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**TRANSMITTALS**

Prepared by: _____

Reviewed by: _____

Submitted by: _____

**To: LAHCFD Board**

**From: Michael Sanders**

**Date: 2/11/14**

**Subject:** Quake Cottage

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## RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of Quake Cottage at Los Altos Hills Annual Town Picnic June 1st 2014. We were able to secure a reduced price for this event, cost is normally $2,475, however, we were able to get a price of $1,980. Recommend that the funding be approved from the Emergency Services Coordinator fund (not sure if there is such an account).

## REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

This Quake Cottage will allow our citizens to actually experience what a real 8.0 earthquake feels like and what they need to do to be prepared in the event of such an earthquake occurs.

## BACKGROUND

The "Quake Cottage" has the capabilities of producing a quake-like motion that mimics a tremor measuring 5.5 to 8.0 on the Richter Magnitude Scale. There are only three simulators of this kind in the country. One is located in California, another is in Alaska, and the newest addition is here in Indiana. The 22-foot by 8-foot by 14-foot simulator is mounted on a dual axle trailer and is completely portable. The interior contains four chairs with a handle bar on the side to help stabilize the riders. In front of the chairs is a television monitor, which displays footage of an earthquake while inside a home. The entertainment center below the television holds books, picture frames, medicine, and other household items, which are all held in place by "earthquake putty. There also is a netted mechanism that sits on a track. Motion causes it to fall over the outside of the bookshelf to keep objects from falling and causing harm during a real quake.

**CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION** From a negative standpoint, the main problem I see s that our citizens do not believe that a major earthquake will occur, with that said many of our citizens are not adequately prepared for such a disaster.

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**STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

We have tentatively secured the Quake Cottage to be used at the LAH Picnic on June 1st 2014. Upon approval I will secure a written contract with Quake Cottage to finalize payment and confirm our requested date.

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**NOTE:** Background, Consequences of Negative Action, and Steps Following Approval sections may not be required if action is not requested or if the recommended action is acceptance of a report.