board of Supervisors.
2. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to direct the use of these funds as necessary to support the activation period and seek any and all reimbursement opportunities for this incident.

FISCAL IMPACT:

At this time, the Chief Executive Officer is requesting the Board's approval to authorize the use of an amount not to exceed \$100,000 from the Appropriations for Contingencies required expenses for the support of the H1N1 Influenza 2009 activation of the Emergency Operations Center, which began on April 28, 2009. These funds will provide security, supplies, and personal protective equipment to supplement the extraordinary preventive measures implemented by the County, as detailed in the Budget Journal form. All resources used throughout the activation period, both in terms of staffing, and services and supplies will be tracked carefully and a cost recovery plan will be developed for the H1N1 Influenza 2009 activation of the Emergency Operations Center.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2009-310

On motion of Supervisor Grover, Seconded by Supervisor Monteith

and approved by the following vote,

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

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) \_\_\_\_\_ Denied

3) \_\_\_\_\_ Approved as amended

4) \_\_\_\_\_ Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST:

Christine Ferraro  
CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

**DISCUSSION:**

In late March and early April 2009, cases of human infection with H1N1 Influenza 2009 viruses were first reported in Southern California and near Guadalupe County, Texas. Other U.S. states have reported cases of H1N1 flu infection in humans and cases have been reported internationally as well.

On April 28, 2009, Dr. Margaret Chan, the World Health Organization's (WHO) Director-General raised the level of influenza pandemic alert from phase 4 to 5. The Director General stated that all countries should immediately activate their pandemic preparedness plans.

On the same day, the Stanislaus County Chief Executive Officer in his capacity as Director of Emergency Services ordered the Office of Emergency Services (OES) to activate the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in response to this emerging health threat. The EOC acts as the central command and control facility responsible for carrying out the emergency management functions. The County Public Health Officer will conduct thorough case and contact investigations to determine the source of the H1N1 Influenza 2009 virus, extent of community illness and the need for timely control measures until this emerging public health threat has been contained.

Staff recommends a budget not to exceed \$100,000 be established for the H1N1 Influenza 2009 activation of the EOC. If approved by the Board, a new legal budget will be established. These funds will be used under the direction of the Chief Executive Officer for security need, supplies and for personal protective equipment to supplement the extraordinary preventive measures implemented by the County. All resources used throughout the activation period, both in terms of staffing, and services and supplies will be tracked carefully and a cost recovery plan will be developed for the H1N1 Influenza 2009 activation of the Emergency Operations Center.

The United States Government has declared a public health emergency in the United States. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) response goals are to reduce transmission and illness severity, and provide information to help health care providers, public health officials and the public address the challenges posed by this emergency. The CDC's Division of the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) continues to send antiviral drugs, personal protective equipment, and respiratory protection devices to all 50 states and U.S. territories to help them respond to the outbreak.

The State of Emergency comes as President Obama requested Congress approve \$1.5 billion in supplemental funds to "enhance capability" to address the spread of the outbreak, including the development of anti-viral stocks.

On April 28, 2009, California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger proclaimed a State of Emergency in California to support and facilitate the response to this outbreak.

Approval of a Transfer from the Appropriation for Contingencies Not to Exceed \$100,000 for Expenses Required to Support the Activation of the Emergency Operations Center for the Spring 2009 H1N1 Influenza 2009 Incident  
Page 3

**POLICY ISSUES:**

Funding for expenses required to support the activation of the Emergency Operations Center supports the Board's priorities of *A safe community, A healthy community, Efficient delivery of public services, and Effective partnerships.*

**STAFFING IMPACT:**

Staff from the Chief Executive Office, Office of Emergency Services, the Health Services Agency, Public Health, and many County resources will support the Emergency Operations Center during the activation of the EOC to ensure the safe and effective delivery of Emergency Services during this emerging public health threat.

