

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

DEPT: Chief Executive Office

BOARD AGENDA:4.B.7
AGENDA DATE: February 13, 2018

SUBJECT:

Approval of Appointment of Richard Murdock as the Stanislaus County Fire Warden,
Assistant Director of the Office of Emergency Services

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-0085

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

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

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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CONSENT:

CEO CONCURRENCE: YES

4/5 Vote Required: No

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Approval of Appointment of Richard Murdock as the Stanislaus County Fire Warden, Assistant Director of the Office of Emergency Services

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

1. Appoint Richard Murdock as the Stanislaus County Fire Warden, Assistant Director of the Office of Emergency Services.

DISCUSSION:

In Stanislaus County, in accordance with Section 2.52.080 of the Stanislaus County Ordinance, the Chief Executive Officer is the Director of Emergency Services. In addition, Section 2.52.110 identifies that the Office of Emergency Services is a Division of the Chief Executive Office.

The County's Office of Emergency Services operates from the facility at 3705 Oakdale Road and is co-located with Stanislaus Regional 911. The Division has 14 employees and is responsible for Emergency Services, Fire Warden and County Security. Section 2.52.110 of the County Ordinance provides that the Director of Emergency Services, (Chief Executive Officer) may recommend to the Board of Supervisors the appointment of an Assistant Director. The office of Assistant Director of Emergency Services, shall also serve as the County Fire Warden, pursuant to County Ordinance Section 2.52.090. The Assistant Director, under policy direction of the Director, shall act as chief of staff of the emergency organization and leads important safety efforts of this Division, County wide.

In December 2017, Dale Skiles retired as Stanislaus County Fire Warden, Assistant Director of the Office of Emergency Services. Chief Skiles served honorably in this position for nearly five years. As a result of this retirement, the County initiated a recruitment process to fill the position.

The County has conducted a recruitment for the Fire Warden, Assistant Director of the Office of Emergency Services (OES) and has selected Richard Murdock to fill the position. Mr. Murdock is currently employed as the Executive Director of Mountain-Valley Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency, working in multiple roles since July of 2009. In his role as Executive Director, Mr. Murdock has shown leadership in

managing regulatory oversight for this five county emergency medical system that covers Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa and Stanislaus counties.

In addition to his years of experience in EMS, Mr. Murdock served as a Firefighter/Paramedic for 12 years with Sacramento Metro Fire Department. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Healthcare Administration and has advanced experience in the Incident Command System, Standardized Emergency Management System and the National Incident Management System.

The Chief Executive Office is fortunate to have a candidate with this level of experience, knowledge, education and leadership skills interested in joining our team.

POLICY ISSUE:

In accordance with Government Code §24008, the Board of Supervisors approves the appointment of the Fire Warden, Assistant Director of Emergency Services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

As identified in the discussion section of this agenda item, Mr. Murdock has more than 15 professional years' experience in the field of fire and medical, and extensive operational programming in disaster, medical and health planning. He demonstrates the skills and abilities needed for the position to ensure the integrity of the OES responsibilities at the highest levels. As a result of his comprehensive experience, Mr. Murdock is being hired above the mid-point of the salary band with a starting salary of approximately \$135,000 per year. Funding for this position for the remainder of the year is authorized in the current adopted budget and no increase in appropriations to the OES Division of the Chief Executive Office is being requested.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRIORITY:

The recommended actions are consistent with the Board's priority of *Supporting Strong and Safe Neighborhoods* by ensuring that the Chief Executive Office employs highly qualified public safety personnel.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There is no additional staffing impact associated with this recommendation.

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