



Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors, County of Sonoma

Department or Agency Name(s): Health Services, Economic Development Board, County Administrator, Emergency Management

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Vote Requirement: Majority

Supervisorial District(s): All Districts

Title:

8:40 A.M. - Novel Coronavirus/COVID-19 Threat, Response, Reopening and Recovery Update

Recommended Action:

Receive a staff update on the Novel Coronavirus threat, current response efforts, community reopening considerations, and economic recovery coordination.

Executive Summary:

An update on the Coronavirus/COVID-19 Pandemic will be provided by the County Department of Health Services, Economic Development Board, County Administrator, and Department of Emergency Management. Staff may request guidance and actions to support ongoing response and recovery efforts. A PowerPoint presentation will be provided to the Board.

Discussion:

Medical / Health

The Department of Health Services continues to lead key COVID-19 policy and response efforts including managing data regarding community impacts, developing Public Health Officer orders, managing models and data relevant to reopening planning, supporting development of community information and education, advising on community and organizational health protective measures, conducting community testing and surveillance, addressing vulnerable individuals in the homeless community and managing the Alternate Care Site.

Business Reopening and Economic Recovery

County staff and allied stakeholder organizations have been working as part of the Business Recovery Workgroups. The Workgroups and other stakeholders continue to develop a recovery plan in partnership with the Economic Development Board and the County's Office of Recovery and Resiliency. Over the course of the next three months, three working groups: 1) Business/Sector Recovery, 2) Workforce, and 3) Community Recovery will meet virtually. The deliverables include an action plan to be delivered to the Board of Supervisors no later than October.

Public Information / Communications

The county's new centralized Strategic Communications team out of the County Administrator's Office is continuing to partner with Health Services to disseminate key information on multiple platforms, work with

the news media and coordinate on messaging to ensure accuracy, consistency and timeliness. Regular video updates from both Chair Susan Gorin and Dr. Sundari Mase are continuing along with Spanish versions of both presentations. Public Information Officer (PIO) staff members also are maintaining the SoCoEmergency.org, SoCoEmergencia.org and Virtual Local Assistance Center websites. The Strategic Communications team is also continuing to explore ways to expand and deepen connections to the LatinX community through outreach and education.

Emergency Management

The Department of Emergency Management continues to support COVID-19 response and preparedness. Staff continue to support the County’s Continuity of Operations Program (COOP) and lead the Food Resources Task Force.

Emergency Management is implementing its Concurrent Hazard Preparedness Project to assess existing and revise response plans, and is currently reviewing COVID-19 response efforts to date in order to identify quick-turn improvements that can be immediately implemented. Although the department is significantly committed to response to the current set of wildfires, staff continue to engage Operational Area stakeholder organizations to review and reinforce readiness for wildfires and power shutoffs.

Prior Board Actions:

August 6, 2020: Adopted an Urgency Ordinance authorizing administrative enforcement of COVID-19 Public Health Officer Orders including administrative citations, administrative nuisance abatement, and civil penalties.

July 23, 2020: Received a staff update and considered development of an enhanced COVID-19 Education and Compliance Program and provided direction on adoption of an Administrative Citation and Civil Penalty Urgency Ordinance.

The Board has received regular weekly updates on the Coronavirus/COVID-19 emergency and response activities since the ratification of the proclamation a local emergency and the Public Health Officer declaration of Public Health emergency for COVID-19.

March 10, 2020: Received an update on the Coronavirus/COVID-19 threat and approved the Pandemic Annex to the Sonoma County Operational Area Emergency Operations Plan.

March 4, 2020: The Board ratified the proclamation a local emergency and the Public Health Officer declaration of Public Health emergency for COVID-19.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY 19-20 Adopted	FY20-21 Projected	FY 21-22 Projected
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures			
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			

State/Federal			
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
Total Sources			

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

N/A

Staffing Impacts:			
Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A-I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

None.

Attachments:

1. PowerPoint Presentation

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:

None.