

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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Agenda Number:
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Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: John Scherrei, Fire Chief
Fire Department

STAFF CONTACT: Bruce Carter, Emergency Services Manager
Fire / OES x5526

SUBJECT: Resolutions Authorizing and Directing Certain County Officials to Administer the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program Funding

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors ratify acceptance of a \$25,000 Disaster Mitigation Act 2000 grant and adopt a Resolution authorizing certain employees to execute applications and documents for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with actions required by law or by routine business necessity.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The President signed the Disaster Mitigation Act 2000 (the "Act") (Public Law 106-390) on October 30, 2000. This new legislation reinforced the importance of pre-disaster mitigation planning. The Act establishes a pre-disaster hazard mitigation program and establishes new requirements for the national post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), requiring an approved mitigation plan in order to receive assistance under the Stafford Act for disasters declared after November 1, 2004.

Section 322 of the Act specifically addresses mitigation planning at the state and local levels. The Act identifies new requirements that allow HMGP funds to be used for planning activities, and increases the amount of HMGP funds available to states that have developed a comprehensive, enhanced mitigation plan prior to a disaster (from 15% to 20%). In order to receive post-disaster HMGP or Public Assistance funding, the County must have a FEMA approved mitigation plan by November 1, 2004.

On April 23, 2003 at the Disaster Resistant California Conference, hosted by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, the County of Santa Barbara was notified that it was selected to apply for the 2002 Pre-Disaster Mitigation grant funds in the amount of \$25,000. A letter dated August 7, 2003 was sent to the County of Santa Barbara stating that the Governor's Office of Emergency Services had approved the County's grant application in the amount of \$25,000.

The Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Services requests that the Board:

1. Ratify the acceptance of this grant; and
2. Authorize the following County staff as signatories on this grant, County Administrator, Deputy County Administrator, Fire Chief, Santa Barbara County Fire Department, Deputy Fire Chief, Santa Barbara County Fire Department, Fiscal Manager, Santa Barbara County Fire, and Manager, County Office of Emergency Services.

Mandates and Service Levels:

The County is designated as the Santa Barbara County Operational Area for emergency planning and response. Public Law 106-309 requires the State Office of Emergency Services to direct Operational Areas throughout the state act as lead agencies and coordinators/facilitators of the grant application process. The County is not mandated to obtain all available grant funding; it is advisable to take advantage of the funding available through this grant.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

This resolution allows the County Fire/Office of Emergency Services to apply for and file reimbursement claims under the DMA 2000 Program.

Special Instructions:

Please return executed copies to the County Fire/Office of Emergency Services.

Concurrence:

County Counsel
Auditor-Controller

Attachments:

Resolutions

**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 ADMINISTER THE DISASTER
MITIGATION ACT 2000**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, The President signed the Disaster Mitigation Act 2000 (the “Act”) (Public Law 106-390) on October 30, 2000 which is new legislation reinforcing the importance of pre-disaster mitigation planning. The Act establishes a pre-disaster hazard mitigation program and establishes new requirements for the national post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), requiring an approved mitigation plan in order to receive assistance under the Stafford Act for disasters declared after November 1, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Act specifically addresses mitigation planning at the state and local levels and identifies new requirements that allow HMGP funds to be used for planning activities.

WHEREAS, On April 23, 2003, the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services selected Santa Barbara County to apply for 2002 Pre-Disaster Mitigation grant fund of \$25,000. On August 7, 2003 the County received a letter of acceptance from the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services stating that the County’s application had been approved in the amount of \$25,000. The Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Services requests that the Board ratify the acceptance of this \$25,000 grant and to approve the following the staff to be signatories on the grant, County Administrator, Deputy County Administrator, Fire Chief, Santa Barbara County Fire Department, Deputy Fire Chief, Santa Barbara County Fire Department, Fiscal Manager, Santa Barbara County Fire Department, and Manager, County Office of Emergency Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara hereby authorizes and directs that:

1. The Board of Supervisor ratify acceptance of this \$25,000 Disaster Mitigation Act 2000 grant; and
2. That the positions listed below be approved a signatories and are authorized to execute for and on behalf of Santa Barbara County, a public entity established under the laws

of the State of California, any actions necessary for the purpose of obtaining funding under the Disaster Mitigation Act 2000.

County Administrator

Deputy County Administrator

Fire Chief, Santa Barbara County Fire

Deputy Fire Chief, Santa Barbara County Fire

Fiscal Manager, Santa Barbara County Fire

Manager, County Office of Emergency Services

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California this _____ day of _____, 2003, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Naomi Schwartz, 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 A. Forner, MBA, ARM
RISK MANAGEMENT

By _____
Deputy

By _____

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

By _____
Deputy