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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: California Mutual Aid County and Intra-Medical Health Regional and Cooperative Agreement for
Emergency Medical and Health Disaster Services

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign the California Mutual Aid County and Intra-Medical Health Regional and Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Medical and Health Disaster Services for the term May 5, 2020 through June 30, 2029 to provide mutual assistance for health and medical functions during a disaster.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This statewide Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will allow impacted counties to request assistance and non-impacted counties to share resources, during a disaster. Under the proposed MOU, counties and local health jurisdictions agree to provide emergency medical and health personnel, equipment, and supplies when they can, in the event of a disaster, when an impacted county requests assistance. In addition, the assisting agency may request reimbursement from the impacted county for emergency medical and health personnel, equipment, and supplies.

For reimbursement post-disaster, the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") requires agreements to be in place between entities that provide mutual-aid to each other. This MOU will meet the requirements for reimbursement for all types of Medical/Health resources regardless of whether they are provided by a public or private entity. Resources requested may include personnel and/or equipment.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?

No

County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:

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

The Medical Mutual Aid/Assistance system for California strictly follows the California Department of Public Health's statewide Public Health and Medical Emergency Operations Manual (EOM). The EOM dictates the pathway for situational awareness and resource requests during a disaster.

Napa County belongs to California Medical Mutual Aid Region II (Region II). Region II operational areas and local public health jurisdictions include: City of Berkeley, the City and County of San Francisco, and the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Monterey, Napa, San Benito, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, and Sonoma. Napa County signed an MOU between the counties in Region II on March 21, 2017 to formalize the medical and health mutual aid/assistance program. Since signing the Region II MOU, Napa County has both received and responded to disasters within Region II outside of the region. The MOU before the Board today for approval is intended to capture support from the entire state.

Currently, there is no MOU between the counties and local health jurisdictions for sharing resources and/or financial responsibility for reimbursement outside of a jurisdiction's assigned regional operational area. Further, the lack of pre-event agreements to share emergency medical and health resources between counties and local health beyond regional boundaries during a disaster prevents the impacted county from quickly qualifying for and/or obtaining potential recovery costs from the State or from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Having a state-wide MOU will enable an expedited process to access needed resources outside of the existing regional medical and health mutual aid/assistance areas, when necessary. Having an MOU in place between all counties in California for medical and health emergency and disaster response, clarifies the process and makes it easier for both the requesting and responding counties to meet the needs of the communities impacted by the events. An MOU provides for a clear process to receive funds and get reimbursement for services rendered during an emergency.

It is anticipated that Napa will continue to request assistance from Region II partners prior to seeking assistance from counties outside of the region.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Policy Issue

Reviewed By: Ben Guerrieri