

County of Santa Cruz



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Meeting: September 5, 2019
Time: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Location: EOC
5200 Soquel Ave.
Building C 2nd floor
Santa Cruz, Ca 95062

Minutes

- 1.0 Call to Order/Introductions by Robert Ritchey, Council Chair, at 2:02 pm
- 2.0 Roll Call (*Emergency Management Council Appointed Members*)
 - 2.1 Attendees: 18 voting members; total 36 attendees
 - 2.2 Absent:
 - 2.2.1 Andrew Dally
 - 2.2.2 Vance Wagner
 - 2.2.3 Eric Conrad
 - 2.2.4 Patsy Gasca
 - 2.3 Absent with Notice:
 - 2.3.1 Cally Haber
 - 2.3.2 Donna Odryna
 - 2.4 Quorum achieved: Yes, with 18 of 24 voting members present
- 3.0 Additions and Deletions to the Agenda
None
- 4.0 Approval of Minutes: Meeting Minutes were sent via email 5.28.2019 and 9.5.2019
 - 3.1 Motion to approve by Tom Avila; seconded and passed
- 5.0 Correspondence (*All*)
None
- 6.0 Oral Communications: *Regarding items not on the Agenda*
- 7.0 Presentations:
None
- 8.0 New Business:
None

- 9.0 Informational Reports
 - 9.1 County Office of Emergency Services/Update
 - 9.1.1 Upcoming event: California On Fire at the Rio Theater 9/19 (see item 11.2 below for details)
 - 9.1.2 Earthquake preparedness and remembrance events being planned throughout October for the 30th anniversary of the Loma Prieta Earthquake
 - 9.1.3 Process underway to reconfigure the EOC to create a more viable training room and improve use of the space
 - 9.1.4 UASI funding for training and exercise now awarded; Rosemary Anderson coordinated trainings with Monterey County based on requests. ICS/SEMS/NIMS combined; EOC Management and Operations/ICS-EOC Interface (G775/191) ICS 300 and 400, CERT Train the Trainer, Leadership course for Sheriff and tactical courses for SC City Fire.
 - 9.2 City Reports
 - 9.2.1 Capitola_____ *Captain Andy Dally*
 - 9.2.2 Santa Cruz_____ *Paul Horvat*
Taught G611M Essential EOC Management Section/Position Specific Training for City EOC staff
 - 9.2.3 Scotts Valley____ *Lt. John Wilson*
Preparing plan for Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS)—roads, gas, etc.
 - 9.2.4 Watsonville_____ *Tom Avila*
Conducted EOC drill last month, will have report later this month on strengths, weaknesses, improvements.
 - 9.3 Grant Updates
 - 9.3.1 FY2017 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) (3-year grant through 5.31.2020 award of \$351,387)
Completed projects include: Sheriff's Office Bomb Suits; Scotts Valley PD Computer Systems.
Projects in progress: Medical Reserve Corp Coordination; EMS PIO Coordination; EMS Mobile Medical Shelter; Sheriff's Office/EOC generator enclosure; Fire Service Gurneys/ATV;
 - 9.3.2 FY2018 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) (1-year grant through 6.30.19; award of \$180,870)
The 2018 Grant closed out and all reimbursement requests submitted and approved.
 - 9.3.3 FY2018 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) (3-year grant through 5.31.21; award of \$349,660)
Projects in progress: Medical Reserve Corp Coordination; EMS PIO Coordination; EMS Hearnnet Radio System; Sheriff's Office armored van; radiological detection devices for County first responders; CERT training.
 - 9.3.4 2019 State Homeland Security Grant advance application submitted on 1.15.19 for \$349.660. Federal Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) released 4.12.19. Awaiting possible revisions. State will submit to DHS/FEMA 5.29.19. Anticipated award date: no later than 9.30.19.
 - 9.3.5 2016 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) (3-year grant through 5.31.19; award of \$352,105)
Projects completed include: Sheriff's Office Incident command vehicle; WebEOC Pro software/training; Medical Reserve Corp Coordination; EMS PIO Coordination; Training and exercises; CERT equipment; Ballistic vests/helmets for County first responders; Emergency medical

masks for first responders/healthcare providers. Project modifications, completions, and reimbursement requests in progress to meet closeout deadlines. The State is conducting a desk review of this grant and the process is still in progress as of 9.5.19

- 9.3.6 FY2020 UASI RFP—One-year grant cycle; funding is allocated by Hub in a collaborative process. Santa Cruz County is part of the South Bay Area Hub San Benito, and Monterey. Opportunity for the county to submit a project on behalf of agencies. Project proposal meeting will take place 9.19.19; must attend in person or via webinar in order to submit a project. Due date for proposals is 10.10.19. Voting takes place in January; awards announced in late spring/early summer.

10.0 Non-Governmental Organizations

- 10.1 CERT Council.....*Robert Gray*
CERT activated for Deer Fire, were utilized by LE for-traffic management on Bear Creek; request for CERT volunteers to help in September for Public Health Emergency Preparedness Month activities, and upcoming trainings and exercises.
- 10.2 CERT Auxiliary..... *Mary Edmund*
Received UASI funding for Train the Trainer course; upcoming class in January.
Two Basic CERT classes starting in October. Involved with tabling for October events.
- 10.3 Medical Reserve Corp (MRC)*Kathleen Conley*
Meets in the EOC every other month. Conducting a flu shot clinic in Boulder Creek on 9.27; more being planned. MRC members deployed to Camp Fire. Four volunteers participated in a Full-Scale Exercise at Moffett Field. Will conduct Train the Trainer workshops for the “Stop the Bleed” program: 9.16.19 first training. MRC people who are now trainers are prepped and ready to conduct trainings—looking to partner with CERT, etc.
In the process of revising Healthcare Coalition website; updating MRC; inviting relevant groups to participate.
Statewide Medical Health Exercise scheduled for November.
Thank you to Jason Hoppin and Rosemary Anderson for collaboration on County proclamation of September as National Preparedness Month. Providing ICS 100 training at Emeline at no cost on the first Friday of the month; contact Kathleen for more information.
- 10.4 Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS).....*Cap Pennell*
No report
- 10.5 Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES).....*Robert Ritchey*
Staffed many events this summer, including the Fireworks Endurance Ride, Aptos Fourth of July Parade, Redwood Mountain Faire, Felton Remembers, Santa Cruz Mountain Challenge.
Conducted a radio licensing class at the Scotts Valley Library in cooperation with Santa Cruz County CERT, San Lorenzo Valley Emergency Network (SLVEN), and Scotts Valley Fire Dept.
Logged 890 volunteer hours from June – August.
Currently preparing for the County Fair Sept 11 – 15; will be dispatching for the Sheriff and providing security communications for a variety of organizations and events.
- 10.6 Equine Evacuation.....*Cally Haber*
- 10.7 County Office of Education.....*John Armstrong*

Superintendent Sabbah promoting emphasis on safety; developing safety planning partnership to conduct a variety of workshops. Superintendents Association for California recently issued a planning document to help schools prepare for major emergency. Contact John with thoughts re: MOUs for transportation, buses, kitchens, staging for shelters, etc. (Rosemary Anderson has example from Oakland and Monterey to share.)

11.0 Announcements and Updates (A/I)

- 11.1 Oct 13: Preparedness Fair at Civic Center
- 11.2 Sept 19: “California on Fire” at the Rio Theatre
Hosted by Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History
Keynote speaker V. Thomas Parker, Ph.D., San Francisco State University
Panel: Rosemary Anderson, County of Santa Cruz Emergency Services Manager; Valentin Lopez, Chairman of Amah Mutsun Tribal Band; Ken Pimlott, Director (retired) of the California Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire)
- 11.3 Kassandra Flores, Santa Cruz County Community Coordinator for 211 Helpline and Children’s Network: United Way/211 working with other counties in the region (San Benito, Monterey, and Santa Clara) to develop contractual relationships for widespread events and collect phone numbers to push out messages.
Activation of 211 phone bank assists with dissemination of information to the public; can divert calls from 911 and other emergency channels.
- 11.4 Bob Campbell, outgoing Senior Council Program Director
Volunteers go into schools, help children; Senior Companions go to homes of those with daily living challenges, provide social connections, transportation, shopping assistance, ease loneliness; have provided 190,000 hours of volunteer hours. Introduced Kathryn Ramira, who is coming on board as Director. The EMC recognizes and appreciates Bob for his outstanding service to our community.
- 11.5 Camping Unlimited provides list of vehicles to be available in emergency.
- 11.6 Jamshid Kiani, American Red Cross: Just returned from Alaska McKinley Fire. Hurricane Dorian not as severe as anticipated; now moving assets from Florida to North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.
- 11.7 Lisa Ehret, Emergency Services Director, UCSC: Conducted Wildland Fire Exercise in August. Opportunity to engage with stakeholders, responders, and organizations throughout the County, and talk through a scenario of wildland fire moving down into the campus. Will follow up with extensive after-action report and activities.
- 11.8 Santa Cruz County Community Foundation: working with OES to initialize MOU for alternative Emergency Joint Information Center (JIC) at Foundation site, which provides a central location.
- 11.9 Randy Fedak, Human Services Department (HSD): Randy and other team members went to Gilroy to the shelter after the shooting; important experience: being onsite in a shelter is another level beyond training—very different and they learned a lot.
They are working with Health Services Agency (HSA) on Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) plans. This is bringing up the need for Continuity of Operations Plans (COOP). What do you need to provide? What are the resources you need to keep up and running?
Putting together shelter toolkits for managers, go-kits, equipment, working on

plans: staff deployment, shelter, COOP, staffing; training.
Developing a shelter disaster committee with department heads and putting together a county committee with OES, Human Services, Health Services, and American Red Cross (ARC).

Disaster service worker training for County employees: Video training and meetings with staff to cover expectations: what you are able and not able to do. Revised emergency food stamp programs.

- 11.10 Tom Wyner, Cabrillo College: Takeaway from UCSC exercise: egress is one of the biggest issues; need to explore alternatives.
- 11.11 Rosemary Anderson: Wildfire Evacuation Study in progress in San Lorenzo Valley—should have results this month; will be disseminated when ready.
- 11.12 Rob Sherman, CalFire: Deer Fire about 85 percent contained; started Tuesday 9/3 at 2:30 am. Access was big concern in steep and rough terrain. They hit hard with aircraft. Clarifying miscommunication about evacuations: there were no evacuations. Went to 10 acres. One structure damaged.
Lightning causing problems throughout the state right now.
- 11.13 Mark Edria, Public Safety Specialist with PGE: covers Santa Cruz, Santa Clara San Benito, Monterey.
Fire camera website: firealert.com. Consortium with alertwildfire.org
- 11.14 Paul Garcia, County GIS Specialist: Cal OES has a great site: California Preparedness Platform (Cal PreP)
<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=8166b64f4bcc4e158904f6dd76c35a78>. Maps with a lot of information: weather, fire, wind, power outages, etc. All views are interactive and can be zoomed. Cal OES is interested in feedback for improvement and will be releasing a new version. Paul is currently working to create a Santa Cruz County version.
- 11.15 Code Red: mass notification system in Santa Cruz County. Must opt-in if don't have a land line. www.scr911.org
- 11.16 Matko Vranjes, Watsonville Hospital: hospital in the process of being sold; they are working to get everything in place.
- 11.17 Santa Cruz Coroner's office working on mass casualty plan.

12.0 Items for future meetings

- 12.1 Presentation on San Lorenzo Valley traffic evacuation report
- 12.2 National Weather Service presentation: "NOAA Winter Weather Presentation"

13.0 Meeting adjourned at 3:25

14.0 Next Meeting:
November 7, 2019; 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm