



C O U N T Y A D M I N I S T R A T O R

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November 13, 2012

Honorable Board of Supervisors
Administration Building
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Board Members:

SUBJECT: Reactivation of the Alameda County Disaster Relief Fund for Hurricane Sandy Victims

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that your Board authorize the reactivation of the Alameda County Disaster Relief Fund in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, a storm that has recently devastated the Caribbean, Mid-Atlantic and Eastern United States regions; and authorize the County Administrator and the Auditor-Controller to implement the voluntary donation program for County employees.

DISCUSSION/SUMMARY:

On October 29, 2012, Hurricane Sandy hit the Atlantic City coast and has caused unprecedented damages in New Jersey and New York, and has severely affected neighboring states in a manner not seen in that region before. In total, at least 20 states have been affected to some extent by this super storm. In the aftermath of Sandy's devastation, streets remain flooded, subway lines are still impacted, thousands of residents are without power, and the death toll has surpassed 100.

County employees have generously provided support to victims of natural and man-made disasters through the Alameda County Disaster Relief Fund since it was established by your Board after the tragic events of September 11, and the fund has been reactivated for the South Asia Tsunami/Earthquake in 2004, Hurricane Katrina in 2005, the Haiti and Chile Earthquakes in 2010, and the Northern Japan Earthquake/Tsunami in 2011.

My office will work with the Auditor-Controller to implement the voluntary donation program and advise County employees of available contribution options.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan S. Muranishi".

Susan S. Muranishi
County Administrator

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c: Agency/Department Heads