



County of Santa Barbara

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minute Order

May 10, 2022

Present: 5 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Hart, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

File Reference No. 22-00405

RE: Consider recommendations regarding modifications to COVID-19 Workforce Provisions, as follows:

a) Effective July 1, 2022, reinstate Civil Service Rule 905 requirement that Extra Help employees assisting with COVID-19 response work fewer than 1040 hours per year unless the Civil Service Commission grants an extension;

b) Effective May 16, 2022, approve suspending the requirement in the County of Santa Barbara Employee COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Policy (Policy) adopted on August 31, 2021 for employees who are not vaccination verified to undergo weekly testing, unless the employees are otherwise subject to testing by any applicable State Public Health Officer Orders or other requirements of Cal/OSHA's COVID-19 Prevention Emergency Temporary Standards (ETS);

c) Approve and authorize the County Executive Officer (CEO) to reinstate the Policy testing requirements if circumstances require; and

d) Determine that the above actions are not a "Project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378(b)(4) and 15378(b)(5), because they consist of government administrative or fiscal activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lavagnino, seconded by Supervisor Nelson, that this matter be acted on as follows:

a) and b) Approved;

c) Approved and authorized; and

d) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Supervisor Hart, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

Noes: 1 - Supervisor Williams