



## CALAVERAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA SUBMITTAL

<b>Short Name/Subject</b> Declaration of a Shelter Crisis	<b>Board Meeting Date</b> May 28, 2019	<b>Agenda Number</b> <b>33</b>
<b>Dept:</b> Health and Human Services Agency <b>Contact:</b> Kristin Stranger <b>Phone:</b> (209) 754-6525	<b>Supervisory District Number</b> Countywide	Regular Agenda
<b>Published Notice Required?</b> No <b>Public Hearing Required?</b> No		<b>Estimated Time:</b> 10 Minutes
<b>Type of Document?</b> Resolution <b>PowerPoint Presentation Included?</b> No <b>Budget Transfer Included (Must be signed by Auditor)?</b> No <b>Complete Agreement Required?</b> No <b>Position Allocation Change?</b> No		

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution declaring a Shelter Crisis in Calaveras County pursuant to Government Code §8698 et seq.

**DISCUSSION/SUMMARY:**

During the December 4, 2018, Board of Supervisors (Board) meeting, the Calaveras County Homeless Task Force (Task Force) presented an informational item to update the Board on the efforts to address the needs of those community members that lack stable housing. During the presentation, the Task Force shared that through collaboration, it would continue to provide valuable input as our community jointly pursues appropriate State and Federal funding opportunities to address homelessness across the full spectrum of need in accordance with the Calaveras County Strategic Plan to Address Homelessness.

Recent data from the 2019 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count identified 186 people that met the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) definition of homeless in Calaveras County, 10 sheltered and 176 unsheltered. Of those, 24 were under the age of 18 and unsheltered. In addition, 30 additional individuals were identified as “couch surfers,” not meeting the HUD definition of homeless, but still lacking stable housing.

Government Code § 8698.2 provides that a County Board of Supervisors may declare a shelter crisis upon a finding that a significant number of persons within the jurisdiction are without the ability to obtain shelter, resulting in a threat to their health and safety.

The benefits of declaring a shelter crisis include: suspension of housing standards to the extent strict compliance would prevent or delay the mitigation of the effects of the shelter crisis, immunity from ordinary negligence in the provision of emergency housing, and the legal basis to allow use of certain facilities designated by the County as shelter for the duration of the crisis (as determined by the County). The Shelter Crisis will be particularly beneficial in the implementation of the Task Force developed Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) funded scattered site emergency shelter project, for which the Board approved the revenue agreement at its March 12, 2019, meeting.

The HEAP scattered site emergency shelter project is a pilot project where approximately 10 tiny houses, complete with shower, bathroom, and small kitchen area, will serve as small single

emergency shelters for residents of Calaveras County who lack stable housing. Individuals temporarily placed through a coordinated entry system in the scattered site emergency shelter units will receive intensive case management supports utilizing the Housing First Model. The pilot project involves locating approximately three to six single units at each of two pilot locations in the County, one in West Point and one in San Andreas. In West Point, the units will be placed on land owned by the Blue Mountain Coalition for Youth and Families and eventually leased by the County. In San Andreas, the units will be placed on County land located next to the Mental Health Clinic. Case management and oversight will be provided through a collaborative effort between County staff and community partners.

Staff recommends the adoption of this Resolution to affirm the commitment of Calaveras County to combatting homelessness and creating and augmenting a continuum of shelter and service options for those living without shelter in our community.

**FINANCING:**

There is no impact to the General Fund.

The funding for the scattered site emergency shelter pilot is State-funded Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) one-time funding.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The Board may choose to do any of the following:

- a) Uphold the Departmental recommendation; or
- b) Continue the item to another date for further consideration. This option is not recommended unless the Board specifically requests additional information which cannot be obtained during this meeting; or
- c) Deny the request. This is not recommended given there is no financial impact associated with this item.

**APPROVED BY:**

  
Kristin Stranger, Director of Health & Human Services 5/9/2019

  
Diane Severud, Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors 5/10/2019

  
Sarah DeKay 5/17/2019

  
Albert Hill, County Administrative Officer 5/17/2019

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF CALAVERAS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
May 28, 2019

Resolution  
No. (ID # 4562)

**RESOLUTION DECLARING A SHELTER CRISIS  
PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE § 8698 *ET SEQ.* AND  
PARTICIPATION IN THE HOMELESS EMERGENCY AID  
PROGRAM, SB 850 (CHAPTER 48, STATUTES 2018)**

**WHEREAS**, California Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. and the members of the California Legislature have recognized the urgent and immediate need for funding at the local level to combat homelessness;

**WHEREAS**, the Governor and Legislature have provided funding to local governments under the Homeless Emergency Aid Program as part of SB 850 and the 2018-19 Budget Act (Chapter 48, Statutes of 2018);

**WHEREAS**, Calaveras County has developed a homelessness plan and undertaken multiple efforts at the local level to combat homelessness;

**WHEREAS**, Calaveras County finds that 186 persons within Calaveras County are homeless and living without shelter;

**WHEREAS**, Calaveras County finds that the number of persons within the County without the ability to obtain shelter is significant, and the situation has resulted in a threat to the health and safety of those persons;

**WHEREAS**, Calaveras County affirms the commitment to combatting homelessness and creating or augmenting a continuum of shelter and service options for those living without shelter in our communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors that a shelter crisis exists in Calaveras County, triggering the provisions of Govt. Code §§ 8698 *et seq.*, and that the County participate in the Homeless Emergency Aid Program.

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Chair

**ATTEST**

Rebecca Turner, Ex-Officio Clerk  
of the Board of Supervisors, County of Calaveras

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Deputy Clerk