

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

DEPT: CEO-Office of Emergency Srvcs/Fire Warden

BOARD AGENDA # *B-5

Urgent

Routine

G. Hunsdale

AGENDA DATE January 6, 2009

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Use \$27,000 of Emergency Services Public Facilities Fees to Purchase and Install Audio-Visual Office Equipment to Support the Office of Emergency Services Function and Adjust the Budget

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Authorize the expenditure of Emergency Services Public Facility Fees for the purchase and installation of audio-visual office equipment for the Logistics Room of the Emergency Operations Center.
2. Direct the Auditor Controller to increase appropriations and estimated revenue in the amount of \$27,000 in the Office of Emergency Services Budget Unit consistent with the budget journal.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Public Facility Fees (PFF) are collected from new development within the County. These fees are expended based on a plan that was adopted by the Board of Supervisors. PFF cannot be expended for items other than those identified by the Plan. The Office of Emergency Services is requesting authorization to expend approximately \$27,000 for purchase and installation of audio-visual office equipment for the Logistics Room in the Emergency Operations Center. There is approximately \$171,304 available in this fund at this time. There are no increased costs to the General Fund associated with this request.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2009-34

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

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

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

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DISCUSSION:

The Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services (OES) operates in the facility at 3705 Oakdale Road, Modesto. This facility is shared with Stanislaus Regional 911, Modesto Police Department and Modesto Fire Department. OES manages the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) located at this facility. The EOC is used by Stanislaus County and the City of Modesto.

The Office of Emergency Services (OES) is responsible for the functional readiness of the primary and alternate emergency operations centers located in Modesto and Ceres. Continual training, maintenance and a state of readiness is critical to successful response to any large scale emergency in Stanislaus County. The City of Modesto co-locates its emergency operations center with our County EOC. The County EOC also serves as the alternate EOC for the cities of Ceres and Oakdale.

OES ensures county compliance with Homeland Security Presidential Directives (HSPD) 5 and 8. These directives are linked to preparedness funding and disaster management. Preparedness funding will not be awarded and can be revoked if Stanislaus County is not compliant with the National Incident Management System (NIMS). OES oversees completing the NIMS reporting requirements on behalf of Stanislaus County through the NIMS Compliance Assistance Support Tool (NIMSCAST). To meet the training requirements under this program, OES has provided on-going training to the Operational Area to meet the NIMS training requirements. The new National Preparedness Framework establishes a five year training plan that Stanislaus County will be required to complete to maintain Federal preparedness funding.

In 2006, OES used \$127,000 in funding from the Fiscal Year 2004 and Fiscal Year 2005 Homeland Security Grants to upgrade the audio-visual office equipment for the EOC. This upgrade included drop down projects screens for the Operations room, monitors for the Operations, Planning, PIO, ARES and Logistics rooms along with a central control panel in the Operations Room. This system allows the EOC management team to display and review diverse data that is coming in from the field during an emergency. The audio visual equipment gives OES a means to view and display the data at various locations within the EOC.

A drop down projection screen, projector and control system for the Logistics Room was not included in the original audio visual package purchased with Homeland Security Grant funding. Since the audio-visual improvements were installed, discipline representatives have requested a drop down screen and projection features be installed in the Logistics Room; these requests have come both during EOC activations as well as during the many classes that are held in

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the room. The system will be tied in with the original installation so data and display streams can be controlled from the Operations Room if necessary.

Since 2007, the Office of Emergency Services has been providing NIMS training courses in the Logistics Room. All County employees are required to receive a minimum of entry level training. Personnel who will fill first line supervisor, middle management and command and general staff positions in the emergency response are required to take eight hour and/or forty hour Incident Command System Courses. OES also provides training to the nine cities and other emergency management partners including utilities, schools and private industry. The training courses have been funding through the Fiscal Year 2006 and Fiscal Year 2007 training grants. Instructors, staff and student have noted the benefits a drop down screen and projector would bring to the presentation of the NIMS classes.

The Emergency Services Public Facilities Fees is based on the original Fire Warden's Public Facilities Fee Study (1990 original PFF study prepared by Recht Hausrath and Associates). That study identified office equipment as a component that would be required in the future to accommodate the needs of the division based on the projected population growth. Today's technology, though not forecasted 17 years ago, fits the criteria as office equipment.

This request was reviewed and approved by the Public Facilities Fees Committee on November 20, 2008.

POLICY ISSUES:

Approval of this expenditure by the Board of Supervisors will address the Board's priorities of *Efficient delivery of public services*, *A safe community*, and *Effective partnerships* through the provision of adequate facilities to support the County's emergency operations needs.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There is no staffing impact associated with this item.

