

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** October 24, 2003  
**Department Name:** Public Health Department  
**Department No.:** 041  
**Agenda Date:** November 25, 2003  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:**  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Roger E. Heroux, MPA, Director  
Public Health Department

**STAFF CONTACT:** Todd P. Talbert (681-4913)  
Bioterrorism Program Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Resolution for Sharing of Focus Area C Bioterrorism Funding with the Ventura County Public Health Laboratory

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## **Recommendation:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt the attached resolution for the sharing of Focus Area C bioterrorism funds with the Ventura County Public Health Laboratory for the purpose of providing Public Health Microbiologist Training

## **Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit.

## **Executive Summary and Discussion:**

The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department is currently administering bioterrorism and infectious disease preparedness activities within six (6) separate Focus Areas as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Each Focus Area has its own requirements and is funded through the California Department of Health Services (CDHS) with Federal monies. The different Focus Areas are listed below:

Focus Area A: Local Preparedness Planning and Readiness Assessment

Focus Area B: Surveillance and Epidemiology Capacity

Focus Area C: Biologic Laboratory Capacity

Focus Area E: Health Alert Network/Communications and Information Technology

Focus Area F: Risk Communication and Health Information Dissemination

Focus Area G: Education and Training

Focus Area C, *Biologic Laboratory Capacity* requires that portions of local funds be allocated to provide Public Health Microbiologist internships to qualified candidates. California currently suffers from a shortage of Certified Public Health Microbiologists and laboratories that are approved for Public Health Microbiologist training must agree to participate with training qualified candidates as a condition of the Work Statement for Focus Area C.

The Santa Barbara County Public Health Laboratory and the Ventura County Public Health Laboratory have agreed to combine a portion of the Focus Area C funds allocated to their counties to provide training opportunities for qualified Public Health Microbiologist trainees. The attached resolution indicates the rationale for this cooperative agreement which provides that \$10,000 from the Ventura County Focus Area C funds and \$3,400 from the Santa Barbara County Focus Area C bioterrorism funding be combined for this purpose. CDHS parties responsible for oversight of Focus Area “C” activities within local jurisdictions approve of this cooperative agreement.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

Though this is not a mandated program, the Health and Safety Code 101040 lends authority to the Health Officer to take preventive measures that may be necessary to protect the public.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Approval of these actions will not increase the use of General Fund Contribution or A-87 Overhead. The \$3,400 contributed by the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department for the joint training effort is fully funded through federal Bioterrorism funding which is passed through the State Department of Health Services.

These funds were appropriated as part of the Public Health Department’s Fiscal Year 03-04 Adopted Budget and can be found in the County’s Operating Plan document on page D-188 in the Disease Control and Prevention cost center.

There is no facilities impact associated with this action.

**Special Instructions:**

Please send a minute order to:

1. PHD Administration-Contracts Unit, 300 N. San Antonio Road, Bldg. 8
2. Todd Talbert, Public Health Department BT Coordinator, Building 1

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

**Resolution Adopting a sharing of bioterrorism)  
laboratory funds with Ventura County)  
Public Health Department Pursuant to the Local )  
Public Health Preparedness and Response to)  
Bioterrorism Program)**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**WHEREAS**, the Congress of the United States has authorized Federal funding through the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund (Section 319 of the Public Health Service act, 42 U.S.C. 247 [d]) to support activities related to countering potential biological threats to the civilian population; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Department of Health Services is the lead public health agency in California that coordinates local bioterrorism planning and infectious disease activities as they relate to the available Federal funding; and

**WHEREAS**, California currently suffers from a shortage of Certified Public Health Microbiologists and opportunities for training new Public Health Microbiologists are also needed; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Department of Health Services has approved Santa Barbara County local laboratory planning within its bioterrorism program as specified in Focus Area "C", *Biologic Laboratory Capacity*, on the condition that the Public Health Laboratory provides Public Health Microbiologist training opportunities for qualified candidates who request such training; and,

**WHEREAS**, effectively meeting this training mandate includes a mutually beneficial revenue sharing partnership with the Ventura County Public Health Laboratory; and

**WHEREAS**, the funding agreement documented in the Memorandum of Understanding will be implemented according to the Focus Area "C" budget and Statement of Work as referenced in the August 2002 version of the California Department of Health Services *Local Public Health Preparedness and Response to Bioterrorism* application; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Memorandum of Understanding is a statement of understanding and is not intended to create binding or legal obligations on either party, and its purpose is to formally record details to be communicated to California Department of Health Services; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors approves the Memorandum of Understanding with the Ventura County Public Health Laboratory for the purpose of providing Public Health Microbiologist Training for Qualified Candidates within our local jurisdiction.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED**, as follows:

The Santa Barbara County Public Health Laboratory Director, in the amount of \$3,400 and the Ventura County Public Health Laboratory, in the amount of \$10,000, have agreed to enter into an MOU to share portions of Focus Area "C," *Biologic Laboratory Capacity* funds for the training of qualified Public Health Microbiologist trainees.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_, 20\_\_\_, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:  
MICHAEL F. BROWN  
CLERK OF THE BOARD

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
SHANE STARK  
COUNTY COUNSEL

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Jerry Czuleger, Deputy County Counsel

APPROVED AS TO ACCOUNTING FORM:  
ROBERT GEIS  
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

By \_\_\_\_\_