

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Riverside County Fire Department - Office of Emergency Services

SUBMITTAL DATE:
October 16, 2012

SUBJECT: Participation in The Great California ShakeOut.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors endorse, by proclamation, the County of Riverside's participation in The Great California ShakeOut on October 18, 2012, the fourth annual statewide public earthquake drill.

BACKGROUND: Major earthquakes pose a particular, significant and ongoing threat to the entire County of Riverside and its residents. Community resiliency to earthquakes and other disasters depends on the preparedness levels of all stakeholders in the community including individuals, families, schools, community organizations, faith-based organizations, non-profits, businesses and government. By supporting The Great California ShakeOut, the County of Riverside can continue to promote earthquake preparedness regarding the protection of life and property to its residents and support all Californians in strengthening community and regional resiliency.

Peter Lent

By Peter Lent, Deputy Director – Fire OES
For John R. Hawkins - County Fire Chief

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	No
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	12/13

SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

APPROVE

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

BY: *Michael R. Shetler*
Michael R. Shetler

County Executive Office Signature

- Policy
- Policy
- Consent
- Consent
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Dep't Recomm.:
Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.: | **District:** ALL | **Agenda Number:**

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Departmental Concurrence



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CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT AGENCY

July 31, 2012

Riverside County Office of Emergency Services
P. O. Box 1412
Riverside, California

Dear Emergency Manager:

On Thursday, October 18, 2012, the state is supporting The Great California ShakeOut, the fourth annual statewide public earthquake drill. Operational Areas have an extremely important role to play: By encouraging your constituents and stakeholders to take just five minutes to practice how they will protect themselves during a major earthquake, will help ensure that residents, local businesses, non-profits and organizations are prepared.

In the past years, we have had a number of stark reminders of the need for earthquake and tsunami preparedness: The damaging earthquakes impacting Calexico and Eureka, California; the events in Haiti, Chile and Samoa; and most recently, the Honshu, Japan earthquake that resulted in the 2011 California Tsunami reinforce what we know: strong shaking from the next "great" earthquake could cause injury and damage in locations across the state. *Seventy five percent* of our country's earthquake hazards resides in California, and it is important to remember that earthquake damage is not just an issue for our offices and employees in the Bay Area and Southern California. History shows that regional faults can cause all populace areas of the State to be subject to strong damaging shaking. Recent tsunami events demonstrated that tsunami is not just an issue for those who live and work near the ocean. The vast majority of deaths from the Chile tsunami were among visitors to the coast.

Each Operational Area can select from several simple options to participate in ShakeOut. These need not be an arduous imposition on your normal business operations:

- Register the participation of each Department at www.shakeout.org;
- Provide *Drop Cover and Hold On* information to all employees in advance of the drill;
- Instruct all available employees to practice *Drop Cover and Hold On* at 10:18 a.m. on October 18, 2012, or at a time that week that meets business considerations;
- Discuss or provide earthquake and tsunami information to employees relating to individual and family disaster preparedness.

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Please visit the ShakeOut website at www.shakeout.org for sample drill guidance. A basic drill can be designed to minimize advance preparation and business disruption. The drill may also be used as an opportunity to review building or Departmental emergency plans, test communications call-down lists, or publicize ShakeOut to constituents.

To learn more about The Great California ShakeOut, please visit www.shakeout.org or contact Elaine Viray, Cal EMA Exercise Division, at (916) 845-8497 or elaine.viray@calema.ca.gov. The ShakeOut initiative is coordinated by a cross-sector coalition of organizations of which Cal EMA is a partner - the Earthquake Country Alliance (ECA). For more information, see www.earthquakecountry.org/associates.

Please join me in this opportunity to lead public safety by example: Registering your participation in the Great California ShakeOut at www.shakeout.org; and strongly encourage each of your Operational Area partners to register and participate. Together, we can prepare and protect our employees, constituents, and help ensure the State of California's readiness when disaster strikes:

Sincerely,



MARK S. GHILARDUCCI
Secretary

OCTOBER 18, 2012
THIS PROCLAMATION SIGNIFIES OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE
GREAT CALIFORNIA SHAKEOUT
AND OUR CONTINUED WORK TOWARD BECOMING
A SAFER, MORE PREPARED COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, the County of Riverside recognizes that no community is immune from natural hazards whether it be earthquake, wildfire, flood, winter storms, drought, heat wave, or dam failure and recognizes the importance enhancing its ability to withstand natural hazards as well as the importance of reducing the human suffering, property damage, interruption of public services and economic losses caused by those hazards; and,

WHEREAS, major earthquakes pose a particular, significant, and ongoing threat to the entire County of Riverside and its residents; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Riverside has a responsibility to promote earthquake preparedness internally, as well as with the public, and plan appropriately for earthquake-related disasters; and,

WHEREAS, the protection of the employees of the County of Riverside will allow them to facilitate the continuity of government and assist the public following a major earthquake event; and,

WHEREAS, community resiliency to earthquakes and other disasters depends on the preparedness levels of all stakeholders in the community – individuals, families, schools, community organizations, faith-based organizations, non-profits, businesses, and government; and,

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2012, the County of Riverside is participating in **The Great California ShakeOut**; and,

WHEREAS, by participating in **The Great California ShakeOut**, the County of Riverside has the opportunity to join and support all Californians in strengthening community and regional resiliency; and,

WHEREAS, by supporting **The Great California ShakeOut**, the County of Riverside can educate its residents regarding actions to protect life and property, including mitigating structural and non-structural hazards and participating in earthquake drills; and,

WHEREAS, by registering at www.ShakeOut.org, Riverside County employees can participate in the ShakeOut "Drop, Cover and Hold On" earthquake drill on October 18, 2012, at 10:18 a.m. and encourage the public, schools, businesses, and other community stakeholders to register also.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California, does hereby support Riverside County's involvement in **The Great California ShakeOut 2012** and strongly encourages all employees and residents to take proactive measures today to mitigate the effects of a major earthquake.

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JOHN J. BENOIT
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