

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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Nm Agenda Number:
Prepared on: February 11, 2005
Department Name: County Administrator
Department No.: 0130
Agenda Date: February 22, 2005
Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time:
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Michael F. Brown
County Administrator

STAFF CONTACT: Bruce Carter, OES Manager 681-5559
Phil Demery, Public Works Director 568-3010

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing Certain County Officials to File Applications for State and Federal Disaster Assistance for and Behalf of the County

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Certain County Officials to File Applications for State and Federal Disaster Assistance for and Behalf of the County

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No. 2; Ensure the Public Health and Safety and Provide Essential Infrastructure.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The County of Santa Barbara has been adversely impacted by a series of severe winter storms, which began the last week of December 2004. Storm damage has been widespread. The series of storms brought unusually heavy rains that caused flash flooding, mudslides, accumulation of debris, washed out and damaged roads and damaged public and private infrastructure.

On January 10, 2005, when the Board of Supervisors was not in session, Director of Emergency Services Michael F. Brown, proclaimed the existence of a local emergency for Santa Barbara County in connection with these storms and the resulting damage. Additionally, Mr. Brown requested Governor Schwarzenegger to proclaim the County of Santa Barbara to be in a State of Emergency. On January 11, 2005, your Board approved **Resolution 05-006** ratifying the proclamation of a local emergency and the request for a State Proclamation of Emergency. At that time and based on Mr. Brown's recommendation your Board requested the Governor to seek a Presidential Declaration of Emergency from the President of the United States. Section 8630

of the Government Code provides that the body declaring a local emergency (the Board of Supervisors) review the need for continuing the local emergency at least every fourteen (14) days until the local emergency is terminated.

On January 15, 2005, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger proclaimed the County of Santa Barbara to be in a State of Emergency as a result of a series of severe rainstorms that commenced on December 28, 2004. On February 4, 2004, President George W. Bush proclaimed the County of Santa Barbara and seven other Southern California counties (Kern, Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside and San Diego) to be a major disaster making local governments, community college districts, school districts, special districts, and certain non-profits eligible for federal disaster assistance. The President's declaration includes only the counties of Ventura and Los Angeles for Individual Assistance (IA) for private individuals and businesses. Santa Barbara and the other six remaining counties were excluded from the IA designation. For Santa Barbara County, President Bush's declaration covers damage to public property that occurred over the period of December 27, 2004 through January 11, 2005.

In order to facilitate the expeditious filing of the numerous applications and forms for state and federal disaster assistance associated with the Storm Disaster it is recommended that the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached resolution designating certain County Officials as having the authority to apply for state and federal disaster assistance.

Mandates and Service Levels:

No change in programs or service level.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There is continuing staff time and resources for affected county departments. Adoption makes the County eligible for state disaster relief funds otherwise not available and allows storm damage repairs and emergency work to be made in the most expedient and efficient way possible in preparation for future storms throughout the rest of this winter's storm season.

Special Instructions:

Once executed, the Clerk should return a fully executed copy of the Resolution to:

Stephen Shane Stark, County Counsel
Phil Demery, Director of Public Works
David Rickard, Disaster Manager, Public Works Department
Bruce Carter, OES Manager, Fire Department (Office of Emergency Services)
Stephen Underwood, Chief County Counsel Acting for Risk Manager, Risk Management

Concurrence:

Public Works
County Counsel
General Services
Auditor Controller

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING
CERTAIN COUNTY OFFICIALS TO
APPLY FOR STATE AND FEDERAL
DISASTER ASSISTANCE ON
BEHALF OF THE COUNTY.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-____

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara is currently under a Local, State and Presidential Emergency in connection with a series of severe winter storms, which hit the County from December 26, 2004 to January 11, 2005. The County is eligible for State and Federal disaster assistance to respond to the damage caused by these severe storms. To facilitate the application process for State and Federal disaster assistance, it is helpful to designate certain County officials who may apply for such assistance on behalf of the County.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara hereby authorizes and directs the **County Administrator, Michael F. Brown; Deputy County Administrator, Jim Laponis, Auditor-Controller, Robert W. Geis; Director of Public Works, Phillip M. Demery; Deputy Director of Roads & Transportation, Scott McGolpin; Deputy Director of Flood Control/Water Resources Thomas Fayram; and Public Works Manager of Disaster Recovery, David Rickard; and Fire Department Office of Emergency Services Manager, Bruce Carter**, to act as representatives of the County of Santa Barbara and are hereby authorized to execute for and in behalf of the County of Santa Barbara, a public entity established under the laws of the State of California, the applications for assistance and to file them with the State Office of Emergency Services for the purpose of obtaining certain federal financial assistance under P.L 93-288 as amended by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988, and / or state financial assistance under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that, the County of Santa Barbara, a public entity established under the laws of the State of California, hereby authorizes its agents to provide to

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the State Office of Emergency Services, for all matters pertaining to state disaster assistance, the assurance and agreements required.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California this _____ day of _____, 2005, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Susan Rose
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:
STEPHEN D. UNDERWOOD
FOR RISK MANAGEMENT

By _____
Deputy

By _____
Deputy County Counsel
For Risk Management

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APPROVED AS TO ACCOUNTING FORM:
ROBERT W. GEIS, C.P.A.
AUDITOR CONTROLLER

By _____
Deputy