

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

DEPT: Office Of Emergency Services

BOARD AGENDA #: *B-9

AGENDA DATE: September 26, 2017

SUBJECT:

Approval of a Resolution of Intent to Participate in the Great California ShakeOut Annual Statewide Earthquake Drill

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2017-548

On motion of Supervisor Olsen, Seconded by Supervisor Withrow
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.

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
AGENDA ITEM**

DEPT Office Of Emergency Services
Urgent Routine

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CEO
CONCURRENCE: pht

4/5 Vote Required: Yes No

SUBJECT:

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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve a Resolution of Intent to Participate in the Great California ShakeOut annual statewide earthquake drill to work toward becoming a safer community.

DISCUSSION:

For the past seven years, on the third Thursday of October, Stanislaus County has participated in the Great California ShakeOut, joining millions of people throughout California in raising awareness for earthquake preparedness. While some areas of California are more likely to have earthquakes than others, all of California is at a higher risk compared to the rest of the country. You could be anywhere when an earthquake strikes: at home, at work, at school, or even on vacation. Being prepared is important to surviving and recovering quickly from an earthquake.

The Great California ShakeOut is a drill to practice how to be safer during big earthquakes by using *Drop, Cover, and Hold On*. If you are inside a building, move no more than a few steps, then *Drop, Cover, and Hold On*:

- DROP to the ground
- Take COVER by getting under a sturdy desk or table, and
- HOLD ON to it until the shaking stops.

This action offers the best overall level of protection in most situations. To react quickly you must practice often. You may only have seconds to protect yourself in an earthquake before strong shaking knocks you down – or drops something on you. Practicing helps you be ready to respond.

Participants are also encouraged to look around now, before an earthquake, and identify safe places for protection when the shaking starts. Safe places include under a sturdy piece of furniture or against an interior wall in your home, office or school. Getting inside a doorway is no longer considered a safe place since in modern homes and buildings doorways are no safer and they do not protect you from flying or falling objects. Studies of injuries and deaths caused by earthquakes in the United States indicate you are much more likely to be injured by falling or

flying objects (TVs, lamps, glass, bookcases, etc.) than to die in a collapsed building. Securing these objects can provide protection from injury.

This year, the Great California ShakeOut will again be statewide and will take place on October 19, 2017, at 10:19 a.m. According to the ShakeOut website, more than 7.3 million Californians have already registered to participate this year. In Stanislaus County, over 42,000 residents have registered to participate. Registration categories include local government, schools, colleges and universities, healthcare, senior facilities, businesses and more.

POLICY ISSUE:

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

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact related to this agenda item. Office of Emergency Services staff will solicit participation via email, social media and announcements at various meetings within the Operational Area.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRIORITY:

Approval to Participate in the Great California ShakeOut supports the Board of Supervisors' priority of A Safe Community by raising awareness for earthquake preparedness.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Existing staff from the Office of Emergency Services will provide ShakeOut information to the County departments, other government entities, the Operational Area Council, and the general public via email, meetings and social media.

CONTACT PERSON:

Dale Skiles, Fire Warden. Telephone: 209-552-3600

ATTACHMENT(S):

Attachment A – Resolution of Intent to Participate

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

**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 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, 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, Stanislaus County has participated in the Great California Shakeout since 2010; 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, over 42,000 individuals throughout the County are currently registered to participate in this year's ShakeOut; and,

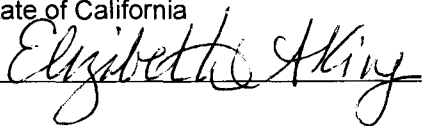
WHEREAS, by participating in The Great California ShakeOut on October 19, 2017, Stanislaus County has the opportunity to join and support all Californians in strengthening community and regional resiliency; and,

WHEREAS, by supporting The Great California ShakeOut, Stanislaus County can utilize the information on <http://www.shakeout.org/california/> 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 <http://www.shakeout.org/california/>, Stanislaus County employees can participate in the ShakeOut "Drop, Cover, and Hold on" earthquake drill on October 19, 2017, at 10:19 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 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: ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors,
State of California



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