



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
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**SUBJECT:** FY2019 Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) Resiliency Allocation - Update

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Receive an update on the FY2019 Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) Resiliency Allocation for PSPS preparedness and response in the amount of \$467,271 with a performance period of this grant is July 1, 2019 to October 31, 2022; and
- b) Determine that the proposed action is related to the creation of a government funding mechanism and other fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, and is therefore exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378 (b)(4).

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the Board agenda to provide an update on the FY2019 Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) Resiliency Allocation. The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) received a Notification of Subrecipient Allocation letter stating that the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) approved OEM's FY2019 PSPS allocation in the amount of \$467,271. The performance period of this grant is July 1, 2019 to October 31, 2022.

OEM has reached out to partner agencies (cities, special districts, non-profits, etc.) to review proposed projects and determine what may best serve the region for PSPS preparedness and response moving forward. Below is a summary of those projects and their regional applications and benefits. The estimated total of identified project costs is \$430,000. The remaining \$37,271 is being set aside for any follow-up projects that may be identified based on outcomes of this first round of projects.

### **Background:**

On October 25, 2019, the Governor announced an allocation of \$75 million one-time General Fund monies to launch the Local Government PSPS Resiliency Program. This program has been created in an effort to mitigate the impact on Californians by providing support to state and local government efforts to protect public safety, vulnerable populations and individuals and improve resiliency in response to utility-led PSPS actions. The total allocation identified for the County of Santa Barbara is \$467,271, which was approved by the Board on December 10, 2019.

In order to meet the requirement to involve county partners in the project identification process, the OEM identified projects that could help meet gaps in planning and resources that seemed to come up regularly in PSPS planning and response discussions with residents, government partners and our elected officials. Open discussions with countywide partner agencies were held to provide input on proposed projects, as well as what other projects would provide regional benefits. Primarily these discussions occurred at the monthly Emergency Managers Committee meeting (emergency coordinators across the county from all disciplines) and the Operational Area Emergency Services Council (County CEO and City Managers). All of the final projects and concepts were developed with the whole community in mind (residents, businesses, non-profits, and coordinating partners), with a particular emphasis on vulnerable populations and the Access and Functional Needs (AFN) community. Below is a brief overview of the projects that were a result of this collaborative planning process.

### **Plan Development:**

- Santa Barbara County Operational Area Disaster Care Facility Plan
  - Estimated Cost: \$50,000
  - Description: Utilize a consultant to bring together the operational area's various disaster care facility plans/programs that are managed by multiple agencies (county departments, cities, non-profits) into one comprehensive coordination document. The goal is to ensure cross-jurisdictional awareness, recognition of capabilities, de-confliction of competing interests, vulnerable population planning, and thoroughness of coordinated processes. It will include concepts related to overall Disaster Care and Reception, Evacuation Shelters, Warming, Cooling, Local Assistance Centers (LAC), Family Assistance Centers (FAC) and PSPS support facilities (Community Charging & Information Centers, Medical Device Charging Centers, and Medical Device Support Center).
- County of Santa Barbara County Continuity of Operations and Governance Plan (COOP/COG Plan) Updates
  - Estimated Cost: \$250,000
  - Background: Recently, the County and each County Department rapidly completed COVID-19 specific COOP/COG plan annexes. However, the County's and each County Department's All Hazard COOP/COG plans are incomplete or outdated. COOP/COG plans provide a roadmap for

the application and management of each department's continuity activities and essential services during any situation that may disrupt normal operations. Utilize a consultant to update and standardize the plans to include the overall all-hazard concepts, as well as annexes for incident specific impacts that have different response considerations, such as PSPS events. The work completed as part of the COVID-19 COOP plans will be utilized to develop and update the all-hazard and PSPS annexes.

- Operational Area Continuity of Operations and Governance Plan (COOP/COG) Template and workshops
  - Estimated Cost: \$30,000
  - Background: Cities and special districts expressed the need to develop their own updated COOP/COG Plans, and that many of their agencies did not have in-house expertise in this area. Hire a consultant to develop a COOP/COG template for cities, a COOP/COG template for special districts (includes schools), and to host two workshops on utilizing the templates successfully. The template will include concepts specifically related to PSPS events and continuity.

### **Equipment:**

- Operational Area Radio Channel Equipment and Station License
  - Estimated Cost: \$65,000
  - Background: Purchase the equipment and licenses needed to establish a countywide radio station (may need two frequencies for complete geographic coverage) to share disaster information with the public. Day to day, OEM would have a pre-recorded message stating that there is no emergency at that time and preparedness information. Project estimate includes a revision to all Radio Ready outreach materials, as well as a public education campaign on the importance of having a NWS/NOAA capable radio (with batteries or hand-crank) in order to receive important information for PSPS based events and all hazards.

### **Public Education (Bilingual)**

- Development of Public Service Announcement (PSA) Videos and Community Education Materials
  - Cost Estimate: \$30,000
  - Background: Hire a consultant to create ReadySBC PSA videos and community education materials to include ReadySBC Alerts and PSPS concepts.
- Create Train-the-Trainer Community Education Program
  - Cost Estimate: \$5,000
  - Background: OEM staff will create a train-the-trainer program in English and Spanish to support community led and championed training programs, therefore allowing our engaged community groups to become force multipliers for important disaster planning and preparedness messaging. Includes the development of PowerPoints, handouts, train-the-trainer manuals, etc. for specific topic areas.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

In December 2019, the Board approved the acceptance of the PSPS allocation (BJE No. 006722). This update describes potential projects that will utilize the funding. A Budget Revision will be submitted to allocate the PSPS funding to specific projects once they are finalized and ready to begin.

**Budgeted:** No

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