



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: Fire/OES  
Department No.: 031  
For Agenda Of: 2/27/07  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department John Scherrei, Fire Chief  
Director(s)  
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**SUBJECT: Buffer Zone Protection Program Grant (BZPP)**

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**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 a Resolution authorizing certain employees to execute an application and documents on behalf of the Santa Barbara Operational Area for the purpose of obtaining \$48,500 in financial assistance through the Fiscal Year 2005 Buffer Zone Protection Program (BZPP).

**Summary Text:**

These recommendations are primarily aligned with actions required by law or by routine business necessity.

**Background:**

The Federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is providing financial assistance directly to the states to reduce the vulnerabilities of Critical Infrastructure and Key Resource sites by extending the protected area around a site into the surrounding community and supporting the prevention and preparedness efforts of local first responders. This funding is, in turn, provided to the Santa Barbara Operational Area via the Buffer Zone Protection Program (BZPP) for Fiscal Year 2005.

Funding from the FY2005 BZPP Grant will facilitate the purchase of specialized communication equipment for the Sheriff Department's Special Weapons and Tactical Team (SWAT). This equipment

will improve the ability to provide increased protection to Critical Infrastructure sites within Santa Barbara County.

The Santa Barbara Operational Area consists of the County and all governmental subdivisions within the County, including the eight incorporated Cities and numerous Special Districts.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

This resolution and Board authorization allows the Santa Barbara County Fire Department/Office of Emergency Services to apply for and file reimbursement claims under the Buffer Zone Protection Program (BZPP).

The County is designated as the Santa Barbara Operational Area for emergency planning and response. The State Office of Homeland Security has required Operational Areas throughout the state act as lead agencies and as coordinators/facilitators of the Buffer Zone Protection Program. While the County is not mandated to obtain all available grant funding, it is advisable to take advantage of the funding provided through this grant program. The BZPP is a fully funded grant program with no matching funds required. In addition, 2.5% of the total funding may be used to cover management and administrative costs associated with facilitation of the grant.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**  
N/A

**FTEs:**  
N/A

**Special Instructions:**

Please send Certified copy of Minute Order and executed copies to the Fire Department/Office of Emergency Services.

**Attachments:** Resolution

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