

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

DEPT: CEO - Office of Emergency Services *G. H. Withrow*

BOARD AGENDA # *B-1

Urgent Routine

AGENDA DATE May 10, 2011

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval for the Chief Executive Office - Office of Emergency Services and Other Agencies to Participate in the May 18, 2011 State-wide Golden Guardian Exercise, Designate the Exercise as Disaster Training and Authorization for Volunteers to Participate as Disaster Service Workers

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Authorize Stanislaus County Departments to participate in the State-wide Golden Guardian Exercise on May 18, 2011, coordinated by the Office of Emergency Services/Fire Warden.
2. Designate the Golden Guardian Exercise scheduled for May 18, 2011 as Disaster Training.
3. Approve participation of volunteers as Disaster Service Workers in the Golden Guardian Exercise.

FISCAL IMPACT:

On December 14, 2010, the Board of Supervisors approved the acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2010 State Homeland Security Grant. This grant identified \$64,540 to support the Stanislaus County's participation in the 2011 Golden Guardian Exercise Program. That funding has been used to support the development of the exercise in compliance with the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program. County agencies who are participating in this exercise have absorbed salary costs through their approved budget. There is no impact to the general fund associated with this exercise.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2011-278

On motion of Supervisor O'Brien, Seconded by Supervisor DeMartini

and approved by the following vote,

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

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:

Christine Ferraro

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

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DISCUSSION:

On December 14, 2010, the Board of Supervisors approved acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2010 (FY2010) State Homeland Security Grant. Within this grant was funding for the development of the Golden Guardian Exercise for Stanislaus County. The Golden Guardian 2011 Full Scale Exercise is part of the 7th annual State of California Governor's Golden Guardian Exercise Program. It will be based on a major California flood. This theme will involve the Inland Region, with participation from Operational Areas (counties) from the Oregon border to the southern central valley, the Inland Region Emergency Operations Center, State of California Agencies, the State Operations Center, federal agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and private sector partners.

The Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services is coordinating efforts to test and evaluate local preparedness in the event of record flooding. The exercise will test several inter-related emergency plans and systems. Specific focus areas include: Triage and Pre-Hospital Treatment; Medical Surge; Emergency Public Information and Warning; and Emergency Operations Center Management. Agencies participating in the design of the exercise include: the Cities of Riverbank and Oakdale, California State University Stanislaus, Health Services Agency, the Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services, the Chief Executive Office, United Way, Stanislaus County Office of Education, Mountain Valley Emergency Medical Services Agency, Disaster Control Facility, Doctors Medical Center, Kaiser Permanente, Oak Valley Hospital District, Memorial Medical Center, Latino Emergency Council, Advancing Vibrant Communities and American Red Cross.

Volunteers will participate in the exercise as patients and as concerned citizens volunteering to assist with the disaster. To provide the volunteers liability protection under the Disaster Service Worker Volunteer Program, volunteers will be sworn in as Disaster Services Workers (DSWs) for the exercise date only. For coverage under the DSW program, Board approval is necessary to approve the exercise as disaster training and to approve the use of DSW volunteers.

POLICY ISSUES:

Authorizing the Golden Guardian Exercise as disaster training supports the Board priorities of A Safe Community, A Healthy Community and Effective partnerships by enhancing the ability of Stanislaus County to respond to a disaster.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Through Homeland Security Grant funding, two personal service contractors were engaged to develop the exercise for Stanislaus County. Existing staff from several

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County departments are participating in the design of the exercise and in the exercise itself.

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