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Contra Costa County

To: Board of Supervisors

From: David Twa, County Administrator

Date: March 7, 2017

Subject: 2017 APPOINTMENT OF STANDBY OFFICERS TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

# **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

1. UPDATE the official list of persons to serve, in priority order, as standby officers for the respective members of the Board of Supervisors, pursuant to County Ordinance Code section 42-4.004:

	District I	District II	<u>District III</u>	<u>District IV</u>	District V
1	Sonia Bustamante	Phil Andersen	Mary N. Piepho	Ron Mullin	Janis Glover
2	Al Miller	Gayle Israel	Joan Buchanan	Guy Bjerke	Lynn Enea
3	Vernon Whitmore	Dominique Yancy	Kevin Romick	Tamara Steiner	David Fraser

- 2. DIRECT that the above appointments supersede all previous appointments.
- 3. REQUEST that the Emergency Services Division of the Sheriff's Office meet with any Standby Officer that requests it, and provide an overview of the County Emergency System, to include written procedures and contact information, and address any questions raised by the Standby Officers.

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	COMMENDATION OF CNT ISTRATOR	RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE		
Action o	f Board On: 03/07/2017	APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED OTHER		
Clerks N	lotes:			
VOTE OF S	SUPERVISORS			
AYE:	John Gioia, District I Supervisor  Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor			
	Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor	I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.		
	Federal D. Glover, District V	ATTESTED: March 7, 2017 , County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors		
	Supervisor			
ABSENT: Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor		By: Stacey M. Boyd, Deputy		
Contact	t: Julie DiMaggio Enea			

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FISCAL IMPACT:
None to the County from this action.

### BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act, Article 15, Preservation of Local Government, the governing body of a political subdivision of the State is required to appoint three Standby Officers for each member of the governing body. Accordingly, Section 42-4.004 of the County Ordinance Code requires the Board to make such appointments.

A Standby Officer appointed by the Board is to serve in place of a regular Board member when the regular Board member is unavailable during a state of war emergency, a state of emergency, or a local emergency. (Unavailable means that the regular Board member has been killed, is missing, or is seriously injured as to be unable to attend meetings and otherwise perform his/her duties.) Appointment of the specified Standby Officers will assure a line of succession so that in the event of the unavailability of one or more regular Board members during a state of war emergency, a state of emergency, or a local emergency, the business of the Board of Supervisors may continue to be conducted with a full complement of Board members. A Standby Officer shall serve until the regular officer becomes available or until the election or appointment of a new regular officer. As required by County Ordinance Code, the status of these Standby Officer appointments will be reviewed annually to determine if any changes in appointees is necessary.

Government Code section 8641 sets out the duties of Standby Officers for the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) To be informed of the Supervisor's duties.
- 2) To be informed of the business and affairs of the County.
- 3) To immediately report for duty in the event of a state of war emergency, state of emergency, or state of local emergency.
- 4) To fill the Supervisor's post when the Supervisor is unavailable (dead, missing, or seriously injured) due to a state of war emergency, state of emergency, or state of local emergency.

The County must provide the Standby Officers with copies of California Emergency Services Act, Article 15: Preservation of Local Government (Gov. Code, §§ 8635-8644.) (See attachment.) The County can also host meetings to keep the Standby Officers informed about County business and can require their attendance at these meetings. (Gov. Code, § 8641 (b).) Standby Officers must take the same oath of office as the Supervisor and serve at the pleasure of the BOS. (Gov. Code, § 8640.)

## CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Without the appointment of the specified standby officers, there will be no line of succession in the event of the unavailability of one or more regular Board members during a state of war emergency, a state of emergency, or a local emergency. Therefore, the business of the Board of Supervisors may not continue to be conducted with a full complement of Board members.

# **ATTACHMENTS**

CA Emergency Services Act\_Art 15\_Preservation of Local Govt