

*Contra Costa County Employment & Human Services Department*  
**Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors Meeting**  
**CalFresh Awareness Month – May 22, 2018**



○ **CalFresh Program – Introduction & Facts:**

- ✦ **Provides food for low-income families – one of the most important anti-poverty programs in the country.**
- ✦ **Serves an average of 65,000 individuals a month of which 68% are children, seniors or disabled, with the majority of the remaining 32% of recipients falling into the category of working poor.**
- ✦ **Average monthly benefit is \$288.**



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**○ CalFresh Program – Introduction & Facts:**

- ✦ **CalFresh Allocations have dropped approximately \$9,686,986 or 21.5% since PY 2014-2015.**
- ✦ **As a result, Administrative Funding for CalFresh has been significantly reduced, leading to a major reduction in staffing.**
- ✦ **Applications have risen by 7% over the last year. We receive an average of 2,815 applications a month.**
- ✦ **Staffing has also precipitously declined by 28% over the last couple of years.**

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○ **CalFresh Partnership Group:**

✦ **Group includes:**

- Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano - Larry Sly , Caitlin Sly, Carly Finkle, Steven Courtney, and Vakil Kuner
- Ensuring Opportunity - Marianna Moore
- Family Economic Security Partnership (FESP)/First 5 - Fran Biderman
- Multi-Faith ACTION Coalition - Melody Weintraub
- Community Services Bureau – Sophia Talbot



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○ **CalFresh Partnership Group:**

- ✦ Collaborative efforts include Outreach Activities and Events as well as other efforts to expand access to eligible families.
  - Medi-Cal Mailing
  - Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) Convening
  - Glen Price Group

○ **Current CalFresh Issues and Concerns**

- ✦ ABAWD
- ✦ Reauthorization of SNAP under the new Farm Bill
- ✦ Outreach Impacts



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**Thank you for your Board's time and attention.**

**QUESTIONS?**