

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

DEPT: Chief Executive Office

BOARD AGENDA # B-5

Urgent Routine

AGENDA DATE August 27, 2013

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval of the Fourth Annual Stanislaus County Board of Supervisor's Effective Partnership Recognition for the Community Services Agency and Public Works Geographic Information System (GIS)

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approve the Fourth Annual Stanislaus County Board of Supervisor's Effective Partnership Recognition for the Community Services Agency and Public Works Geographic Information System (GIS)

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2013-438

On motion of Supervisor Withrow, Seconded by Supervisor Monteith

and approved by the following vote,

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

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

File No.

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DISCUSSION:

The lifting power of many wings can achieve twice the distance of any bird flying alone.

- Author Unknown

The Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors is committed to building strong relationships with local, regional and federal agencies, as well as business and community partners. Each year, the Board of Supervisors recognizes two outstanding departmental partnerships that embody the County's vision to be the best. These partnerships exemplify what can be accomplished when dedicated individuals come together to find creative and innovative ways to achieve exceptional results.

The Stanislaus County Effective Partnership Recognition Committee, comprised of Supervisor Dick Monteith, Keyes MAC member Jeff Reed, Tish Foley from the City of Modesto, and Bill Zoslocki, business/community member, proudly announce the partnerships chosen to receive the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors' Effective Partnership Recognition. The Community Services Agency has been chosen in the category recognizing partnerships with non-governmental agencies/organizations and Public Works – Geographic Information Systems (GIS) has been chosen in the inter-governmental partnership category.

In late 2010, a group of concerned citizens from the business and faith community approached Supervisor Bill O'Brien to strategize how to prevent the closure of Clean and Sober living facilities for women and children who were involved in the Child Protective Services System. Due to budget reductions, the Community Services Agency had eliminated Child Welfare funding to clean and sober living facilities as it was not a mandate, although recognized as an essential service for women in substance abuse recovery.

These concerned citizens were committed to providing community based support for Clean and Sober Living services through the use of privately donated funds to leverage unused State funds. A staff team was developed from the Chief Executive Office, Community Services Agency and County Counsel to work with community members on this effort. Valley Recovery Resources was formed, and through the efforts of this nonprofit organization, the County was able to draw down \$3.1 Million in State and Federal funding. As a result, Clean and Sober living services have been provided for substance abuse treatment services, counseling and parenting programs for families at high risk of abuse or neglect. Since Valley Recovery Resources was established, 193 women and 187 children have received services. This partnership is unique, with business and faith leaders coming together with local government and child welfare services to support children and families impacted by substance abuse.

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The Public Works – Geographic Information Systems (GIS) program has been chosen in the inter-governmental partnership category. The formation of GIS Central was approved by the Board of Supervisors in March 2008. The vision was to develop the County's GIS system into a dynamic tool that would provide useful information to other County departments, cities, and the general public. By providing access to a single system, redundancy is eliminated and efficiency and customer satisfaction are increased.

GIS Central provides services to the cities of Modesto, Newman, Turlock, Ceres, and Oakdale. The availability of GIS e-government services extends to citizens outside of government operations as well. The GIS internet site provides a wealth of information on land parcels, recorded maps, bridge weight loads and more. GIS Central strives to be the best by collaborating with County departments and other agencies in terms of data acquisition, data maintenance, support, data sharing and the provision of a central location for all GIS needs in this County.

The names of this year's winning partnerships will join previous winners on the plaque located in the Board Chambers foyer and will serve as a longstanding testament to the outstanding efforts of Stanislaus County employees and their partners.

POLICY ISSUE:

Approval of this item supports the Board of Supervisors' priority of Effective Partnerships by celebrating the outstanding efforts of County departments and their partners.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There are no additional staffing impacts associated with this item.

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