

02-440

**MARIPOSA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**AGENDA
ACTION FORM**

**DATE: December 10, 2002
AGENDA ITEM NO.: #5**

DEPARTMENT:
Public Health

BY:
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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes___ No__x_)

Recommend resolution authorizing Health Officer to submit Bio-Terrorism Preparedness Plan to the Department of Health Services.

Resolution authorizing the Health Officer to execute in the name of Mariposa County all necessary applications, contracts, agreements and amendments for the purpose of securing bio-terrorism funds and to implement and carry out the purposes specified in the Bio-Terrorism Preparedness Plan.

On August 13, 2002, the Health Officer presented to the Board the State Standard Agreement for funding the preparation of a Bio-Terrorism Plan. This Plan is required by the Federal Government, has come down from the CDC through the Department of Health Services at the State to the local jurisdictions.

The Plan is not an actual field-use response plan, but rather an evaluation of the current status (of all Health Departments) with respect to this topic and the development of activities for shoring up areas believed to be deficient. The Health Department has completed this process and gotten input from the Sheriff, Fire Department, Hospital and multiple other agencies in the community, which would play a role. After submission of this plan, the further implementation for bio-terrorism preparedness, as dictated by the Federal Government, would include addressing those areas believed to need attention.

It is the Health Officer's assessment that the workload presented by this plan is greater than anticipated and will require the creation of a full time Office Assistant II position for the duration of the receipt of bio-terrorism grants (probably the next three to four fiscal years). This would be a position which would cease to exist when the grants cease to come.

The Health Officer wishes to reassure the Board and the public that we do have operational response plans already in place for bio-terrorism events, and have had these in place for over a year as a result of the Health Department's response to anthrax concerns of last October. All these response plans will be fine tuned in the future; be assured that the need for these has not been ignored pending the full development of this federally mandated process.

If the State approves the plan as submitted, the Health Department will address appropriations and spending issues during the mid-year budget process.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Resolution 02-231 approved the State Standard Agreement to initiate this process.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Mariposa County will not have a Bio-Terrorism Plan to submit to State and Federal Government.

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COSTS: (X) Not Applicable

A. Budgeted current FY \$ _____

B. Total anticipated costs \$ _____

C. Required additional funding \$ _____

D. Internal transfers \$ _____

SOURCE: () 4/5ths Vote Required

A. Unanticipated revenues \$ _____

B. Reserve for contingencies \$ _____

C. Source description: _____

Balance in Reserve for Contingencies,
if approved: \$ _____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
List the attachments and number
the pages consecutively:

CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Res. No.: 02-440 Ord. No. _____

Vote - Ayes: 4 Noes: _____

mm Absent: Rally Abstained: _____

() Approved _____ () Denied _____

() Minute Order Attached () No Action Necessary

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:
This item on agenda as:

_____ Recommended

_____ Not Recommended

_____ For Policy Determination

_____ Submitted with Comment

_____ Returned for Further Action

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of
the original on file in this office.

Date: _____

ATTEST: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California

By: _____
Deputy

Comment: _____

A.O. Initials: MM