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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS **Board Agenda Letter**

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jennifer Yasumoto - Director

Health & Human Services Public Health

REPORT BY: Jennifer Yasumoto, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES - 253-4678

SUBJECT: Presentation by Public Health Officer and Letter of Support Variance to Stage 2

RECOMMENDATION

County Public Health Officer requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign a letter in support of the COVID-19 Variance Attestation Report, which would allow Napa County to move into deep Stage 2 once it is posted by the State on its website.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Dr. Relucio, Public Health Officer, will provide information regarding Napa County's submittal to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for a "Variance to Stage 2 of California's Roadmap to Modify the Stay-at-Home Order." Dr. Relucio will request action from the Board of Supervisors in the form of a letter of support, which is a requirement of Napa County's submission to CDPH.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? Yes
Is it currently budgeted? Yes

Where is it budgeted? The County has spent \$2.5 million on activities in its Emergency

Operation Center to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? Mandatory

Is the general fund affected? Yes

Future fiscal impact: It is likely that the economic impact will continue into the future but the

amount is unknown at this time.

Consequences if not approved: The County will not have a complete package to submit.

County Strategic Plan pillar addressed: Healthy, Safe, and Welcoming Place to Live, Work, and Visit

Effective and Open Government

Additional Information:

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19, and on March 12, he directed all residents to heed orders and guidance of state and local public health officers. Subsequently, on March 19, the State Public Health Officer issued a statewide Stay-at-Home Order (State Order). On March 18, Napa County's Public Health Officer, Dr. Karen Relucio, issued Napa County's initial Shelter-at-Home Order (Napa Order). On April 14, the State unveiled its Pandemic Roadmap, a four-stage plan for modifying the State's Order, and on May 4, the Governor announced that entry into Stage 2 of the plan was imminent.

On May 7, Dr. Relucio issued the fourth Napa Order, which largely aligns with the State's Order. In so doing, Napa County was able to move into "early" Stage 2 on May 8, when the State allowed for such advancement. Currently, Napa County is at the point of wanting to proceed into deep Stage 2, which is permitted by the State only if counties believe they are ready and submit to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) what is referred to as the "Variance to Stage 2 of California's Roadmap to Modify the Stay-at-Home Order: COVID-19 County Variance Attestation Form" (COVID-19 Variance Attestation Report).

The Variance Attestation Report is a complex submittal that sets forth "readiness criteria" that Dr. Relucio, as the Public Health Officer, must certify to meeting in order to proceed at an increased pace through Stage 2 of California's Pandemic Roadmap. Dr. Relucio will be presenting the County's Variance Attestation Report to the Board and explaining how we the County is meeting the nine criteria. Dr. Relucio will also explain that letters of support have been received by our two local hospitals and all the jurisdictions in Napa County. Finally, Dr. Relucio will be asking the Board for a similar letter of support, which must be included as an attachment to the County's Variance Attestation Report. Upon receipt of a letter of support from the Board, the County, by and through Dr. Relucio, will be able to submit its Variance Attestation Report to CDPH.

Staff are informed that once the County submits its Variance Attestation Report, CDPH reviews it, they may have questions of the County, and then CDPH will post it on their website. CDPH has been clear that they are not approving counties submittals, but, at the same time, counties do not have the green light to proceed into deep Stage 2 until their submittals appear on CDPH's website.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi