

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 02-13-02  
**Department Name:** Public Health  
**Department No.:** 041  
**Agenda Date:** 04/02/02  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:**  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Roger E. Heroux, Director  
Public Health Department

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Community Health Division Manager

**SUBJECT:** Agreement with the State Department of Health Services for Public Health  
Preparedness and Response to Bioterrorism

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**Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Execute the Agreement with the State Department of Health Services for public health preparedness and response to bioterrorism for the federal fiscal year of October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002, in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Authorize the Director of Public Health to execute an amendment with the Department of Health Services if additional funds become available for the period October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002.

**Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with:

Goal No. II: A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit

Goal No VII: A Community that Fosters the Safety and Well-Being of Families and Children

**Executive Summary and Discussion:**

On February 27, 2001, your Board approved a \$10,000.00 contract with the State Department of Health Services to improve preparedness and response to bioterrorism. On June 17, 2001, this contract was amended to increase the compensation to the County from \$10,000.00 to \$15,805.00.

The Public Health Department applied for, and was awarded, a second-year grant with the State Department of Health Services for the federal fiscal year of October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002, in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Funding from this contract will further enhance our preparedness and response to bioterrorism in the following areas:

- Staff training in bioterrorism and weapons of mass destruction.
- Disaster response training for all Public Health Department staff and relief staff who will be working in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) or in the Departmental Operations Center (DOC).
- Staff expertise to investigate adverse public health events; especially in laboratory services and Geographical Information Systems (GIS).
- Access to clinical, laboratory, and environmental services capable of understanding population screening and environmental testing.
- Identification of threats to the public's health, including environmental contamination and increased risk of exposure to hazards.
- Collaboration with private and public laboratories that have the capacity to analyze clinical and environmental specimens in the event of suspected chemical/biological hazards.
- Upgrade of laboratory facility/equipment for rapid testing of biological hazards.
- Use input from various federal, state, and local partners to provide timely and accurate analysis of public health threats, hazards and adverse events.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

This agreement will not result in any change in mandates or service levels. The ability to serve in the event of a bioterrorism disaster will be enhanced through assessment and training activities.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

There is no General Fund, Public Health Department (PHD) Special Revenue Fund, or facility impact associated with this \$10,000.00 agreement for public health preparedness and response to bioterrorism.

The PHD will receive \$10,000.00 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2001-02 as a one-time allocation. The Department will retain a 3% administrative fee that should cover indirect costs. The allocation will be used for training, equipment, supplies, and staff support.

Upon adoption by your Board, a Budget Revision Request will follow in order to amend the adjusted FY 2001-02 PHD budget for this unanticipated revenue. The revenue will be recorded in: Department 041; Fund 0042; Program 6300; Account 4339. Appropriation will be recorded in: Department 041; Fund 0042; Program 6300; Account 7460.

**Special Instructions:**

Please call Eliana M. Guerra at 681-5274, to pick up three (3) copies of the Agreement with original signature.