



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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Department Name: General Services
Department No.: 063
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If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: **Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and Betteravia Government Center Expansion**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors, in anticipation of the Federal Stimulus Package, which includes funding for emergency operation centers (EOCs), direct staff to re-initiate design work on the EOC and the Betteravia Government Center Expansion.

Summary Text:

On December 9, 2008, the Board directed staff to stop design of the EOC and the Betteravia Government Center Expansion based on the County's financial situation. The most recent Senate version of the Economic Stimulus Package contains \$250 million for upgrading, modifying, or constructing emergency operation centers. Funds would have to be obligated by September 30, 2009, and no local cost share would apply for these special funds. Based on this latest development, staff recommends that the Board reconsider their previous action and direct staff to recommence design on the EOC so that the project is "construction-ready" by September. Having the completed design plans will increase the County's chances of receiving federal funds.

Additionally, since the Betteravia Government Center Expansion is intended to serve as a backup EOC, staff recommends the Board direct staff to recommence the design process of this facility as well.

Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Although the Board previously directed to stop design of the facilities, the funds had not yet been de-obligated from the projects.

Fiscal Analysis:

Should General Services be able to complete the design plans for the two projects, but then learn that the County does not receive federal funds for construction, approximately \$400,000 would be expended on design plans. Given the potential benefit of leveraging federal dollars, staff believes proceeding with design of the facilities is a prudent move. In the future, should the Board direct completion of the facilities with local and/or other funds, the design plans will be finished and this expenditure would be well spent.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
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FTEs:
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