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Hello ACMAD Staff & Trustees-

As you may be aware, the Health Officer of Alameda County (along with other Bay Area Counties) ordered a Shelter in Place this afternoon (see attached) effective midnight tonight. This shelter in place exempts "essential services/ activities/ businesses". The excerpt below includes "exterminators" along with "minimum basic operations" to maintain the value of the business.

- f. For the purposes of this Order, "Essential Businesses" means:
- i. Healthcare Operations and Essential Infrastructure;
 - ii. Grocery stores, certified farmers' markets, farm and produce stands, supermarkets, food banks, convenience stores, and other establishments engaged in the retail sale of canned food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet supply, fresh meats, fish, and poultry, and any other household consumer products (such as cleaning and personal care products). This includes stores that sell groceries and also sell other non-grocery products, and products necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences;
 - iii. Food cultivation, including farming, livestock, and fishing;
 - iv. Businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals;
 - v. Newspapers, television, radio, and other media services;
 - vi. Gas stations and auto-supply, auto-repair, and related facilities;
 - vii. Banks and related financial institutions;
 - viii. Hardware stores;
 - ix. Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences, Essential Activities, and Essential Businesses;
- g. For the purposes of this Order, "Minimum Basic Operations" include the following, provided that employees comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined this Section, to the extent possible, while carrying out such operations:
- i. The minimum necessary activities to maintain the value of the business's inventory, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, or for related functions.
 - ii. The minimum necessary activities to facilitate employees of the business being able to continue to work remotely from their residences.

From this definition, and by the nature of our work, ACMAD staff are able to continue their work either remotely (support staff will work from home), or in the field. This allows staff to not deduct from their leave balances unless they are sick or on vacation.

While our phone lines will be open, we will no longer accept requests for service--that includes interactions other than reports of "biting complaints" or "standing water".

To follow these guidelines, and based on the nature of COVID-19, social distancing is paramount.

1. I will be at the District from 7:30am-4pm unless I tell you otherwise (or I or my family becomes ill). You can always reach my cell phone.
2. All preplanned office meetings are called off until this shelter in place is lifted.
3. Field staff, tell me, or your supervisor, if/when you are coming in to pick up your truck and equipment and keep at least 6 feet from other

- employees. This includes the locker rooms (only 2 people at a time, in different sides). Keep your phone on you at all times.
4. Support staff, you must be available during working hours and please update your supervisor on the status of your projects.
 5. Trustees, I will need to meet one of you at the end of next week (Th-26 or F-27) in the morning to sign checks.

The District has always taken care of its own and the public it serves. I am also open to suggestions and comments on this unprecedented (and developing) situation.

Please take care, be safe, and enjoy the extra time with your loved ones.

Sincerely,



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