

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

DEPT: Office Of Emergency Services

BOARD AGENDA #: *B-13

AGENDA DATE: May 23, 2017

SUBJECT:

Approval to Accept the Twenty-Fourth Update on the Temporary Water Assistance Program and Continue the Countywide Proclamation of a Local Emergency Due to a Multi-year Water Shortage in California

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No.

2017-276

On motion of Supervisor Withrow, Seconded by Supervisor Monteith
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Olsen, Withrow, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman Chiesa

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
ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

File No.

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Urgent Routine

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CEO CONCURRENCE: *pht*

4/5 Vote Required: Yes No

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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Accept the twenty-fourth update on the Temporary Water Assistance Program in Stanislaus County.
2. Approve to continue the Countywide proclamation of a local emergency due to a multi-year water shortage.
3. Direct staff to continue working with those individuals who are currently receiving assistance to find a permanent water supply solution by June 30, 2017.

DISCUSSION:

California faced some of the driest years in recorded state history spanning the water years 2012 through 2016. As a result, Governor Brown proclaimed a State of Emergency on January 17, 2014 and directed state officials to take all necessary actions to address the dry conditions. 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.

On July 28, 2015, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors proclaimed a local State of Emergency in Stanislaus County due to the severity of the water shortage and the potential impacts to County residents. Additionally, the Board accepted the Stanislaus County Water Contingency Plan which included a Temporary Water Assistance (TWA) Program. The TWA is administered by Self-Help Enterprises, a private non-profit organization, which placed temporary water tanks at homes where a domestic well has run dry. This program has been funded 100% by California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) funding.

Following unprecedented water conservation and plentiful rain and snow in the winter of 2016-2017, Governor Brown, on April 7, 2017, ended the State of Emergency in most of California. Executive Order B-40-17 lifted the drought emergency in all California counties except Fresno, Kings, Tulare and Tuolumne, where emergency drinking water projects will continue to help address diminished groundwater supplies. As a result the Governor has authorized CDAA

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funding until June 30, 2017 to provide for households who are currently enrolled in an emergency water tank program.

A phasing out of the Temporary Water Assistance Program in Stanislaus County started on February 7, 2017. Staff was directed to close the program application period and grant no continued lease agreements. Staff has been working with Self-Help Enterprises in finding permanent water solutions with the remaining program participants. Each of the participants have been contacted by phone and with a follow-up written letter advising them of the Governor's latest actions and that water delivery through the Temporary Water Assistance program will be available through June 30, 2017.

Stanislaus County's TWA program currently has 28 households receiving assistance. There are 22 tanks installed and 6 properties receiving water delivery only. Efforts are underway to assist the property owners to seek a permanent solution before the June 30, 2017 deadline date.

In order to continue to provide temporary assistance to Stanislaus County homeowners and be eligible for the appropriated drought funding allocation through CDAA, the County must continue the emergency proclamation in accordance with Government Code Section 8630, subd. c. It is recommended to continue the countywide proclamation of a local emergency and staff will continue to work with affected homeowners to seek permanent water supply solutions by June 30, 2017.

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 8630, 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 March 2017, SHE has invoiced and been approved for reimbursement through CDAA for \$1,028,776 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.

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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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ATTACHMENT(S):

None