

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

DEPT: Office of Emergency Services *G. Hunsow*

BOARD AGENDA # *B-4

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE October 4, 2011

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO

(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval of a Resolution of Intent to Participate in the Great California ShakeOut Annual Statewide Earthquake Drill and Work Toward Becoming a Safer Community

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approve a Resolution of Intent to Participate in the Great California ShakeOut Annual Statewide Earthquake Drill and work toward becoming a safer community.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this resolution.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2011-560

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:

Christine Ferraro

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

DISCUSSION:

Last year, for the first time, Stanislaus County participated in the 2010 Great California ShakeOut joining millions of people throughout California who also participated. Stanislaus County Departments practiced the *Drop, Cover, and Hold On Drill* for one minute on October 21, at 10:21 a.m. Additional information for preparing for an earthquake at home and at work was also 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 20, 2011 at 10:20 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 7.4 million Californians are already registered to participate this year. Stanislaus County has 23,836 people registered so far including schools, colleges, local government, businesses, preparedness organizations, individuals and families.

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 has encouraged the cities and other government entities to participate in the ShakeOut via the Operational Area Council meetings.

POLICY ISSUES:

Approval to Participate in the Great California ShakeOut supports the Board's priority of A Safe Community.

STAFFING IMPACT:

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

CONTACT PERSON:

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THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

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**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 the 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, the 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, 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, by participating in The Great California ShakeOut on October 20, 2011, the County of Stanislaus has the opportunity to join and support all Californians in strengthening community and regional resiliency; and

WHEREAS, by supporting The Great California ShakeOut, the County of Stanislaus can utilize the information on www.ShakeOut.org 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 www.ShakeOut.org, Stanislaus County employees can participate in the ShakeOut "Drop Cover and Hold on" earthquake drill on October 20 at 10:20 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 hereto 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,
State of California



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