



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: County Executive
Office (OES)
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: 9 August 2011
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Michael D. Harris, Emergency Operations Chief
Director(s)
Contact Info: Michael D. Harris, 805-681-5526
SUBJECT: Resolution Supporting the Office of Emergency Services' Management of Aware and Prepare Program

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached resolution in support of the Office of Emergency Services' administration of the Operational Area's "Aware & Prepare".

Background:

In 2007 the Office of Emergency Services (OES) partnered with the Orfalea Foundations and Witt Associates to explore ways to strengthen local preparedness for emergencies and disasters. The intent of the program has been to provide strategic focus through financial support of the Operational Area jurisdictions and agencies.

While OES works with several local philanthropic entities on the Aware & Prepare Program, the primary fiscal managers that work with the area's funders are the Orfalea Foundations and the Santa Barbara Foundation. As the Aware and Prepare Program transitions from an Orfalea Foundations-managed program, to an OES-managed program, the two principle fiscal intermediaries want to ensure Board support.

OES will work closely with the Orfalea Foundations and the Santa Barbara Foundation to continue utilizing funding to further emergency readiness. When projects are determined appropriate by the foundation partners and OES, OES will receive funding to ensure project execution. Orfalea staff will

work with OES staff to provide project performance oversight for any projects funded to local agencies and jurisdictions.

A current focus area being headed by OES is Public Education and Awareness. OES, working with local city jurisdictions and UCSB emergency management, is evaluating the funding needs from the Aware & Prepare Program to lead coordination of local education efforts, and evaluate other national emergency preparedness programs to develop an effective local model. When costs are identified, OES will bring the proposed project scope and funding from local foundations to the Board for its consideration.

Any funding received by OES will be handled in accordance with County policy and State statute.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

Management of the Aware & Prepare Program will be done within existing budget and will not result in any additional County costs. Some areas of emergency management may receive greater attention through this non-governmental funding. Because the Aware & Prepare Focus Areas are consistent with emergency management practices, additional non-governmental funding increases the Operational Area jurisdictions' abilities to address unmet program needs. Emphasis is placed on start-up programs to explain their sustainability plans to assist with long-term program survival.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

Special Instructions:

Call OES to pick-up the original attached resolution for additional signatures.

Attachments:

Resolution in Support of Aware & Prepare

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cc:

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