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California Food Banks Receive Additional Funds for Food Purchases

State redirects \$1.1 million in unspent freeze funds for Emergency Food assistance

SACRAMENTO – The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has committed \$1 million in remaining state funds from the 2007 citrus freeze to provide some relief to California food banks, announced John A. Wagner, CDSS Director.

“We recognize these are tough economic times and there is a strong demand on food banks to assist families. Committing the remaining funds will provide some relief to food banks and help ensure that a growing number of needy families receive assistance to help put food on their table,” Wagner said.

CDSS has released remaining freeze funds in the amount of \$1,061,575.65 to provide relief to 49 Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP) food banks that service all counties of California. CDSS estimates that food banks will be able to purchase as much as 1.35 million pounds of food with the additional \$1 million. During this economic climate and until additional federal resources become available, food banks are experiencing significant declines in the volume of food being donated to help feed the needy populations. Simultaneously, food banks are seeing a steady increase in the number of individuals coming to their sites for assistance.

The 2007 citrus freeze disaster destroyed countless crops and led to thousands of farm worker layoffs throughout 19 California counties, primarily in the San Joaquin Valley area. At that time, Governor Schwarzenegger declared an emergency, allocating \$4.5 million and later approving an additional \$1.5 million to assist the disaster victims. The 49 EFAP food banks can use the remaining freeze money to make the additional commodity purchases through June 30, 2009. The funding amount each county receives is based on a federal formula that considers unemployment and poverty levels.

EFAP provides approximately 53.7 million pounds of donated food annually to 49 local county food banks that serve all 58 counties. There are more than 2,300 distribution sites annually serving approximately 1.5 million California residents through monthly distributions.

Please see attachment for a complete list of funds distributed to each county.

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Remaining Freeze Fund Allocation

Alameda	\$ 37,164.81
Amador/Tuolumne	\$ 2,442.26
Butte	\$ 11,255.63
Calaveras	\$ 1,168.04
Contra Costa/Solano	\$ 29,731.85
Del Norte	\$ 1,168.04
El Dorado/Alpine	\$ 3,652.77
Fresno	\$ 40,456.55
Humboldt	\$ 4,884.52
Imperial	\$ 9,025.74
Inyo/Mono	\$ 955.67
Kern (CAP)	\$ 30,687.51
Kings	\$ 5,627.81
Lake	\$ 2,229.89
Lassen/Modoc	\$ 1,486.59
Los Angeles (LB)	\$ 131,400.97
Los Angeles (RFB)	\$ 205,524.59
Madera	\$ 5,627.81
Marin	\$ 4,459.78
Mendocino	\$ 2,973.18
Merced/Mariposa	\$ 11,255.63
Monterey	\$ 14,122.63
Napa	\$ 2,760.81
Nevada	\$ 2,017.52
Orange (CAP)	\$ 29,577.88
Orange (SHFB)	\$ 36,150.74
Placer	\$ 5,309.26
Riverside	\$ 50,650.33
Sacramento (CFB)	\$ 31,992.53
Sacramento (G)	\$ 6,552.69
San Benito	\$ 1,592.78
San Bernardino	\$ 56,065.77
San Diego	\$ 75,603.84
San Francisco	\$ 20,281.37
San Joaquin	\$ 23,573.11
San Luis Obispo	\$ 6,795.85
Santa Barbara	\$ 11,786.55
Santa Clara/San Mateo	\$ 46,827.66
Santa Cruz	\$ 7,963.89
Shasta	\$ 6,052.55
Siskiyou	\$ 1,805.15
Sonoma	\$ 9,981.41
Stanislaus	\$ 18,263.85
Tehama	\$ 2,017.52
Trinity	\$ 530.93
Tulare	\$ 19,431.89
Ventura	\$ 18,051.48
Yolo	\$ 6,477.30
Yuba/Sutter	\$ 6,158.74
Total	\$ 1,061,575.65