



County of Santa Cruz

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Meeting: January 3, 2019
Time: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Location: American Red Cross
2960 Soquel Ave.
Santa Cruz, CA 95062

MINUTES

- 1.0 Call to Order/Introductions
 - 1.1 Convened at 2:00 p.m. by Robert Ritchey, new Chair
- 2.0 Roll Call (*Emergency Management Council Appointed Members*)
 - 2.1 Attendees: 15 voting members; 23 total
 - 2.2 Absent:
 - 2.2.1 John Armstrong
 - 2.2.2 Paul Horvat
 - 2.2.3 Eric Conrad
 - 2.2.4 Martin Heaney
 - 2.3 Absent with Notice:
 - 2.3.1 Cally Haber
 - 2.3.2 Donna Odryna
 - 2.3.3 John Wilson
 - 2.4 Quorum achieved
- 3.0 Additions and Deletions to the Agenda
 - 3.1 None
- 4.0 Approval of Minutes: Meeting Minutes were sent via email 12.27.2018
 - 4.1 Approval moved; seconded
 - 4.2 Minutes approved as presented
- 5.0 Correspondence (*All*)
 - 5.1 None
- 6.0 Oral Communications: *Regarding items not on the Agenda*
 - 6.1 None
- 7.0 Presentations:
 - 7.1 None

- 8.0 New Business:
 - 8.1 None

- 9.0 Informational Reports
 - 9.1 County Office of Emergency Services Update
New computer upgrades in process; will be equipped with wifi.
Cohosting Environmental Health Emergency Training January 8 and 9 in Community Room in Sheriff's Office and EOC.
 - 9.2 City Reports
 - 9.2.1 Capitola____ *Captain Andy Dally*
High swells/high tide during week of December 16. They shut down wharf; prepared to shut Esplanade if necessary. No significant damage.
 - 9.2.2 Santa Cruz____ *Paul Horvat*
No report
 - 9.2.3 Scotts Valley____ *Lt. John Wilson*
No report
 - 9.2.4 Watsonville____ *Vacant*
Appointment of Tom Avila in process
 - 9.3 Grant Updates
 - 9.3.1 2017 State Homeland Security Grant Program (3-year grant through 5.31.20)
Projects completed: Sheriff's Office Replacement Airplane Engine; Scotts Valley PD 911 Tower; CERT training.
Projects in progress: Medical Reserve Corp Coordination; EMS PIO Coordination; EMS Mobile Medical Shelter; Sheriff's Office/EOC generator enclosure; Fire Service Gurneys/ATV; Sheriff's Office Bomb Suits; Scotts Valley PD Computer Systems.
 - 9.3.2 Initial application for 2018 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) (1-year grant) award of \$180,870 authorized by County Board of Supervisors 11.20.18; approved by Cal OES (Governor's Office of Emergency Services) 11.29.18. (EMPG requires 50/50 matching funds.)
Completed application submitted; final approval pending.
 - 9.3.3 Initial application for 2018 State Homeland Security Grant Program (3-year grant through 5.31.21) award of \$349,660 approved by Cal OES and accepted by County Board of Supervisors on 12.11.18.
Projects include: Medical Reserve Corp Coordination; EMS PIO Coordination; EMS Harnet Radio System; Sheriff's Office Armored Van; Radiological Detection Devices for County first responders; and CERT training. Completed application submitted; final approval pending.
 - 9.3.4 2019 State Homeland Security Grant advance application due on 1.15.19; County's Authorized Body of 5 meeting set for 1.7.19 to review/finalize projects to be submitted.
 - 9.3.5 2019 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) project was submitted on behalf of the Sheriff's Office for bomb x-ray equipment and a drone with infrared capabilities.
 - 9.4 County Office of Education.....*John Armstrong*
No report

- 10.0 Non-Governmental Organizations
 - 10.1 CERT.....*Todd Skrabak*
Mary Edmund reporting: CERT is starting a new educational cycle for 2019. Six

Basic CERT classes are scheduled between January and June.
The CERT Activation Policy has been developed, reviewed and updated; on schedule to be presented to the Fire and Law Chiefs in late January and finalized in February.

- 10.2 Medical Reserve Corp*Kathleen Conley*
Brenda Brenner reporting: People who helped with fire and shelters in Butte County will present on their experiences at an upcoming meeting.
- 10.3 Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS).....*Cap Pennell*
Ham Radio License class starting January 16 for Loma Prieta area; contact Cap for details: ['cap_pennell' <ke6afe@arrl.net>](mailto:cap_pennell@arrl.net)
- 10.4 Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES).....*Robert Ritchey*
San Lorenzo Valley group recently conducted a Ham radio licensing class resulting in 17 new licensed Ham operators; 15 have signed up to be part of ARES. A training session will be conducted in January for new operators to learn more about their roles as licensees and use of equipment.
ARES management meeting is scheduled in January to review communications plan and ARES restructuring. Currently ARES is divided in four sections in Santa Cruz County: Loma Prieta; San Lorenzo Valley; North County Coastal Area; South County Coastal Area. They will discuss simplifying the structure, and coordinating with CERT.
- 10.5 Equine Evacuation.....*Cally Haber*
No report
- 10.6 Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD) *Jim Uhey*
Not active recently in the county—they have been working up north. Sent volunteers to Chico: helped with distributions, water access; Red Cross is still running a shelter. NGOs from China came to tour the Fairgrounds to learn how shelter was being managed.
- 11.0 Announcements (*All*)
 - 11.1 Fire Safe Council is involved in emergency preparedness and prevention. Received a grant in December with significant education and outreach component. Because of Paradise Fire, there is now a big demand from people living in similar terrain who are realizing they need to make plans, develop evacuation methods, routes, vegetation management, etc.
 - 11.2 Expecting rain and high winds this weekend; PG&E setting up base camp in Scotts Valley Jan 4 to be prepared to deploy if needed.
- 12.0 Items for future meetings
 - 12.1 Presentation on lessons learned from Paradise as applied to our area
Suggested speakers: Paul Horvat, Jim Uhey, Patsy Gasca
- 13.0 Additional discussions:
 - 13.1 San Lorenzo Valley
In the past there was a San Lorenzo Valley leadership group that met until 2007; attendance fell off then due to establishment of the EMC, which took the responsibility.
Current concerns include ingress/egress issues.
Supervisors Bruce McPherson and John Leopold have conducted public forums; in fall of 2017 the presentation in Boulder Creek included Steve Wiesner of County DPW on roads and Rosemary Anderson on emergency preparedness.
 - 13.2 Emergency Management Plan

Emergency Management Plan for the County last updated 2015; update is currently in process; plan is on website.

<http://www.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/Departments/EmergencyServices/OESPlans.aspx>

13.3 Evacuation and Preparedness

Cal Fire has created maps with jurisdictional areas: evacuation structure, thoroughfares, etc. for use by Fire, Law and Emergency Management.

Good resource: *Ready, Set, Go* on CAL FIRE's website

<http://www.readyforwildfire.org/Prepare-For-Wildfire/>

Re: traffic management for evac—most important thing is to have a plan and practice the plan regularly! (e.g. there is a family that practices whenever they receive an emergency alert)

Key messages:

-When told to evacuate get out!

-And don't wait to be told—be aware of what is going on

-Must practice, and be ready

CERT is experiencing a revival and is having an impact in the more populated areas regarding preparedness.

13.4 Paradise update: 276 people in established shelter 719 people in 'unofficial shelters'; still a large population that need support; 86 confirmed fatalities.

15.0 Adjourn

13.1 Motion to adjourn, seconded. Motion carried

13.2 Meeting adjourned 2:40 pm

15.0 Next Meeting:

March 7, 2019 2-4 PM

Location: Emergency Operations Center

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