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Costa  
County

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Anna Roth, Health Services Director  
Date: February 12, 2019

Subject: Designating Certain Health Services Department Vehicles as Hazardous Materials Response Team Vehicles

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

INTRODUCE Ordinance No. 2019-04 designating 2004 Freightliner FL60, 1996 Freightliner FL60, 1992 Ford F-E350 Flatbed Truck, 2006 Ford F650, three 2018 Ford Interceptor utility vehicles and two 2018 Ford Edges as Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Team Vehicles; WAIVE reading; and FIX February 26, 2019 for adoption, as recommended by the Health Services Director.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact. All response vehicles are already equipped to meet Code 3 requirements.

**BACKGROUND:**

Since 1981, the Health Services Department Emergency Response Team has been responding to spills, chemical releases and other hazardous materials incidents throughout the County. The need often arises to go through or around slow or stalled traffic.

In 1990 the Vehicle Code was amended to allow the California Highway Patrol to issue Authorized Emergency Vehicle Permits to counties for vehicles designated for response

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Action of Board On: **02/12/2019** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

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**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor  
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V 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.

ATTESTED: February 12, 2019

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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during hazardous materials emergencies. In 1991, the Board designated two Health Services Department vehicles as hazardous

### BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

materials response vehicles; these original vehicles have been replaced. In 2005, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 2005-31 that designated three vehicles as hazardous materials response team vehicles. In 2009, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 2009-33 that designated an additional vehicle as a hazardous materials response team vehicle, for a total of four vehicles.

The County is updating the vehicle permits to include an additional five vehicles, purchased since 2009, for use during hazardous material emergencies. The attached ordinance designates nine vehicles as hazardous materials response team vehicles for response to hazardous material emergencies. Adoption of this ordinance will allow Health Services to apply to the California Highway Patrol for Authorized Emergency Vehicles Permit for these vehicles.

### CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Hazardous Materials Programs will not be able to apply for an authorized emergency vehicle permit which allows the vehicles to respond to emergencies using lights and sirens.

### ATTACHMENTS

Ordinance