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Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: FAMILY & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Date: June 8, 2021
Subject: CalFresh Status Report

RECOMMENDATION(S):

RECEIVE status report on CalFresh participation, benefit enhancements, expansions and outreach efforts, as recommended by the Family and Human Services Committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NA

BACKGROUND:

On May 24, 2021, the Family and Human Services Committee received a report from the Employment and Human Services Department on the status of CalFresh participation, enhancements, expansions and outreach efforts. The Committee voted to forward the report to the consent agenda of a Board of Supervisors Meeting. The status report from the Employment and Human Services Department is attached.

The Board of Supervisors previously received similar status reports in May and July of 2019.

The SNAP/CalFresh Program was originally referred to the Family and Human Services Committee by the Board of Supervisors on February 15, 2011. This program was formerly

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY
ADMINISTRATOR

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD
COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **06/08/2021** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

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: June 8, 2021

Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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known as Food Stamps and is currently known as the Federal Supplemental Nutrition

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

Assistance Program (SNAP). In California, the name of the program is CalFresh. EHSD has presented periodic status reports to the FHS related to concerns about extended wait times for benefits and the anticipated impact of the expansion of CalFresh benefits to SSI (Supplemental Security Income/Supplementary Payments) recipients effective June 1, 2019. FHS received status reports on September 24 and December 3, 2018; and on April 22, June 10, July 29, and September 23, 2019. Staff reported that CalFresh applications were beginning to level off at about 2,700 per month as compared to 2,200 per month prior to the SSI expansion. EHSD also presented a status report directly to the Board of Supervisors on July 9, 2019. In November 2019, Kathy Gallagher and Rebecca Darnell updated the FHS Committee. EHSD staff provided updates to the Committee on June 22, 2020 and September 28, 2020.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

NA

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

NA

ATTACHMENTS

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