

EMERGENCY MEETING

BOARD CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, 7TH FLOOR
222 E. WEBER AVENUE, STOCKTON, CA

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2005
11:00 AM

11:00 a.m. - Commencement of Meeting

PRESENT: SUPERVISORS ORNELLAS, MOW, SIEGLOCK, MARENCO, GUTIERREZ

Discussion of, and possible action regarding operation and funding of Federal Head Start Program in San Joaquin County.

Supervisor Sieglock made a motion that an emergency exists for the Board of Supervisors to meet because of the funding structure, and that the County will lose funding that will severely impair public health. Supervisor Mow second the motion. Sieglock/Mow/5

County Administrator Manuel Lopez read into the record the Board Letter.

Mr. Frank Fuentes, Deputy Commissioner, Office of Human Development Service of the Federal Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C., addressed the Board and answered questions from Board Members and County Counsel regarding this matter. Other officials from the Department of Health and Human Services that were in attendance included John Codington, Deputy Regional Administrator, Administration for Children & Families (ACF), and Jan Len, Director, Children, Youth and Development Unit, Administration for Children & Families (ACF).

Mr. Lily Cervantes of SEIU thanked Board Members for taking immediate action with regard to this matter.

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Supervisor Mow made a motion to:

- (1) Authorize the expenditure of funds from the Reserve for Contingencies to continue the Head Start Program in San Joaquin County, and;
- (2) Authorize the transfer of up to \$2 million from the Reserve for Contingencies for costs incurred to support the Head Start Program between January 31, 2005 and March 28, 2005; and;

- (3) Approve the reimbursement of the Reserve for Contingency account for expenditures incurred in this action, upon receipt of funds from the Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families.

Supervisor Sieglock second the motion. Mow/Sieglock/5

Chairman Gutierrez thanked Secretary of Health and Human Services, Commissioner Fuentes and other ACF officials, County staff, the offices of Congressmen Pombo and Cardoza, and Senator Boxer.

County Administrator Manuel Lopez stated that this item is scheduled to be on the agenda of the Board of Supervisors meeting on March 8, 2005.

ADJOURNED TO TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2005 AT 9:00 A.M.

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