

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

DEPT: Office Of Emergency Services

BOARD AGENDA #: *B-5

AGENDA DATE: April 5, 2016

SUBJECT:

Approval to Accept the Ninth Update on the Temporary Water Assistance Program and Continue the Countywide Declaration of a Local Emergency Due to a Multi-year Drought in California

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2016-164

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa, Seconded by Supervisor O'Brien
and approved by the following vote.

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

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended


2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST:


ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

File No.

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Urgent Routine

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CEO CONCURRENCE: _____

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4/5 Vote Required: Yes No

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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Accept the ninth update on the Temporary Water Assistance Program in Stanislaus County.
2. Approve to continue the Countywide declaration of a local emergency due to a multi-year drought.

DISCUSSION:

With California facing one of the most severe droughts on record, Governor Brown proclaimed a drought State of Emergency on January 17, 2014 and directed state officials to take all necessary actions to prepare for water shortages. In the State of Emergency proclamation, Governor Brown directed State officials to assist farmers and communities that are impacted by dry conditions and to ensure the state can respond as Californians face the increasing severity of the drought's effects.

On March 27, 2015, Governor Brown approved a \$1 billion emergency drought relief package to take effect immediately to meet interim emergency drinking water needs for those communities with a contaminated water supply or that suffer drought related water outages or threatened emergency. Further, on April 1, 2015, Governor Brown signed Executive Order B-29-15 due to continued severe drought conditions causing extreme peril to the safety of persons and property in California. Saving water, increased enforcement against water waste, investing in new water technologies, and streamlining government response were specifically outlined in the latest Governor's Proclamation. This Proclamation also keeps the January 17, 2014 and April 25, 2014 Proclamations in full force.

The financial impact of the drought and subsequent water shortage on Stanislaus County may not be fully understood for years to come. The California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA), California Government Code 8680 et. seq., provides financial assistance from the State for costs incurred by local governments as a result of emergency activities undertaken in response to a state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor.

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On July 28, 2015, the Board of Supervisors proclaimed a local state of emergency in Stanislaus County due to the severity of the water shortage and the impacts of the drought to County residents. Additionally, the Board accepted the Stanislaus County Water Contingency Plan which includes a Temporary Water Assistance (TWA) Program. The TWA is administered by Self-Help Enterprises, a private non-profit organization, which places temporary water tanks at homes where a domestic well has run dry.

To date, Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services has received 77 Homeowner Applications for the Temporary Water Assistance Program. Forty-nine tanks have been installed since program inception. Twelve tanks have recently been removed due to drilling of new wells or well repairs. Additionally, ten properties were previously receiving water delivery only and four of those sites have been cancelled due to installation of new wells. The continued increase in permanent solutions is a marker of the success of the program.

A Temporary Water Assistance Program Hotline has been established to assist the public in receiving the services needed. The Hotline number is 552-3880 and directs callers to the County's website (www.stancounty.com) for a Homeowners Application, with options to speak to someone at the Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services (OES) or Self-Help Enterprises. Additionally, Spanish language versions of the application have been posted online.

POLICY ISSUE:

The Board of Supervisors shall review the need for continuing the local emergency at least once every 30 days, pursuant to Government Code Section 8360, subd. c. Termination of the emergency shall be proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant, pursuant to Government Code Section 8630, subd. d.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Self-Help Enterprises (SHE), a private non-profit organization, is administering the TWA program in Stanislaus County. As a non-profit organization, SHE is eligible for 100% reimbursement of funds expended through the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA). For the months of August 2015 through January 2016, SHE has invoiced and been approved for reimbursement by CDAA for \$473,933 on behalf of work completed in Stanislaus County.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRIORITY:

The recommended actions support the Board's priorities of A Safe Community and A Healthy Community by delivering emergency services, specifically drinking and sanitation water, in a cost effective manner.

STAFFING IMPACT:

The department has existing staff to perform the work necessary to continue this emergency proclamation. The Temporary Water Assistance Program will be administered by Self-Help Enterprises with County administrative oversight.

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None