

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

DEPT: Chief Executive Office

BOARD AGENDA # *B-7

Urgent

Routine

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO

(Information Attached)

AGENDA DATE May 24, 2011

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Accept the Fourth Update on Flooding in Various Locations in Stanislaus County and Approval to Continue the Countywide Declaration of a Local Emergency

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Accept the fourth update on flooding in various locations in Stanislaus County.
2. Approval to continue the Countywide declaration of a local emergency due to flooding in various locations in Stanislaus County.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The complete fiscal impact associated with the flooding in various areas of Stanislaus County has yet to be quantified. Overall, we anticipate potential financial impacts including: private property damage, local crop damage, damage to County Parks, potential damage to roadways, bridges and other infrastructure, damage to local levees, increased staff overtime and operational costs.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2011-309

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa, Seconded by Supervisor Withrow
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) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

4) _____ Other:

MOTION:



ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

DISCUSSION:

This past winter and early spring has brought rain and snowfall far above normal levels, resulting in river levels approaching and exceeding flood stage flows, and one Reclamation District declaring a local state of emergency based on concerns associated with the stability of a section of levee in their district. Given the current snow packs in the Sierra Mountains, water levels are anticipated to flow at or near capacity well into June, a factor that could well contribute to additional damage to some low-lying properties adjacent to the San Joaquin River and its tributaries.

On April 5, 2011, the Board of Supervisors approved an agenda item declaring a local state of emergency in Stanislaus County based upon a review of the flooding situation and the weather forecasts for Stanislaus County, and requested the Governor to proclaim a state of emergency based on a determination that locally available resources are inadequate to cope with the emergency.

On April 15, 2011, the Governor declared a State of Emergency for nineteen counties as a result of severe rain and related storm damage. Stanislaus County was included in the Governor's State of Emergency. Cal EMA and FEMA representatives toured the County on April 13, 2011. As of this date, the County has not received a preliminary damage assessment from these agencies. Accurate and/or full damage assessments will not be determined until river levels recede to more normal flows later this summer.

Board of Supervisors' review of the emergency proclamation is required at least every 14 days to evaluate the need for continuing the local emergency. This agenda item is intended to obtain Board approval to continue the state of emergency proclamation. The Board will proclaim the termination of this emergency when conditions warrant.

POLICY ISSUES:

It is the intention of this emergency declaration to achieve the Board of Supervisors priorities of A Safe Community and A Healthy Community.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Existing staff will perform the work necessary to address this emergency declaration. In certain cases, this may include additional overtime.

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