



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: County Executive Office
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: 3-24-20
Placement: D-1
Estimated Time: 30 min
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department: Mona Miyasato, County Executive Office
Director(s): Van Do-Reynoso, MPH, PhD, Director of Public Health
Contact Info: Terri Nisich, Assistant CEO
SUBJECT: Update on the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: NA

Other Concurrence:

As to form: NA

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Receive and file a brief update on the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and Santa Barbara County's response and operations from the County Executive Office, Public Health Officer and other staff;
- b) Provide any direction, as appropriate; and
- c) Determine that the above actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), because pursuant to sections 153378(b)(4) and 15378(b)(5) the recommended actions consist of organizational, administrative or fiscal activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary

Since March 10, 2020, staff has been providing updates to the Board on the status of COVID-19 cases and the County's response as a brief informational item. To allow for more questions and possible direction, this is being placed on the Board agenda as a Discussion item. Circumstances and number of cases in the County are changing daily. Updated information is provided on the Public Health information portal at <https://publichealthsb.org>. Staff will provide the most recent information available at the Board of Supervisors meeting.

Background

On March 19, 2020, the Governor issued Executive N-33-20 which directed “shelter in place” for Californians to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and protect the public health of residents. Prior to that, on March 12, 2020 the Public Health Officer and Public Health Director declared a local health emergency for COVID-19. That same day the Director of Emergency Services proclaimed a local emergency. On March 17, 2020, both actions were ratified by the Board of Supervisors.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The estimated costs of the response are being estimated.

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