

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

DEPT: Office of Emergency Services/Fire Warden

BOARD AGENDA # *B-2

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE February 10, 2015

CEO Concur with Recommendation YES NO

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

(Information Attached)

SUBJECT:

Approval to Apply for Grant Funding from the California Department of Water Resources for the Development of a Flood Emergency Response Plan

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Authorize the Chief Executive Office - Office of Emergency Services to apply for grant funding from the California Department of Water Resources' Flood Emergency Response Projects - Statewide Grant program.
2. Approve a Resolution authorizing the Chief Executive Office - Office of Emergency Services to submit the grant proposal for funding.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Flood Emergency Response Projects grant is the fourth in a series of flood-related preparedness grants available to local government. In the most recent round of Statewide funding, grants issued ranged from \$33,810 to \$1,209,000 to individual California cities, counties and reclamation districts. Stanislaus County has not previously applied for these grant funds.

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BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2015-51

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

and approved by the following vote,

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

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
CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

FISCAL IMPACT: (Continued)

If awarded, the County could potentially receive \$213,200 that would be used to expand Geographical Information System (“GIS”) flood inundation layers and GIS capabilities, develop Response Plans for public safety agency functions in the County related to flood emergencies, and other flood fight plans, conduct emergency services training for flood fighters and conduct flood emergency exercises to test the plans and contingencies developed.

The total amount of funds available in this competitive grant is up to \$5 million and requires no local match. There is no impact to the General Fund associated with this grant.

DISCUSSION:

The Flood Emergency Response Grants are provided by the California Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) through the FloodSAFE Initiative, which is designed to improve flood management in the State. The objective of the Flood Emergency Response Grant is to improve local flood emergency response and contribute to increased public safety. The “Disaster Preparedness and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2006” (Proposition 1E) makes funding available to improve local flood emergency response. Under this grant program, the DWR will provide financial assistance through a grant agreement with participating agencies to ensure local agencies have a robust flood emergency plan in place with adequate flood preparedness and response capacity and resources.

On November 25th, 2014, the Board of Supervisors accepted the Final Draft of the Regional Flood Management Plan for the Mid San Joaquin River Region (“RFMP”). The RFMP made several recommendations related to flood emergency response. Among them were:

- Develop local levee flood flight plans or a joint coordinated flood fighting plan for related Reclamation Districts (“RDs”);
- Complete response plans for public safety agency functions;
- Clarify command and control;
- Provide emergency planning support for RDs;
- Better define mutual aid for flood fight operations;
- Develop a flood response training program; and
- Form a Stanislaus Operational Area Flood Response Working Group within the Stanislaus Operational Area organization.

Staff has identified the DWR grant program as an opportunity for funding some or all of the RFMP recommendations listed above. The State of California announced this grant opportunity in December 2014, with an application deadline of February 9th, 2015. Communication with DWR indicates it is permissible to submit the application by the deadline, to be followed by the Board of Supervisors resolution. Therefore, in order to take advantage of the opportunity to compete for these grant funds, the Chief Executive Office - Office of Emergency Services/Fire Warden (CEO-OES) has submitted an application for the grant funds. Should the Board of Supervisors not approve the staff recommendations contained in this item, the application will be withdrawn immediately from the Department of Water Resources.

However, should the Board of Supervisors support this request, and should the DWR award funds to Stanislaus County under this grant opportunity, Chief Executive Office – Office of Emergency Services will return to the Board with a request to accept those funds. Upon acceptance of any grant funding, CEO-OES will immediately convene our partners, including the nine cities in the County, key County departments, the reclamation districts, Modesto Irrigation District, Turlock Irrigation district and other interested parties to begin to build a comprehensive flood emergency preparedness strategy, in response to those elements of the RFMP identified above.

The emphasis of this grant opportunity is on planning and coordination. Planning and preparedness are at the core of what the Office of Emergency Services does. Should the Board of Supervisors approve the staff recommendations, Stanislaus County will be in a position to compete for these funds to make our community safer and better prepared for the rainy days that will come again.

POLICY ISSUES:

This grant supports the Board's priorities of A Safe Community, A Healthy Community and Effective Partnerships by ensuring local and regional disaster preparedness.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There is no staffing impact associated with this item, as existing staff will administer the grant.

CONTACT PERSON:

Dale Skiles, Assistant Director of Emergency Services, 552-3600

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Abstaining: Supervisor: None

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

Item # *B-2

RE: Approval to Apply for a State Grant Related to Flood Emergency Preparedness

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services/Fire Warden proposed to implement the Stanislaus County Flood Emergency Preparedness Project; and

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services/Fire Warden intends to apply for grant funding from the California Department of Water Resources for the project costs;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Stanislaus, State of California:

1. That pursuant and subject to all of the terms and provisions of California Proposition 1E, Section 5096.821 of Chapter 1.699 of Division 5 of the Public Resources Code, application by this Agency be made to the California Department of Water Resources to obtain a grant for The Stanislaus County Flood Emergency Preparedness Project; and
2. That the Assistant Director of Emergency Services/Fire Warden is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the necessary data, make investigations, sign, and file such application with the California Department of Water Resources, and take such other actions as necessary or appropriate to obtain the grant funding.

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

Christine Ferraro