

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

DEPT: CEO / Office of Emergency Services

BOARD AGENDA # *B-5

Urgent

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AGENDA DATE October 1, 2013

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

(Information Attached)

SUBJECT:

Approval of a Resolution of Intent to Participate in the Great California ShakeOut Annual Statewide Earthquake Drill

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approval to Participate in the Great California ShakeOut Annual Statewide Earthquake Drill

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item as existing staff will coordinate the County's participation in this event.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2013-487

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

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.

DISCUSSION:

For the past three years on the third Thursday of October, Stanislaus County has participated in the Great California ShakeOut, joining millions of people throughout California raising awareness for earthquake preparedness. Stanislaus County Departments have practiced the *Drop, Cover, and Hold On Drill* since 2010. Additionally, information about earthquake preparation at home and at work has been provided to County employees through the safety officers of participating departments.

This year, the Great California ShakeOut will take place on October 17, 2013 at 10:17 a.m. According to the ShakeOut website, more than 8.2 million Californians have already registered to participate. Last year, Stanislaus County had over 35,103 people registered to participate, including schools, colleges, local government, businesses, preparedness organizations, individuals and families. So far this year, Stanislaus County has 40,229 people already registered, with the number of those registering still growing.

California is prone to earthquakes. They can happen anywhere, including in Stanislaus County. Support of this resolution will promote earthquake preparedness activities for Stanislaus County departments and staff. Staff, via the Operational Area Council meetings, has also encouraged the cities and other government entities in Stanislaus County to participate in the Great California ShakeOut.

POLICY ISSUES:

Approval to participate in the Great California ShakeOut supports the Board's priority of A Safe Community.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Existing staff from the Office of Emergency Services will provide ShakeOut information to the County departments, other government entities, and general public.

CONTACT PERSON:

Dale Skiles, Fire Warden. Telephone: 209-552-3600

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THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

**A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GREAT CALIFORNIA
SHAKEOUT AND WORK TOWARD BECOMING A SAFER COMMUNITY.**

WHEREAS, the County of Stanislaus recognizes that no community is immune from natural hazards whether it be earthquake, wildfire, flood, winter storms, drought, heat wave, or dam failure and recognizes the importance enhancing its ability to withstand natural hazards as well as the importance of reducing the human suffering, property damage, interruption of public services and economic losses caused by those hazards; and

WHEREAS, major earthquakes could pose a particular, significant, and ongoing threat to the entire Stanislaus County region; and

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County has a responsibility to promote earthquake preparedness internally as well as with the public and plan appropriately for earthquake-related disasters; and

WHEREAS, the County of Stanislaus has participated in the Great California Shakeout since 2010; and

WHEREAS, the protection of Stanislaus County employees will allow them to facilitate the continuity of government and assist the public following a major earthquake event; and

WHEREAS, community resiliency to earthquakes and other disasters depends on the preparedness levels of all stakeholders in the community – individuals, families, schools, community organizations, faith-based organizations, non-profits, businesses, and government; and

WHEREAS, over 40,000 individuals throughout the County are currently registered to participate in this year's ShakeOut; and

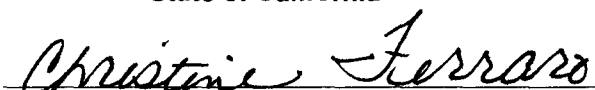
WHEREAS, by participating in The Great California ShakeOut on October 17, 2013, the County of Stanislaus has the opportunity to join and support all Californians in strengthening community and regional resiliency; and

WHEREAS, by supporting The Great California ShakeOut, the County of Stanislaus can utilize the information on <http://www.shakeout.org/california/> to educate its residents regarding actions to protect life and property, including mitigating structural and non-structural hazards and participating in earthquake drills; and

WHEREAS, by registering at <http://www.shakeout.org/california/>, Stanislaus County employees can participate in the ShakeOut "Drop Cover and Hold on" earthquake drill on October 17 at 10:17 a.m., and encourage the public, schools, businesses, and other community stakeholders to also register.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the County of Stanislaus hereby approves participating in the Great California Shakeout hereto by taking time to recognize and acknowledge the importance of preparing our County for the purposes of building a safer community and reducing the loss of lives and property from a major earthquake event by taking proactive steps today.

ATTEST: **CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk**
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors,
State of California

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Ferraro". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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