

County of Santa Cruz



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Meeting: March 4, 2021
Time: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Location: Teams Meeting

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MINUTES

- 1.0 Call to Order/Instructions for participation
 - 1.1 Meeting convened at 2:00 pm by Chair Robert Ritchey

- 2.0 Roll Call (*Emergency Management Council Appointed Members*)
 - 2.1 Attendees: 16 voting members; numerous non-voting attendees
 - 2.2 Absent:
 - 2.2.1 Andrew Dally
 - 2.2.2 Brenda Brenner
 - 2.2.3 Randy Fedak
 - 2.2.4 Michael Bennett
 - 2.2.5 Eric Conrad
 - 2.2.6 Martin Heaney
 - 2.2.7 Patsy Gasca
 - 2.3 Absent with Notice:
 - 2.3.1 Scott Cullen
 - 2.4 Quorum achieved: Yes

- 3.0 Additions and Deletions to the Agenda
- 4.0 Approval of Minutes:
 - 4.1 Draft minutes of January 2021 meeting were sent for review prior to this meeting
 - 4.2 Motion to approve: Michael Beaton; second: Paul Horvat
 - 4.3 Motion passed unanimously except for one abstention due to member not in attendance at the January meeting
- 5.0 Correspondence (*All*)
 - 5.1 Notice of re-appointment of Robert Ritchey to the Emergency Management Council at Board of Supervisors meeting 2.23.2021
- 6.0 Oral Communications: *Regarding items not on the Agenda*
 - 6.1 Announcement of hiring of David Reid as the Recovery Analyst for the Office of Response, Recovery, and Resilience (ORS)
 - 6.2 Becky Steinbruner (attending meeting by telephone):
Expressing concern re: CZU fire/debris flow evacuations.
Process was bumpy; Fairgrounds not available to debris flow evacuees.
No indoor shelter provided; 5,000 people evacuated or ordered to evacuate with nowhere to go if they didn't have RVs or other alternatives.
- 7.0 Presentations:
No presentations
- 8.0 New Business:
No new business
- 9.0 Informational Reports
 - 9.1 County Office of Emergency Services/Update.....David Reid
 - 9.1.1 Currently in the recruitment process for the Director of the Office of Response, Resilience, and Recovery (OR3).
 - 9.1.2 Staff participating in the CalFire CZU Lightning Complex Fire After Action Meetings in District 3 and district 5; OR3 is planning additional AAR reviews.
 - 9.1.3 The EOC was activated in response to debris flow threats and evacuation. Working now to identify what worked, what didn't, and how to improve.
Significant changes are being reviewed, including planning for future virtual Temporary Evacuation Points (TEPs) rather physical locations where residents have to register to receive assistance.
Also working with faith-based organizations to assist financially, with housing, emotional support; integrate this support into EOC planning
 - 9.1.4 COVID vaccination clinics are being conducted the Fairgrounds by Santa Cruz Public Health; vaccine supply expecting to increase.
 - 9.2 City Reports
 - 9.2.1 Capitola_____ *Captain Andy Dally*
 - 9.2.2 Santa Cruz_____ *Paul Horvat*
 - Focusing on CZU reimbursements, FEMA reimbursement for flood, and coordination with homeless operations
 - Preparing to embark on G611 EOC Section Overview classes to get new people on board and refresh the training for experienced personnel.

-Working on update to Emergency Operations Plan

9.2.3 Scotts Valley___ *Captain Mike Dean*

9.2.4 Watsonville___ *Tom Avila*

-Working on vaccination efforts at the Fairgrounds and at the old City Council chambers on Main St.; support of these efforts is a high priority for the city.

-Watsonville Airport working on standard operating guidelines and working with NetCom for dispatch policies and procedures.

9.3 County Office of Education___ Jennifer Buesing

-Prepared to support Districts for in-person classrooms; will be opening in hybrid format.

-Each week more students are coming back, starting with K-1 through elementary, then high school

-Working to vaccinate school staff

Have 5,000 staff; almost all have been offered vaccine

In South County 20% have declined; In North County 5% - 8% have declined.

-They have a team devoted to contact tracing

-No outbreaks

9.4 Grant Updates

9.4.1 FY2018 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) (2.75-year grant through 5.31.21; award of \$349,660)

Projects in progress: Medical Reserve Corp Coordination; EMS HearNet Radio System

Completed projects: Sheriff's Office armored van; Radiological detection devices for County first responders; CERT training equipment; HAS/EMS PIO coordination; Watsonville Slough Stream Gage/Warning System.

9.4.2 FY 2019 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) (2.75-year grant through 5.31.2022 award of \$359,856).

Projects in progress: County Medical Surge Preparedness, Mass Casualty Incident Preparedness, and Active Shooter Bag for Health Services Agency/EMS; Personal Body Armor for Santa Cruz PD; Portable Bollards for Capitola; Personal Body Armor for Watsonville PD; Mobile Bomb Containment Vessel for the Sheriff's Office; Mobile radios for multiple fire agencies; and Mobile Medical Shelter Coordination for County EMS.

Completed projects: Mobile X-Ray Machine (ID Hazardous/Explosive Devices) for the Sheriff's Office; Equipment for CERT training graduates; Ballistic Shields for Scotts Valley PD.

9.4.3 FY 2020 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) (2.75-year grant through 5.31.2023) award of \$356,972. Projects submitted in the Advance Application 1.31.20 were updated in November per new FEMA requirements addressing urgent national priorities and reviewed by the Authorized Body of Five on 12.14.20. New final application package was submitted on 1.28.2021. Awaiting final approval, including from FEMA for projects that are projects that fall into new National Priorities. Projects can be started that are: 1) not a National Priority Project, and 2) not a project that has special requirements (EHP, Noncompetitive Procurement, any other holds) 3) pending waiver approval. (Contact

Karen Adler to review your projects.)

9.4.4 FY2019 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) award (2-year grant through 6.30.2021) was approved by Cal OES on 1.13.2020 for \$180,870. Grant requires 50% match (dollar-for-dollar).³

Projects in progress include OES staffing; EOC/OES supplies; EOC Radio Charges; and OES Community Outreach and Education materials.

Completed projects: ISD/GIS Staffing to Support EOC Operations; EOC facility co-location costs; Mountain Community Resources citizen preparedness activities; and Resource Conservation District (RCD)/Firesafe Council planning and community activities.

9.4.5 FY2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) award (2-year grant through 6.30.2022) award of \$180,306. Grant requires 50% match (dollar-for-dollar). Final application submitted 2.2.2021; pending final approval.

9.4.6 FY2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG-S) COVID-19 Supplemental (grant through 6/30/2021)- award of \$95,979. (No County match required: match provided by CalOES). Initial application approved; final application submitted 2.9.2021, pending approval.

Projects: COVID General Purpose Vehicle; Santa Cruz Regional 9-1-1 Recruitment and Retention during COVID-19; Portable Solar Power Stations; Non-Contact Body Temperature Measurement Systems; and COVID Auxiliary Mobile Communications Equipment.

10.0 Non-Governmental Organizations

10.1 CERT Council.....*Robert Gray*

- Conducting regular Monday meetings.
- Seeking more representation from the County; next meeting on April 5 at 9 am. Michael Beaton will attend for the County.
- Working on deployment policies; worked on this last year, and now have incorporating improvements after using the policies.

Contact: rgray@feltonfire.com

10.2 CERT Auxiliary..... *Mary Edmund*

- CERT remains on alert for debris flow, particularly traffic management.
- Education program is continuing with Zoom classes.

10.3 Medical Reserve Corp*Kathleen Conley*

- Public health DOC and MRC very active in mass vaccination clinics.
- Developed a vaccine strike team, going to residences of seniors, etc. who need this type of outreach.
- MRC now has over 500 registered volunteers. Currently not taking new applicants as they are at capacity.

Public Health DOC and MHOAC (Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator)

- Continue to be activated at Level 1 (highest level) for COVID response.
- Expecting changes soon, including registration through state MYTURN site.
- Case numbers, fatalities, etc., are dropping.
- Everyone please continue to be ambassadors for face coverings, distancing, and other precautions; we need to be cautious as we move forward with vaccines

10.4 Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS).....*Cap Pennell*

- Continuing to keep in touch, performing weekly radio network check in.
- Info sharing and monthly meetings now taking place on Zoom
- Continue to participate on Wednesday mornings as City and County on

- Statewide network check-ins
- 10.5 Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES).....*Robert Ritchey*
 -Had short activation for debris flow; responded to request to support communications support for animal services. No major issues occurred so communications were not lost.
 -General HAM radio class went well. Participants received upgrade to licenses, giving them many more channels to be on.
 -Continuing Wednesday morning check-ins: check functions and equipment.
 -Radio class being planned for April or May; basic class to get licensed.
 -In February the group logged 1500 hours, including training and debris flow planning.
- 10.6 Equine Evacuation.....*Cally Haber*
 -Update to report last meeting about the loss of many long-time members: recruitment is in process for the next generation of equine evac and it is going well.
 -Fires were really a challenge. Now building on ways to increase communications using google docs/spread sheets, Telegram app, etc.
 -Created a sideline phone number—app for one central phone number 831-708-8998: up to 10 people can receive calls.
 -January debris flow warnings gave them a chance to practice; used Telegram to relay info to drivers; Sideline set up for activations
 -During the fires many people self-evacuated. This is their goal, for owners to be prepared to evacuate themselves, with Equine Evac in support.
 -Updating member lists, SOPs, org chart, etc
 -Question: Does the Equine Evac re-organization take into account that remote/rural areas may need ham operator in rural area where cell service is down or no power is out?
 Answer: Yes, Ham is part of what they do. They work to have as many members as possible certified as Hams.
- 10.7 American Red Cross.....*Patsy Gasca*
 -Continue to have productive meetings with county partners to fine-tune TEP and ARC training for Disaster Service Workers (DSW).
 -Continue to train their volunteers to be up-to-date.
 -Preparing emergency supplies so they are ready for next event.
- 11.0 Announcements (*All*)
- 12.0 Items for future meetings
 12.1 Request update from NetCom re: conversion from Code Red to Everbridge.
- 13.0 Adjourn
 13.1 Motion to adjourn: Michael Beaton; second: Bob Weiser
 13.2 Motion passed; meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.
- 14.0 Next Meeting: May 6, 2021 2:00-4:00

The Emergency Management Council generally meets the first Thursday of every odd month, excluding July.