

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

DEPT: Board of Supervisors

BOARD AGENDA # \*A-5

Urgent  Routine

AGENDA DATE April 8, 2014

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES  NO   
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES  NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Proclaim April 2014 as California Safe Digging Month in Stanislaus County

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Proclaim April 2014 as California Safe Digging Month in Stanislaus County.

Contact Person: Christine Ferraro Tallman

Phone Number: 525-4494

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2014-154

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

and approved by the following vote,

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

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 TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

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THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

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**Resolution in Support of  
California Safe Digging Month**

WHEREAS, the 811 "Call Before You Dig" program is a vital public education and awareness program that will help keep Californians safe, and education is the key to promoting safe digging practices; and,

WHEREAS, excavators, homeowners, and professional contractors can save time and money while making California's communities a safer place to live and work by dialing 811 in advance of all digging projects; and,

WHEREAS, utility lines are often buried only a few inches underground, making them easy to strike and cause damage and harm even during shallow excavation projects; and,

WHEREAS, more than 170,000 underground utility lines are struck each year in the United States and approximately 33 percent of all digging damages in the United States result from not calling 811 before digging; and,

WHEREAS, undesired consequences, such as service interruption, outages, damage to public and private infrastructure and property, damage to the environment, personal injury, and death, are risked by failing to call 811 before digging or safely marking utility lines; and,

WHEREAS, as California's economy recovers from the recent recession and the state's economic recovery stimulates new construction, new construction requires supporting infrastructure, and California's underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage caused by those who fail to call before digging; and,

WHEREAS, the free notification service provided by Underground Service Alert of Northern California and Nevada has dramatically reduced the number of accidents causing property damage, personal injury, and interruption of vital services; and,

WHEREAS, California public agencies should enforce California Government Code 4216 regarding safe excavation practices, permitting and civil penalties.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the County of Stanislaus proclaims April 2014 as California Safe Digging Month and encourages all excavators, homeowners, and professional contractors to call 811 in advance of all digging projects.

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

