

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

DEPT: Office Of Emergency Services

BOARD AGENDA #: *B-5

AGENDA DATE: July 11, 2017

SUBJECT:

Approval to Accept the Twenty-Sixth Update on the Temporary Water Assistance Program and End the Countywide Local Emergency

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No.

2017-379

On motion of Supervisor Withrow, Seconded by Supervisor Olsen
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, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

File No.

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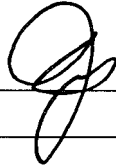
DEPT: Office Of Emergency Services
Urgent Routine

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CEO CONCURRENCE: _____



4/5 Vote Required: Yes No

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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Accept the twenty-sixth update on the Temporary Water Assistance Program in Stanislaus County.
2. Approval to end, on July 31, 2017, the Countywide proclamation of a local emergency due to a multi-year water shortage.
3. Direct staff to continue working with Self-Help Enterprises to extend service to the current Stanislaus County Temporary Water Assistance Program participants under the State of California Emergency Water Tank Continuation Program.

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. was authorized for funding, as deemed appropriate, for local government assistance to provide emergency water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.

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 Program was administered by Self-Help Enterprises (SHE), a private non-profit organization, which placed temporary water tanks at homes where a domestic well had run dry. This program was 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 and ended the CDAA funding as of June 30, 2017.

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A phasing out of the Temporary Water Assistance Program in Stanislaus County started on February 7, 2017. Staff has worked closely with Self-Help Enterprises in finding permanent water solutions for the remaining program participants. Each participant was contacted advising them of the Governor's actions and that water delivery through the Stanislaus County Temporary Water Assistance program would be available through June 30, 2017. All water delivery, under the current TWA program, ended in Stanislaus County on June 30, 2017 due to the cessation of CDAA funding. The State, however, is allowing counties an additional 30 days, to July 31, 2017, to allow for eligible demobilization costs associated with removing a tank from an assigned property. These costs will continue to be covered by CDAA.

The California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) recognizes some counties may still have households who need further water assistance beyond the June 30, 2017 deadline. For households that have not yet secured an alternative potable water source by the June deadline, Cal OES has agreed to provide temporary funding to eligible applicants through the Emergency Water Tank Continuation (WTC) Program in order to maintain public health and safety, and to allow for local governments to work on permanent solutions for the existing temporary water program participants. Self-Help Enterprises has been identified by Cal OES as an eligible applicant.

On June 13, 2017, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors delegated SHE to apply for state funding through the WTC Program on behalf of Stanislaus County. SHE has applied and was granted funding to continue water tank refills to participating Stanislaus County residents. Funding for this program covers a 12-month period, July 1, 2017 and ending on June 30, 2018. There will be no gap in water delivery service to current participating households during the transition. SHE will be required to submit quarterly progress reports to Cal OES regarding the emergency water tanks supported under the WTC Program. Stanislaus County OES staff will continue to work closely with SHE to comply with all requirements of the grant and to continue to establish long-term water solutions for County residents and to build resiliency for communities to withstand future droughts.

Stanislaus County's TWA program currently has 21 households receiving assistance. Remaining participants are receiving individualized attention and assistance from OES and SHE to address their needs in obtaining a permanent solution as soon as possible.

Since the Governor has declared the drought to be over and discontinued the CDAA funding for the current Stanislaus County TWA Program, it is recommended to terminate the countywide local emergency. Current TWA Program participants may continue to be serviced by Self-Help Enterprises through the WTC Program.

It is recommended to accept this twenty-sixth TWA Program report, end the countywide proclamation of a local emergency on July 31, 2017, and direct staff to work with Self-Help Enterprises to extend service to current Stanislaus County TWA program participants funded by the WTC Program.

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POLICY ISSUE:

The Board of Supervisors shall terminate the emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant, pursuant to Government Code Section 8630, subdivision 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 May 2017, SHE has invoiced and been approved for reimbursement through CDAA for \$1,078,924 on behalf of work completed in Stanislaus County. For nearly three years, the State has provided more than \$27.8 million in funding to support the delivery of 66,344,584 gallons of water to households without potable water.

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.

STAFFING IMPACT:

The department has existing staff to perform County administrative oversight.

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ATTACHMENT(S):

None