

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

DEPT: CEO-Office of Emergency Svcs/Fire Warden

BOARD AGENDA # *B-6

Urgent Routine *CHINSHAW*

AGENDA DATE March 31, 2009

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Authorize the April 16, 2009 Pandemic Influenza Full Scale Exercise Coordinated by Health Services Agency as a Disaster Training and Allow the Participation of Disaster Service Workers

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the Pandemic Influenza Exercise scheduled for April 16, 2009 as Disaster Training.
2. Approve participation of Disaster Service Workers in the Pandemic Influenza Exercise.

FISCAL IMPACT:

On November 18, 2008 the Board of Supervisors authorized the Health Services Agency to submit an application for and accept a funding allocation of \$874,238 under the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) 2008-09 Program Guidance, and the State General (GF) Pandemic Influenza Public Health Emergency Preparedness Comprehensive Agreement Application 2008-09. One of the grant deliverables is to complete a Pandemic Influenza Full Scale Exercise. Exercise costs are reimbursed so there is no impact to the General Fund associated.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2009-192

On motion of Supervisor Monteith, Seconded by Supervisor Grover
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

File No.

DISCUSSION:

On November 18, 2008, the Board of Supervisors authorized Health Services Agency to apply for and accept funding of \$874,238. The California Department of Public Health coordinated separate funding streams from Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the United States Department of Health and Human Services and State General Fund and issued a single guidance and application process. The California Department of Public Health executed the funding agreement on December 6, 2008.

One component of the application is to complete a Pandemic Influenza Full Scale Exercise. The Pandemic Influenza Exercise is scheduled in Stanislaus County on April 16, 2009. The exercise is designed to test the medical emergency capacity of the local healthcare system during a medical catastrophe such as a pandemic influenza outbreak. Agencies participating in the design of the exercise include: Health Services Agency, the Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, General Services Agency, Stanislaus County Office of Education, Modesto Police Department, Mountain Valley Emergency Medical Services Agency, American Medical Response, Protransport-1, Doctors Medical Center, Kaiser Permanente, Oak Valley Hospital District, Memorial Medical Center, Golden Valley Health Centers, Evergreen Rehabilitation Care Center, Advancing Vibrant Communities and American Red Cross.

Volunteers will act as patients during the exercise. To provide the volunteers liability protection under the Disaster Service Worker Volunteer Program, volunteers will be sworn in as Disaster Services Workers (DSWs) for the exercise date only. For coverage under the DSW program, Board approval is necessary to approve the exercise as disaster training and to approve the use of DSW volunteers.

POLICY ISSUES:

Authorizing the Pandemic Influenza Exercise as a disaster training supports the Board priorities of *A safe community*, *A healthy community* and *Effective partnerships* by enhancing the ability of the local medical community to respond to a medical disaster.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Existing staff from multiple county departments are participating in the design of the exercise and in the exercise itself.