

San Mateo County Board of Supervisors

AGENDA

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ADDENDUM

Tuesday, May 5, 2009

The following has been added to the agenda:

CONSENT AGENDA

COUNTY MANAGER


Proclamation ratifying the Director of Emergency Services' April 30, 2009 Proclamation of Local Emergency and proclaiming pursuant to Sections 8558(c) and 8630(c) of the Government Code the need for continuing the Local Emergency related to H1N1 Flu



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence

County Manager's Office

DATE: April 30, 2009
BOARD MEETING DATE: May 5, 2009
SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING: None
VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: David S. Boesch, County Manager 
SUBJECT: Proclamation of Local Emergency related to H1N1 Swine Flu

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Proclamation ratifying the Director of Emergency Services' April 30, 2009 Proclamation of a Local Emergency and proclaiming pursuant to Sections 8558(c) and 8630(c) of the Government Code the need for continuing the Local Emergency, related to H1N1 Swine Flu.

VISION ALIGNMENT:

Commitment: Ensure basic health and safety for all

Goal 7: Maintain and enhance the public safety of all residents and visitors

BACKGROUND:

The World Health Organization has reported an outbreak of hundreds of cases of non-seasonal influenza, including the H1N1 Swine Flu, in the Federal District of Mexico City and the surrounding Mexican states, causing multiple deaths. The first potential case of H1N1 was detected in California on April 18, 2009, and was subsequently confirmed. Additional cases of the H1N1 Swine Flu have been detected in California, including two confirmed cases in Marin County, two probable cases in San Mateo County and four probable cases in Santa Clara County.

The United States Department of Health and Human Services has declared a public health emergency, and President Obama has explained that the declaration was needed as a precautionary tool to make sure that the federal government has appropriate resources to combat the spread of the virus. The Governor declared a State of Emergency on April 28, 2009.

DISCUSSION:

In order to facilitate planning and preparation in the event that significant measures need to be taken to prevent further spread of the Swine Flu throughout the County, I, as the County's Director of Emergency Services, proclaimed the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency. Having consulted with Dr. Scott Morrow, the Health Officer, I believe that the H1N1 Swine Flu continues to pose a significant threat to the people and property of San Mateo County. County Ordinance and state law require that the Board of Supervisors ratify this proclamation of local emergency and, if necessary, make regular findings that the conditions resulting in the local emergency continue to exist.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact of the proclamation is unknown at this time. This action is a necessary prerequisite to render the County eligible to seek financial assistance under the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA), if such funds become available.

**PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY
WITHIN THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has reported an outbreak of hundreds of cases of non-seasonal influenza, including the H1N1 Swine Flu, in the Federal District of Mexico City and the surrounding Mexican states, causing multiple deaths; and

WHEREAS, the first potential case of H1N1 was detected in California on April 18, 2009, and was subsequently confirmed; and

WHEREAS, additional cases of the H1N1 Swine Flu have been detected in California, including two confirmed cases in Marin County, two probable cases in San Mateo County and four probable cases in Santa Clara County, and have now been found in several states; and

WHEREAS, the evidence to date from reported human infections in Mexico indicates that the H1N1 Swine Flu Virus has adapted itself to humans so that it can emerge and spread from one person to another; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has raised its pandemic alert for the H1N1 Swine Flu Virus to phase five, one step short of a full pandemic, which is a strong signal that a pandemic is imminent and that the time to finalize the organization, communication, and implementation of the planned mitigation measures is short; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Health and Human Services has declared a public health emergency, and President Obama has explained that the declaration was needed as a precautionary tool to make sure that the federal government has appropriate resources to combat the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the spread of the virus poses a threat to property in the County of San Mateo due to illness-related absenteeism, particularly among public safety and law enforcement personnel and persons engaged in activities and businesses critical to the economy and infrastructure of the County of San Mateo; and

WHEREAS, the Governor declared a State of Emergency on April 28, 2009 and the Emergency Services Act also requires local jurisdictions to adopt a proclamation in order to be eligible for California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) funds; and

WHEREAS, the Governor further declared that state and local health departments must use all preventative measures, which will require access to available services, personnel, equipment and facilities to respond to the H1N1 Swine Flu; and

WHEREAS, the H1N1 Swine Flu constitutes a potential epidemic under section 8558(c) of the Government Code that is likely to be beyond the control of services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of San Mateo County and requires the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

WHEREAS, section 2.46.060 of Chapter 2.46 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code and Section 8630 of the Government Code empower the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local

emergency when said County area is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and

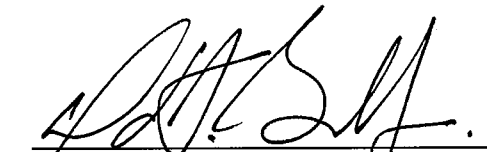
WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of San Mateo County does hereby find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within said County, caused by the spread of H1N1 Swine Flu; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo is not in session and conditions of peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of a local emergency as defined in San Mateo County Ordinance Code section 2.46.060 of Chapter 2.46 and Section 8558(c) of the Government Code; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVID BOESCH, Director of Emergency Services for the County of San Mateo, in accordance with the authority vested in me in state law and section 2.46.060 of Chapter 2.46 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code, hereby proclaim that a local emergency now exists in San Mateo County; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions and duties of the emergency services organization of this County shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances and resolutions of this County, and by the San Mateo County Emergency Plan and the San Mateo Operational Area Emergency Plan, as approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Dated: April 30, 2009


David Boesch, County Manager
Director of Emergency Services