



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: July 6, 2010
Placement: Set Hearing
Estimated Tme: 15 minutes on 07-13-10
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Takashi Wada, MD, MPH, Director/Health Officer, Public Health
Deputy Director Department
Contact Info: Nancy Lapolla, MPH (681-5264)
Director, Emergency Medical Services Agency
SUBJECT: Medical Supplies and Equipment Donation to North County

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Set a hearing for July 13, 2010 to consider recommendations regarding a north county medical supplies and equipment cache, as follows:

- a) Receive a presentation on the establishment of a medical supplies cache in Santa Barbara County.
- b) Accept a donation of medical supplies and equipment from Doctors Without Walls – Santa Barbara Street Medicine and the Orfalea Foundation Aware and Prepare Initiative for use in a public health disaster or medical emergency.

Summary Text:

Thanks to a generous grant from the Orfalea Foundation Aware and Prepare Initiative, Doctors Without Walls – Santa Barbara Street Medicine (DWW-SBSM) would like to donate a cache of medical supplies and equipment to Santa Barbara County to be housed at the Santa Maria warehouse of American Red Cross. Acceptance of this donation will help Santa Maria and other communities in northern Santa Barbara county be better prepared for medical emergencies.

Background:

This donated cache consists of medical supplies and equipment for use in the event of a large scale disaster. There is an existing cache similarly supplied in south county. Possible uses of these caches

include: field treatment sites; alternate care sites; clinic or hospital support; mass vaccination/prophylaxis; and medically fragile shelters.

The donation also includes a forklift (to maneuver the 28 pallets of supplies and equipment inside the warehouse); a 630 square foot medical tent and accessories; and 10 UHF radios. A trailer stocked with emergency medical and disaster supplies, funded through the Homeland Security Grant Program, will be staged and ready to mobilize the warehouse cache of supplies.

The establishment of this cache has been made possible through a valuable partnership with a number of organizations, all of whom are invested in emergency preparedness in our county:

- The Santa Barbara County chapter of the American Red Cross (ARC) provided the much needed secure warehouse space in Santa Maria for these supplies, free of charge.
- The Santa Barbara County Homeland Security Approval Authority authorized \$38,000 of Homeland Security funds for the purchase of a disaster response trailer and supplies to be staged at the ARC site in Santa Maria.
- Doctors Without Walls – Santa Barbara Street Medicine donated \$130,258 in goods and materials thanks to a grant from the Orfalea Foundation Aware and Prepare Initiative. In addition to the cache of medical supplies and equipment, the funds allowed for the purchase of radios, a forklift and a disaster tent.
- Direct Relief International acted as the fiscal agent for Doctors Without Walls, enabling the tax-free acquisition of the goods.
- Santa Barbara County Public Health, Hospital Preparedness Program funded the warehouse shelving and racks costing \$9,288.

The medical cache, shelving, radios, forklift, tent, and disaster response trailer are valued at \$177,546. Thanks to donated time, warehouse space, and the tax-free purchasing of the supplies and equipment, significant savings were achieved.

Santa Barbara County, Emergency Medical Services Agency and the Public Health Department's Preparedness Program will maintain the supplies and equipment stored in the warehouse. The American Red Cross will maintain the forklift.

This collaboration shows how working together can enhance services to the community. The Medical Reserve Corps, now 135 volunteer members strong, is ready to respond to a local medical emergency as part of the County of Santa Barbara's emergency medical response efforts. With a growing cadre in north county, these volunteers complement the supplies and equipment now staged in that area.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

There is no general fund impact with the approval of this donation valued at \$130,258. The Office of Emergency Services, as part of the Homeland Security grant, contributed \$38,000 in funds for the trailer and additional medical supplies. The cost incurred by the County of Santa Barbara Public Health Department is a one time expense of \$9,288 for warehouse shelving racks, funded by the Hospital Preparedness Program grant. This amount is included as part of the adopted FY 2009-10 budget. The allotment is included in the Community Health division of the Public Health Department shown on Page D-204 of the County's Operating Plan Document.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
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FTEs:
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Special Instructions:

Please email an electronic copy of the Minute Order to the PHD Contracts Unit at PHDcu@sbcpd.org.

Attachments:

- Letter from DWW-SBSM RE: Emergency Medical Supplies and Equipment for North County
- Memorandum of Understanding between Public Health Department and American Red Cross, Santa Barbara Chapter
- North County Cache Project Report PowerPoint Presentation

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