

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

When: September 5, 2024, 1-3pm
Where: EOC, 5200 Soquel Ave., Santa Cruz

MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Instructions for participation

Nancy Yellin called meeting to order at approximately 1:00 pm

2. Roll Call (*Emergency Management Council Appointed Members, Districts 1-5*)

- D1 Nancy Yellin, D3 Joe Kristy, D4 Bob Wiser, Tom Hale WEACT, Jake Ainsworth SC SO, Scott Garner SV PD, Meredith Albert City of Santa Cruz, Rishi Lal COE, Liz Taylor Selling CERT, Paul Garcia SC County GIS, John Gerhardt ARES, Stephen Edgar UCSC, Gregory Benson SC EMS, David Reid OR3, Amanda Gullings OR3, Annie Puckett OR3

3. Changes to the Agenda

- Agenda item order updated to accommodate presentation

4. Approval of Minutes (*Attachment A*) **ACTION ITEM**

- Joe Kristy, motion to approve; Bob Weiser, seconds; motion passes

5. Old Business

None

6. New Business

6.1 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Dave Reid shared that OR3 recently received a grant for a multijurisdictional HMP plan; plan development to begin in 2025.

Tiffany Wise West – Sustainability Manager, City of Santa Cruz presented the City's new HMP. Key changes and updates include:

- Integration of the City's CAAP plan

- Incorporation of extreme heat as a threat
- Use of adaptation pathways approach (not time dependent, uses triggers and metrics; Will develop NOI for priority projects and address combos of hazards—like drought, then fire, then storm then land slide)
- Assess all assets, new strategies identified and incorporated, outreach conducted around concerns, access, and priorities
- Public review draft to open in November – December
- Submission to CalOES, approval expected by summer 2025

6.2 Active Shooter Training and Wharf-to-Wharf planning update

Jake Ainsworth Chief Deputy Santa Cruz County Sheriff – Additional drone teams to be utilized during Warf to Warf; City of Santa Cruz to provide staffing in lower course areas.

Lt. Nick Baldrige (not present) will provide Active Shooter Training update at future date

6.3 Emergency Operations Base Plan – **ACTION ITEM**

OR3 staff shared:

The EOP would be going to Board of Supervisors on 9/10/2024 for approval and that CalOES stated that compared to other plans, the Santa Cruz OA plan had the fewest number of items requiring additional action to complete.

General plan-feedback from CalOES was broad around whole community planning, centered around AFN. OR3 has a meeting scheduled week of 9/9/24 to stand up DAFN workgroup made up of internal County stakeholders to brainstorm additional workgroup participants; the workgroup will participate in and review all emergency plans going forward.

Joe Kristy recommended updates to some dated-data points. OR3 stated those types of updates will occur post BOS meeting.

Motion to Approve, Joe Kristy; second, Bob Wisner, motion passes

7. Informational Reports

7.1 OR3 – Training and Exercises, Evacuation Annex Update, B.O.S. Presentation 9/10/24, NOAA Weather Radio Test

- Future exercises: Monday 9/9 –commodity points of distribution exercise; supply and info distribution
 - December – CSTI EM concepts @SC EOC
 - County-wide evac annex in development–Mozaik Solutions is the consultant; annex development includes all districts, special districts and jurisdictions. In October the readiness working group will convene and annex draft expected by endo of year.
 - Mass care and ESF 5 annexes also complete; mutual aid agreement with Santa Clara County executed.
- 7.2 City of Scotts Valley – Scott Garner
New radios, EOP development getting on track
- 7.3 City Of Santa Cruz –Meredith Albert
EOC training coming up, will be oriented toward avoiding nonsense; City really working hard on reconciling all their different plans; hardening and enhancing costal infrastructure.
- 7.4 City of Capitola – Andrew Dally (Absent)
- 7.5 City of Watsonville – Tom Avila (Absent)
- 7.6 County Office of Education – Rishi Lal
IC current focus is on administrator training; trainings upcoming to see how IC operates in real time; instructional continuity plan required by July 1 2025. Big question: continuity of operations–how will COE provide education in the event of an ongoing emergency? Paul Garcia, County GIS, to provide COE training on SAFER app

8. Non-Governmental Organizations

- 8.1 CERT Council –Liz Selling
CERT Council continues to meet regularly; meetings open first Wednesday of the month; CERT is looking for a vice Chair; big push for CERT training in South County
- 8.2 CERT Auxiliary – Liz-Selling
Seeking grant for low-cost MERS radios to help CERTS and communities communicate around logistical needs without requiring facilitation from OR3; HAM radio licensing class upcoming see

websites; County GIS to conduct trainings for CERT members to use various GIS applications

- 8.3 Medical Reserve Corp –Greg Benson
Meetings around upcoming trainings ongoing; Stop the Bleed Training Upcoming, Narcan distribution ongoing
- 8.4 Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) – John Gerhardt
Providing communications support at large events including Santa Cruz County Fair
- 8.5 Equine Evacuation – Mary Sullivan (ABSENT)
- 8.6 American Red Cross – Patsy Gasca (ABSENT)
- 8.7 Watsonville Emergency Airlift Command Team (WEACT) -Tom Hale
October 19 exercise, aircraft missions in and out to involve pilots, will include prep session
- 8.8 UCSC – Stephen Edgar
Protest season underway, new policies trickling down on encampments, demonstrations etc; strategies to address new legal requirements in development
9. **OR3 Grant Updates – See detailed Attachment, Grant summary**
 - 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**

- Rishi asked about protocol in a scenario where a cyber-attack or tech failure occurs
- Nancy requested an annual Firesafe Council presentation and noted the need for address signs in WUI neighborhoods

11. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:37