



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Health
Department No.: 041
For Agenda Of: February 9, 2021
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
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Director Public Health Department
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SUBJECT: Request to Ratify Execution of Emergency Occupancy Agreement with Best Western Plus Encina Inn and Suites for Isolation and Quarantine for COVID-19 Response

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors consider the following recommendations:

- a) Approve and ratify an Emergency Occupancy Agreement between the County of Santa Barbara and the Best Western Plus Encina Inn and Suites located in Southern Santa Barbara County for isolation and quarantine of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 persons in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- b) Authorize the Public Health Director, or designee, until otherwise ordered by the Board, to continue utilizing the Emergency Occupancy Agreement to provide isolation and quarantine in response to the COVID-19 pandemic for payments due under Section 4 in an amount not to exceed \$70,000; and
- c) Determine that the recommended actions are not the acceptance and approval of a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), finding that the project is a creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment; and that the actions are exempt from CEQA pursuant to Guidelines Section 15269(c) as they consist of specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda for your Board to approve and ratify an Emergency Occupancy Agreement (EOA) with Best Western Plus Encina Inn and Suites that was executed on December 17, 2020 to provide an isolation and quarantine for suspected and confirmed COVID-19 persons as part of the County's COVID-19 response efforts (Attachment A). The previous EOA with Best Western Plus Encina Inn and Suites for isolation and quarantine of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 persons in Santa Barbara County was executed on July 8, 2020 and expired on November 17, 2020 (Attachment B).

Background: On March 12, 2020, the Board of Supervisors declared a local emergency proclamation in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As part of the County's response to stop the spread of the Coronavirus, on July 8, 2020, the County used its emergency contract authority to execute an agreement with Best Western Plus Encina Inn and Suites to provide isolation and quarantine on a month-to-month bases of either persons under investigation, or those that have tested positive for COVID-19. The Agreement was executed pursuant to the Director of Emergency Services' authority under County Code Chapter 12 and was approved and ratified by the Board on November 17, 2020 (Attachment B).

On December 17, 2020, the County used its emergency contract authority to execute a new agreement with Best Western Plus Encina Inn and Suites to provide isolation and quarantine for either persons under investigation, or those that have tested positive for COVID-19 (Attachment A). This new agreement has reduced daily room rates of \$120.00, will be utilized as needed, and rates are calculated based on occupancy. The previous agreement's daily room rates were \$160.00 and rates were calculated for a block of reserved rooms whether they were occupied or not.

Thus, the request is for your Board to approve and ratify the Agreement with Best Western Plus Encina Inn and Suites to ratify the provision for isolation and quarantine as part of the County's COVID-19 response and mitigation efforts. Ratification of this new agreement will allow the County to continue to use the Best Western Plus Encina Inn and Suites for isolation and quarantine on an as needed basis.

Performance Measure:

N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

Based on incurred lodging services, it is anticipated that the Public Health Department may expend up to \$70,000, as a not to exceed, during FY 2020-21 on this new agreement. Costs associated with this Agreement may be eligible for 75% cost recovery through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Key Contract Risks

In the unlikely event this contract is utilized, costs will be monitored and tracked closely as have all previous non-congregate COVID related contracts. Additionally, risks are mitigated as the agreement can be terminated upon a 30-day notice by either party.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

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Special Instructions:

Please retain one (1) Minute Order for pick-up by the department. Please email Kelly.Lazarus@sbcphd.org when available for pickup.

Attachments:

- A. Emergency Occupancy Agreement with Best Western Plus Encina Inn and Suites for Isolation and Quarantine effective December 17, 2020
- B. Emergency Occupancy Agreement with Best Western Plus Encina Inn and Suites for Isolation and Quarantine for the period of July 6, 2020 through November 17, 2020

Authored by:

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