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AGENDA: March 13, 2001

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

County of Santa Cruz
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RE: HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY RESPONSE CAPABILITY

Dear Board Members:

On June 13, 2000, your Board directed the Health Services Agency, working with the Office of Emergency Services, the County Fire Chiefs Association, and the four cities, to develop an agreement for Level II hazardous materials response services and to report on progress toward developing a Memorandum of Understanding and the necessary proportionate funding for implementation. Progress updates have been submitted to your Board on several occasions since then.

We are pleased to report a draft agreement has been formulated with the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District (which operates the only Level II response team in the County) to provide services county wide. The next steps will be to submit the draft agreement for legal review, followed by contact with the cities to present and discuss the draft agreement and related proportionate costs. Preliminary contacts with representatives of two cities, which have representatives on the Hazardous Materials Advisory Commission, have elicited favorable responses. Following review and approval by the participating cities, the agreement will be returned to your Board for your approval. Both the Health Services Agency/Environmental Health Services and Emergency Services are preparing their 2001-02 budgets to reflect the County's estimated proportionate costs of the agreement.

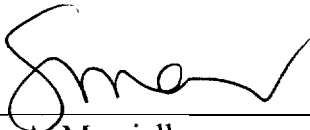
It is therefore RECOMMENDED your Board accept and file this progress report on the development of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District for hazardous materials incident response capability.

Sincerely,

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Health Services Agency Administrator

RECOMMENDED:



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