

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Agenda Number:
Prepared on: 1/30/04
Department Name: County Administrator
Department No.: 0130
Agenda Date: 2/17/04
Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time:
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Michael F. Brown
County Administrator

STAFF Bruce Carter, OES Manager, 681-5559
CONTACT: Jim Laponis, Deputy County Administrator, 568-3400

SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution Authorizing and Directing Certain County Officials to File Applications for Emergency Services for Financial Assistance.

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors: Adopt the resolution authorizing certain County Officials to file applications for state disaster assistance.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

On December 22, 2003 at or about 11:16 a.m., a magnitude 6.5 earthquake occurred near San Simeon in San Luis Obispo County (San Simeon Earthquake). This earthquake and the continuing aftershocks have been and are felt throughout Santa Barbara County, particularly in the northern portions of the County. Public and private damages are still being reported.

On December 24, 2003, when the Board of Supervisors was not in session, Director of Emergency Services Michael F. Brown, proclaimed the existence of a local emergency for Santa Barbara County in connection with the December 22, 2003 San Simeon Earthquake and continuing aftershocks. Additionally, Mr. Brown requested Governor Schwarzenegger to proclaim the County of Santa Barbara to be in a State of Emergency and to seek a Presidential Declaration of Emergency from the President of the United States. On December 29, 2003, your Board approved a resolution # 03-384 ratifying this act and proclaiming the existence of a local emergency relative to the continuing earthquake emergency and seeking both a State and Presidential

Declaration of Emergency. On December 31, 2003, Lieutenant Governor Cruz M. Bustamante, acting in Governor Schwarzenegger's absence, proclaimed the County of Santa Barbara to be in a State of Emergency.

On January 13, 2004, President George W. Bush proclaimed the County of Santa Barbara to be a major disaster but only provided for federal disaster funds to local governments (Public Assistance) and not to individuals and very limited assistance to businesses. Local governments are eligible for costs associated with debris removal, emergency services related to the earthquake, and the restoration of damaged public property.

In order to facilitate the expeditious filing of the numerous applications for state and federal disaster assistance associated with the December 22, 2003 San Simeon Earthquake and aftershocks, it is recommended that the Board adopt a resolution (copy attached) designating certain County Officials as having the authority to apply for state and federal disaster assistance.

Mandates and Service Levels:

No change in programs or service level.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Continuing staff time and resources for affected county departments.

Special Instructions:

Once executed, the Clerk should return a fully executed copy of the Resolution to:

- Stephen Shane Stark, County Counsel
- Phil Demery, Director of Public Works
- Bruce Carter, OES Manager, Fire/OES
- John Forner, Risk Manager, Risk Management

Concurrence:

Public Works
County Counsel
Auditor Controller
Risk Management

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING AND
DIRECTING CERTAIN COUNTY
OFFICIALS TO FILE APPLICATIONS
FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES THROUGH
THE STATE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY
SERVICES FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara, a public entity established under the laws of the State of California, hereby authorizes its agents to provide to the State Office of Emergency Services, for all matters pertaining to state disaster assistance, the assurances and agreements required; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for such authorization based upon the **San Simeon Earthquake**, which occurred **December 22, 2003**.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara hereby authorizes and directs the **County Administrator, Michael F. Brown; Deputy County Administrators, Jim Laponis, Scott Ullery, Auditor-Controller, Robert W. Geis; Director of Public Works, Phillip M. Demery; Deputy Director of Roads & Transportation, Scott McGolpin; Deputy Director of Flood Control/Water Resources, Thomas Fayram; and Public Works Manager of Disaster Recovery, David Rickard**, to act as representatives of the County of Santa Barbara and are hereby authorized to execute for and in behalf of the County of Santa Barbara, a public entity established under the laws of the State of California, the applications for assistance and to file them with the State Office of Emergency Services for the purpose of obtaining certain state financial assistance under the under P.L. 93-288 as amended by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988, and/or state financial assistance under the Natural Disaster Assistance Act in connection with the December 22, 2003, San Simeon Earthquake.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara,
State of California this _____ day of _____, 2004, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Joseph Centeno, Chair
Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara

ATTEST:
MICHAEL F. BROWN
CLERK OF THE BOARD

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
STEPHEN SHANE STARK
COUNTY COUNSEL

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
John Forner or Deputy Risk Manager
RISK MANAGEMENT

By _____
Deputy

By _____

APPROVED AS TO ACCOUNTING FORM:
Robert W. Geis
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

By _____
Deputy