

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

When: November 7, 2024, 1-3pm

Where: EOC, 5200 Soquel Ave., Santa Cruz

### **MEETING MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order/Instructions for participation** – Nancy called the meeting to order at 1pm.
2. **Roll Call (*Emergency Management Council Appointed Members, Districts 1-5*)** Stephan Edgar, Liz Taylor Selling, Dan Selling, Jed Wilson, Jacob Ainsworth, Nancy Yellin, Tom Hail, Mary Edmund, Vanessa Ackermann, Tom Avila, John Gerhardt, Robert Oatey, Bob Wiser, Nigel Miller, Michael Kilroy, Scott Garner, David Reid, Amanda Gullings, Clare Peabody, Annie Puckett, Paul Garcia
3. **Changes to the Agenda** – None
4. **Approval of Minutes (*Attachment A*)**
  - Name correction, Stephan Edgar;
  - Request clarification: Address signs be distributed county-wide, not just in the WUI.

Liz Taylor Selling, motion to approve; Rob Oatey seconds; minutes approved unanimously
5. **Old Business** – None
6. **New Business** – None
7. **Informational Reports**
  - 7.1 OR3
    - Amanda shared two free training opportunities upcoming; Clare shared Stop the Bleed courses are also upcoming (basic life safety skills, available in English and Spanish)
    - Evacuation Appendix update from Amanda; draft forthcoming, will be posted on the OR3 website to collect public feedback, then it will go to the BOS by January 2025.
    - Hazard Mitigation Plan update from Clare; grant award to support multi-hazard multi-jurisdictional HMP update, consultant to be selected in December, all cities on board as well

port and water districts and Cabrillo College. Kick off in January. HMP is required for FEMA program eligibility. Dave adds that municipal law and fire will be involved, in addition to planning staff.

- UCSC can participate in planning efforts but is covered under State HMP

- CSTI to host EM training in Santa Cruz -50 people registered
- EM education and outreach event upcoming on 11/10 at Pajaro Middle School

7.2 City of Scotts Valley – Scott Garner

- Radio upgrade project for codex/copper lines underway; working with AT&T and Raven to secure valuable deal; contact Scott for more info on how to secure deal for similar service

7.3 City Of Santa Cruz – Robert Oatey

- Sending limited resources to support Mountain fire fight in southern California

7.4 City of Capitola – Michael Kilroy

- Captain Sarah Ryan was promoted to Chief

7.5 City of Watsonville – Tom Avila

- Focus on addressing homelessness needs; recently hosted stakeholder meeting for ideas on how to address issues with and without funding; focus areas Airport Blvd. and Pajaro River

7.6 County Office of Education – Rishi Lal (absent)

**8. Non-Governmental Organizations**

8.1 CERT Council – Mike DeMars (absent & retired)

8.2 CERT Auxiliary – Mary Edmund

- Visit CERT website to sign up for Stop the Bleed; last CERT training of the year in November; first training of 2025 to occur in January, visit website for details. CERT Spanish Basic Training in Pajaro for 20 resident's forthcoming

8.3 Medical Reserve Corp – Jessie Bola/ Greg Benson (absent)

- Nancy Yellin – deployed to help with flu vaccines

8.4 Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) – John Gerhardt

- Completed a training course at the County EOC with new and existing ARES members, weekly practice ongoing
- 8.5 Equine Evacuation – Mary Sullivan (absent)
- 8.6 American Red Cross – Patsy Gasca (absent)
- 8.7 Watsonville Emergency Airlift Command Team (WEACT) – Tom Hail
  - Planned exercise postponed until spring (tentative); Watsonville airport facility repainted; interested in participating in evacuation annex development, as needed
- 8.8 UCSC – Stephan Edgar
  - Vanessa Ackermann is new to UCSC preparedness team, will be working on department-specific EM plans; limited protests following election, new state policy around protests on radar; labor strike expected to end by November/ January
- 8.9 County GIS – Paul Garcia
  - Provided training for CERT teams on Mobil app used to guide outreach and collect damage info during “knock and talk” efforts; SAFER app refinement ongoing
- 8.10 CalFire – Jed Wilson
  - 5 successful fire attacks; prescribed fires have occurred in San Mateo; in partnership with UCSC and state parks to conduct additional prescribed burns and one 4-acer burn in Soquel demonstration forest; partnering with Nicene Marks to mitigate fuel load; new state deputy chief is James Allen; SC County Division Chief open, hope to fill in the coming weeks.

## 9. OR3 Grant Updates

- 9.1 FY 2021 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) – Closing 6/24
- 9.2 FY 2022 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) – OPEN
- 9.3 FY 2023 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) – OPEN
- 9.4 FY 2023 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) – OPEN
- 9.5 FY 2024 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) – Final Scope Pending Approval

- 9.6 FY 22 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) – Closing 5/24
- 9.7 FY 23 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) – Approved, open.
- 9.8 FY 21 CalOES High Frequency Grant – Closed
- 9.9 California Fire Safe Council – County Coordinator Grant ROUND 2 – **Submitted**
- 9.10 California Fire Safe Council – Evacuation Management Grant – **IN-PROCESS – Performance Period thru 12/31/24**
- 9.11 FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure & Community Grant – Beginning Scope Development, Environmental permit scope development

#### 10. **Announcements**

- **Liz Taylor Selling** – Appreciated the CBOs who are developing emergency preparedness programs all over the County to provide info to underserved communities
- **Dave** – supporting LTRG and VOAD in partnership with the cities; update forthcoming in January around organizing faith based and CBOs for activation in disasters
- **Amanda** – any ideas for next agenda??
  - **NOAA presentation**

#### 11. **Adjourn 1:42 PM, Nancy**