

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

DEPT: CEO/Office of Emergency Services

BOARD AGENDA # *B-3

Urgent

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AGENDA DATE September 29, 2015

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO *ht*

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. 2015-453

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa, Seconded by Supervisor Monteith

and approved by the following vote,

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

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) 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:

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

This year, the Great California ShakeOut will again be statewide and will take place on October 15, 2015 at 10:15 a.m. The ShakeOut drill is an annual drill held on the third Thursday of October every year. According to the ShakeOut website, more than 9.1 million Californians have already registered to participate this year. Last year, Stanislaus County had over 80,000 people registered to participate including schools, colleges, local government, businesses, preparedness organizations, individuals and families. This year, that total is already 81,685 and counting.

California is prone to earthquakes and they can happen anywhere including 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 ShakeOut.

POLICY ISSUES:

Approval to Participate in the Great California ShakeOut supports the Board's priorities of A Safe Community by raising awareness for earthquake preparedness.

STAFFING IMPACT:

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

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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 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, 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, Stanislaus County 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 81,000 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 15, 2015, Stanislaus County has the opportunity to join and support all Californians in strengthening community and regional resiliency; and,

WHEREAS, by supporting The Great California ShakeOut, Stanislaus County 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 15 at 10:15 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 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,
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