



Legislation Text

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Chief Administrative Office recommending the Board receive an update from County Departments on the operational impacts of COVID-19 and provide direction to staff if necessary. (Cont. 4/6/2021, Item 38)

FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

On March 12, 2020, the County's Public Health Officer declared a local health emergency based on an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of a novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the County of El Dorado. The Board of Supervisors ratified the local health emergency on March 17, 2020 and such emergency shall remain in effect until terminated by the Board of Supervisors.

On March 12, 2020, the Director of the Office of Emergency Services proclaimed a local emergency based on conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of the County of El Dorado as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and the Board of Supervisors ratified the local emergency on March 17, 2020. This emergency shall remain in effect until terminated by the Board of Supervisors.

On March 18, 2020, the Governor of the State of California executed Executive Order N-32-20 declaring that the COVID-19 emergency required a focused approach that would include emergency protective measures to bring "unsheltered Californians safely indoors, expand shelter capacity, maintain health and sanitation standards and institute medically indicated interventions" to slow the spread of the pandemic.

County Departments have developed staffing and other operating protocols, which fit their individual services and department needs, in order to ensure the proper distancing for the public and employees, and to maintain necessary service levels during this public health emergency. The Board has been presented with updates on operational impacts periodically over the past six weeks, typically during the "public comment" portion of the agenda, or through specific agenda items.

To provide an efficient means for the Board to receive timely updates, it is recommended that an update on the operational impacts of COVID-19 be scheduled, to provide a dedicated time for any department that feels an update is necessary. If in any week there is no new information available and no update is necessary, the item will not be heard. It is also recommended that the Clerk of the Board include this as a recurring item on each meeting agenda for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT

Good Governance

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