

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

DEPT: Chief Executive Office

BOARD AGENDA # *B-4

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AGENDA DATE April 19, 2011

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Continue the Countywide Declaration of a Local Emergency Due to Flooding in Various Locations in Stanislaus County

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approve to continue the Countywide declaration of a local emergency due to flooding in various locations in Stanislaus County.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The complete fiscal impact associated with the flooding in various areas of Stanislaus County has yet to be quantified. Overall, we anticipate potential financial impacts including: private property damage, local crop damage, damage to County Parks, potential damage to roadways, bridges and other infrastructure, damage to local levees, increased staff overtime and operational costs.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2011-224

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa, Seconded by Supervisor Withrow

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Chiesa, Withrow, DeMartini, and Vice-Chairman O'Brien

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: Chairman Monteith

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

4) _____ Other:

MOTION:

Christine Ferraro

ATTEST:

CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

DISCUSSION:

This past winter and early spring has brought rain and snowfall far above normal levels, resulting in river levels approaching and exceeding flood stage flows. During the past week several trailer parks adjacent to the San Joaquin River have been evacuated ahead of localized flooding, some local crop damage has been reported, portions of County Parks are under water and continuing to suffer damage, potential infrastructure damage to local roadways and bridges, and a Reclamation District is declaring a local state of emergency based on concerns associated with the stability of a section of levee in their district. Given the current snow packs in the Sierra Mountains, water levels are anticipated to flow at or near capacity well into June, a factor that could well contribute to additional damage to some low-lying properties adjacent to the San Joaquin River and its tributaries.

On April 5, 2011, the Board of Supervisors approved an agenda item declaring a local state of emergency in Stanislaus County based upon a review of the flooding situation and the weather forecasts for Stanislaus County, and requested the Governor to proclaim a state of emergency based on a determination that locally available resources are inadequate to cope with the emergency.

Board of Supervisors' review of the emergency proclamation is required at least every 14 days to evaluate the need for continuing the local emergency. This agenda item is intended to obtain Board approval to continue the state of emergency proclamation. The Board will proclaim the termination of this emergency when conditions warrant.

POLICY ISSUES:

It is the intention of this emergency declaration to achieve the Board of Supervisors priorities of A Safe Community and A Healthy Community.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Existing staff will perform the work necessary to address this emergency declaration. In certain cases, this may include additional overtime.

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