

County of Santa Cruz



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Meeting: March 7, 2019
Time: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Location: Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
5200 Soquel Ave.,
Building C 2nd floor
Santa Cruz, Ca 95062

MINUTES

- 1.0 Call to Order/Introductions
 - Called to order at 2:02 by Robert Ritchey, Chair

- 2.0 Roll Call (*Emergency Management Council Appointed Members*)
 - 2.1 Attendees: 18 voting members; 31 total
 - 2.2 Absent:
 - 2.2.1 Vance Wagner
 - 2.2.2 Craig Wilson
 - 2.2.3 Eric Conrad
 - 2.2.4 Donna Odryna
 - 2.3 Absent with Notice:
 - 2.3.1 John Wilson
 - 2.3.2 Brenda Brenner
 - 2.4 Quorum achieved: Yes

- 3.0 Additions and Deletions to the Agenda
 - 3.1 Introduction of new Cal OES Coastal Region Coordinator

- 4.0 Approval of Minutes: Meeting Minutes were sent via email 1.15.2019
 - 4.1 Motion to approve: Andy Dally
 - 4.2 Motion seconded: Patsy Gasca
 - 4.3 Motion passed: Unanimous

- 5.0 Correspondence (*All*)
 - 5.1 Appointment of Tom Avila as City of Watsonville Representative
 - 5.2 EMC Biennial Report submitted and accepted by Board of Supervisors
 - 5.2.1 Next report due 1.31.2021
 - 5.2.2 EMC now has a page on the County of Santa Cruz website linked under Government> Commissions, Committees & Advisory Bodies
<http://www.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/Government/Commissions,CommitteesAdvisoryBodies.aspx>;
Response to member of public reached out--EMC didn't have link for public access to agendas, minutes, reports, etc.

- 6.0 Oral Communications: *Regarding items not on the Agenda*
 - 6.1 Introduction of Brian Buckhout, new Coastal Region Emergency Services Coordinator for the California Governor's office of Emergency Services (Cal OES)
- 7.0 Presentations:
 - None
- 8.0 New Business:
 - None
- 9.0 Informational Reports
 - 9.1 County Office of Emergency Services/Update.....*Rosemary Anderson*
 - 9.1.1 Winter storm response plan has been submitted; joint effort with Monterey County
 - 9.1.2 County Emergency Management Plan is being updated; goal to have it ready for review in May
 - 9.1.3 PGE is underwriting a tabletop exercise in June to test public safety power shut-off
 - 9.1.4 OES is hosting EMPG-funded Disaster Recovery Training May 6–7. Location: Central Fire
 - 9.2 City Reports
 - 9.2.1 Capitola_____ *Captain Andy Dally*
Storm updates during recent storms have been useful; they work with Public Works on how to respond, notice
No significant issues
 - 9.2.2 Santa Cruz_____ *Paul Horvat*
No updates
 - 9.2.3 Scotts Valley_____ *Lt. John Wilson*
Absent
 - 9.2.4 Watsonville_____ *Tom Avila*
Re: County sandbag location list—Watsonville station currently on list but want to be removed; they have a location at fire station for local residents. Link for Watsonville should be to their Public Works dept. Fire Chief Barreto has resigned; taking a new post in Salinas.
Process to appoint interim chief is underway.
 - 9.3 Grant Updates
 - 9.3.1 2017 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) (3-year grant through 5.31.20)
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 Approval for 2018 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) (1-year grant) award of \$180,870 received from Cal OES (Governor's Office of Emergency Services) 01.07.19.
 - 9.3.3 Approval for 2018 State Homeland Security Grant Program (3-year grant through 5.31.21) award of \$349,660 received from Cal OES 02.12.19.
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.
- 9.3.4 2019 State Homeland Security Grant advance application submitted on 1.15.19; now awaiting review and approval process.
- 9.3.5 2016 State Homeland Security Grant Program performance period ends 05.31.19; all projects to be completed by that date.
- 9.3.6 Semi-annual grant reports for all EMPG and Homeland Security Grants due on 03.29.19.
- 9.3.7 OES will conduct grants workshop in August; workshop is mandatory for all County recipients and new applicants for Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) and Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) project funds.

10.0 Non-Governmental Organizations

- 10.1 CERT Council.....*Robert Gray*
 - 10.1.1 CERT Activation Policy was approved by law enforcement chiefs and fire branch chiefs; policy will be disseminated.
 - 10.1.2 Each branch can create annexes based on local needs, subject to branch approval.
- 10.2 CERT Auxiliary..... *Mary Edmund*
 - 10.2.1 Conducting several upcoming classes, filling up quickly.
 - 10.2.2 Live Oak has become very active for CERT training and activity.
 - 10.2.3 Upcoming presentation by Chief Kovacs from Scotts Valley: Working with Volunteers.
- 10.3 Medical Reserve Corp*Kathleen Conley*
 - 10.3.1 Courtney Kilgore coordinating MRC. High-quality professionals in group.
 - 10.3.2 Working on proposal with Cabrillo College to engage nursing students with MRC training.
 - 10.3.3 Kathleen will conduct Incident Command System (ICS) training (100/700/800) on April 3; will provide a flyer to be shared with EMC. (HSA and MRC have priority for registration—then open to others)
 - 10.3.4 TEEX (Texas A&M Extension) training on medical countermeasures and PODS taking place at the end of May—training covers many skills similar to shelter work.
 - 10.3.5 Partnered with environmental health specialists in January for training in sheltering/mass care, and other issues re: fires; debris mgmt., etc. Dr. Leff has requested to have environmental health imbedded more in public health.
- 10.4 Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS).....*Cap Pennell*
No updates
- 10.5 Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES).....*Robert Ritchey*
 - 10.5.1 Several members were involved personally in storms, but no activations.
 - 10.5.2 Conducted new licensing classes and follow-up class on how to use the license.
 - 10.5.3 Robert is planning a training soon in Davenport on radio use.
 - 10.5.4 Gary Watson is handling badges for DSW.
- 10.6 Equine Evacuation.....*Cally Haber*
 - 10.6.1 Planning for workshop on March 30 at Santa Cruz County Horsemen’s Association on Graham Hill Road. Presentations from CalFire, PG&E, Animal Services, Highway Patrol, OES, mechanics, etc. Focus on fire and animal handling safety; will include trailer maintenance and safety, ham radio use. New members will be sworn in. Attendance limited to Santa Cruz County Equine Evacuation Unit members.
 - 10.6.2 Meeting with CERT and ARES for collaboration

- 10.6.3 Outreach with other groups and individuals has resulted in a number of new members.
- 10.7 Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD)... *Jim Uhey*
 - 10.7.1 Some work in Santa Cruz County; more involved in Paradise, Sonoma. National VOAD call—active in many areas throughout the country
 - 10.7.2 Cal OES is working for more uniformity in volunteer base after Butte County fires; will be addressed in VOAD meeting on March 20.
- 10.8 County Office of Education.....*John Armstrong*
 - 10.8.1 New Superintendent: Faris Sabbah.
 - 10.8.2 Working on process to ensure all schools have updated and compliant safety plans.
- 11.0 Announcements (*All*)
 - 11.1 Acknowledgement of Red Cross—Rosemary Anderson
 - 11.1.1 Patsy Gasca, Red Cross volunteer, and EOC intern conducted joint effort to update shelter information. This is a great project to come full circle, and we now have comprehensive updated shelter list.
 - 11.2 FireSafe Council—Joe Christy
 - 11.2.1 County Fire Safe council drafting plan for next year. Includes ideas to seed Firewise Communities; fundraising efforts with realtors.
 - 11.2.2 On March 21 Aldo Gonzalez and Joe Christy will present on wildland fire for CERT training In Bonny Doon
 - 11.2.3 Starting on grant with RCD to conduct education and outreach in the County; working to get volunteers more involved; supplemented by chipping program; want to focus on senior and special needs communities. A lot of vegetation to manage and chip, now have funds to move forward.
 - 11.2.4 Paul Horvat conducting seminar in Santa Cruz March 19 at 911 Dispatch—required to be eligible for FireSafe grants
 - 11.3 Homelessness issues
 - 11.3.1 Agencies in the City and County using WebEOC and Unified Command to facilitate work in a coordinated and organized way on issues and actions
 - 11.3.2 Projects include the Gateway Plaza camp closure and move.
 - 11.4 UCSC—Lisa Ehret
 - 11.4.1 Planning an exercise to be hosted on campus
 - 11.4.2 Seeking engagement from partners and colleagues to polish document; opportunity to work with high-risk population
 - 11.5 Cabrillo College—Tom Wyner
 - 11.5.1 Conducted CERT training for custodial staff; did it at night to enable more participation; will have another one for day shift
 - 11.6.2 Cabrillo hosting FEMA classes on March 12 and 13; sold out; Demonstrates to Bay Area Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) that there is demand here
 - 11.6.3 Had a homeless camp on campus—cleaning it out is specialized challenge—Tom is requesting info on resources/contacts with a good protocol for doing this; he will consult with County Environmental Health
 - 11.6 Santa Cruz Search and Rescue (SAR) visit to EOC—Rosemary Anderson
 - 11.6.1 Introduction to OES/EOC
 - 11.6.2 Brought up need for NIMS/SEMS combined training for SAR, and for County staff; requirement for CERT DSW
 - 11.7 Fire Safe Forum to be held on March 30
 - 11.7.1 At the Scotts Valley Community Center 10 am – noon
 - 11.7.2 Participants to include Cal Fire; County Fire; Sheriff's Office; PG&E;

OES

- 11.8 Watsonville Emergency Airlift Command Team (WEACT)
 - 11.8.1 Marjorie Bachman has stepped down as president
 - 11.6.2 Tom Hail is new president

- 12.0 Items for future meetings
 - 12.1 Gary Watson is organizing a presentation by a CISCO Communication expert to present at May 2 meeting
 - 12.2 Team Rubicon to present on May 2
 - 12.3 Suggestion for ARES and CERT to give presentation on how organizations work together

- 13.0 Adjourned at 3:00 pm
 - 13.1 Motion to adjourn: Bob Wiser
 - 13.2 Motion seconded: Liz Taylor-Selling
 - 13.3 Motion passed: Unanimous

- 14.0 Next Meeting: May 2, 2019 2-4 PM