



**Health & Human Services
Agency
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

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AGENDA DATE: February 26, 2019 REVISED

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairmen is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>

CONTACT PERSON: Vienna Barnes PHONE: 624-8075

SUBJECT: Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Valley Regional Counties

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Valley Regional Counties for the Mutual Aid Plan effective February 26, 2019 through October 31, 2021, for support of partner county human services agencies in maintaining the level of service to CalFresh clients in times of disaster or other emergencies. There is no cost associated with the Memorandum of Understanding; and
2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign two (2) copies of the agreement.

SUMMARY:

The Valley Regional Counties of Human Services Mutual Aid Plan is a partnership between the central valley counties of Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, San Joaquin, San Louis Obispo, Stanislaus, and Tulare to provide support to the participating counties in maintaining the level of service to CalFresh clients during times of crisis or disaster. Approximately twenty-five percent of Tulare County residents receive CalFresh benefits. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) ensures that those clients and any newly-eligible clients would continue to receive benefits in a timely manner in the event of an emergency.

This MOU establishes a protocol for counties to request assistance from participating counties in the event of an emergency or natural disaster. Mutual aid between the counties, when requested by a disaster county, can be for a period up to fourteen days of support, which may be extended by special arrangement

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between the Welfare Directors of the affected counties. A county's decision to support a disaster county is voluntary and participation is determined by the Welfare Director of the supporting county. Counties who receive a request for disaster support from a Mutual Aid county must respond to that request within 48 hours. Each county is responsible to train personnel on the protocol for assistance as a responding county.

In the event of a disaster and agreement to support, supporting counties may provide post-disaster support in the form of county personnel, the location and procurement of lodging and/or meals for disaster county personnel, assistance with transportation, technical assistance including access to benefit systems, laptops, connectivity and telephones, and/or workspace in up to ten worksite locations. Under this agreement, the disaster county agrees to reimburse the supporting county for the cost of the provision of personnel including transportation, lodging, and meal provision in the disaster county.

The MOU has been approved as to form by County Counsel. The following terms deviate substantively from the standard County boilerplate: 1) The agreement is for a multi-year term; 2) The County is required to sign first; this agreement will be signed in counterparts by the vendor and other counties as authorized in the MOU; and 3) There is no Indemnification Clause.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no cost associated with the MOU, therefore, there is no cost to the County General Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Organizational Performance initiative that continually evaluates the organizational structure to improve service delivery. This MOU increases the ability to fulfill this obligation by building an effective system of support to continue the processing and maintenance of client benefits for the CalFresh program in times of crisis or disaster.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Juliet Webb
Director of Human Services

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Memorandum of Understanding

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE) Resolution No. _____
A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING) Agreement No. _____
WITH VALLEY REGIONAL COUNTIES)
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UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____
_____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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