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Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Cruz
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Subject: Status Report on the County's Emergency Operations Plan


Members of the Board:

On May 8, 2001, your Board directed the Office of Emergency Services (OES) to return today with a report on the County's Emergency Operations Plan. Emergency Services staff has been working diligently over the past several months with the County's emergency response agencies to develop a sound response strategy that includes mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery elements. Due to the recent event in the United States, it has now also become paramount for OES to develop an additional annex to the Plan to address terrorism issues. This additional annex will build on work currently being completed as part of the existing grant funded State Domestic Preparedness program.

At the request of the Energy Commission, your Board has also provided additional direction for OES, along with the Disaster Council, to address plans for gasoline shortages during local emergencies. The Disaster Council has reviewed the draft annex at its April and September meetings. At the September meeting, the Disaster Council determined that additional time would be required to complete its review and comment. It is expected that the Disaster Council will complete its review and act on the annex at its December meeting. The annex will then be referred to the Energy Commission for their final review after which the annex will be incorporated into the final draft Emergency Operations Plan.

It is therefore **RECOMMENDED** that your Board accept and file this report and direct the Office of Emergency Services to return on January 8, 2002 with a final recommended draft of the Emergency Operations Plan.

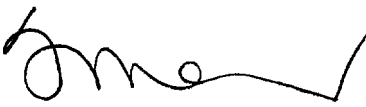
Very truly yours,


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RECOMMENDED:



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cc: Disaster Council
Energy Commission