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September 20, 2013

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.  
Director and Health Officer

**SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT STANDARD AGREEMENT NUMBER EPO 13-21 FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR PANDEMIC INFLUENZA PREPAREDNESS**

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on June 6, 2012, to accept and execute the Standard Agreement (SA) from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for pandemic influenza preparedness for annual terms beginning July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2017, at amounts to be determined by the CDPH, estimated not to exceed \$500,000 per annual grant term, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO).

Under this authority, I will accept and execute CDPH SA Number EPO 13-21, in the amount of \$395,664, for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. These State General Fund Pandemic Influenza funds support the efforts of the Department of Public Health's (DPH) Emergency Preparedness and Response Program in the event of global disease outbreak and/or during flu season.

Of the total award, CDPH will retain \$117,000 to continue to support the functionality of the California Health Alert Network (CAHAN), and the services it provides for the County. CAHAN is a State-wide electronic system used for health alert messaging. The services provided for the County include CAHAN user licensing, system upgrades, training and training materials, and technical support. The remaining funds of \$278,664 will be used to support the salary and benefits of the Pandemic Flu Coordinator, maintenance of an online toolkit and training program for schools and communities, procurement of supplies for three Mass Vaccination Point of Dispensing exercises, and provision of training and exercising of public health emergency volunteers.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the SA as to use and advised that I inform your Board that the general terms and conditions that are incorporated into the SA include a provision requiring the County to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the CDPH for all claims and losses related to the Agreement. This is a standard requirement from the State and cannot be waived. I have been advised by CEO Risk Management and County Counsel of the risks

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associated with this provision. However, I believe these risks to be acceptable in light of the need for the services and the resulting benefit to public health.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved this delegated authority action.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Officer  
County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors