

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

When: January 4, 2024, 1-3pm

Where: EOC, 5200 Soquel Ave., Santa Cruz

MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Instructions for participation

- Patsy Gasca called the meeting to order at 1PM.

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

- Patsy Gasca, Jacob Ainsworth, Bob Wisner, Paul Garcia, Nancy Yellin, Max Umney, Rob Oatey, Nigel Miller, Andy Dally, Alexandria Vingino, Gary Watson, Matko Vranjes, Kimberely Petersen, Joe Christy, Liz Taylor-Selling, Dan Selling, Nate Armstrong, Scott Garner, David Reid, Amanda Gullings, Annie Puckett, Clare Peabody.

3. Changes to the Agenda

- None.

4. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve, Jake Ainsworth. Second, Nancy Yellin. All approve unanimously.

5. Old Business

5.1 Review Parliamentary Process

- Dave Reid: Per the Brown Act, 50% +1 of council members must be in favor in order to take action. OR3 works with the Emergency Management Chair and Vice Chair to set the meeting agenda. However, any Council member at large can work with the Chair, Vice Chair, or OR3 to have items added to the agenda. In order for the Emergency Management Council to take action on any given item, it must be on the agenda.
- Nancy Yellin: Need to be mindful of the fact that the Emergency Management Council is a public meeting and there can be items presented from the public for comment or discussion.

6. New Business

6.1 Amend County Code for EMC – Ch. 2.106

- Dave Reid: Streamlining some of the Santa Cruz County staff positions on the Council Roster and medical agency representation. Shift County staff participation on the Council to the recently formed “Critical Emergency Management Team” as aligns with the newly drafted Santa Cruz County Emergency Operations Plan.
- Motion to approve, Nancy Yellin. Second, Chief Rob Oatey. Approved unanimously.
- Dave Reid: Hope to have ordinance amendment on the agenda for Board of Supervisors Meeting 1/30/24. Once approved, it will potentially be March 2024 for new Council appointment.
- Liz Taylor-Selling: Motion to reconsider adding a CERT member. Motion not seconded.

7. Informational Reports

- 7.1 Brian Garcia – NOAA Weather Outlook 2024 – *Presentation*
- Brian Garcia not able to be present. Dave Reid will circulate YouTube video of weather outlook from NWS as soon as it is available. City of Santa Cruz/Watsonville and Santa Cruz County are tracking cold weather into the weekend and possibly opening warming shelters. King Tides are expected for the week of January 8th, though not as significant as the last week of December 2023.
 - Nancy Yellin: Suggested that NWS make sure that public messaging can be understood by the general public.
- 7.2 OR3 – David Reid – Annual Grant Review, Inclement Weather – Vulnerable Locations, and AAR of 2022/2023 Winter Storms
- Dave Reid: Homeland Security Grant is governed by the “body of 5”, not OR3. The EMPG grant is the only grant funding source that is unrestricted and supports the County. The EMPG is approximately \$190K/year. Push more money into VOAD, to CERT, etc. When OR3 allocates funds to community partners, the partners must match funds at 50%. Dave and Clare Peabody will be working on the BRICK Grant in 2024. The BAUASI South Hub Grant is shared between Santa Cruz, Monterey, and San Benito Counties. The SCSO and OR3 have applied for a variety of funding opportunities through the BAUSI Grant.
 - Clare Peabody: The Hazard Mitigation Plan Grant is a grant to

potentially fund the creation of a multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan.

- Inclement weather/vulnerable locations – Dave to report out at next meeting.

7.3 City of Scotts Valley – Scott Garner

- Grant money from OR3 – all radios in patrol vehicles have been updated.
- Public Works is doing a great job keeping up on winter clean up.
- Public Works is still working on the Green Hills project from damage sustained during last winter's storms.

7.4 City Of Santa Cruz – Robert Oatey

- Focusing on damage from the most recent storm – fortunately damage isn't too extensive. Some additional damage was done to Westcliff Drive. There was also some damage to the wharf structure and one local business located at the end of the wharf.

7.5 City of Capitola – Andy Dally

- Sustained some damage to the wharf. Lost the staircase on Hoopers. Two businesses remain closed due to storm damage, and three residences were also damaged.

7.6 City of Watsonville – Tom Avila

- Not present.

7.7 County Office of Education – Rishi Lal

- Not present.

8. Non-Governmental Organizations

8.1 CERT Council – Mike DeMars

- Not present.

8.2 CERT Auxiliary – Mary Edmund

- Not present.

8.3 Medical Reserve Corp – Alexandria Vingino

- MRC have been convening regularly for monthly meetings in the EOC for the past 3 months. Working on re-training and ensuring our MRC are ready to be deployed not just locally but regionally and or statewide if needed. Have been training in fit testing, first aid, CPR,

ICS training, and Psych First Aid. Have been collaborating with regional MRC and HPP partners, as well as CDPH to ensure alignment.

8.4 Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) – John Watson

- 613 volunteer hours for month of 11/23.
- Received new radio from Cal OES called SHARES.

8.5 Equine Evacuation – Cally Haber

- Not present.

8.6 American Red Cross – Patsy Gasca

- Been very busy with single family fires in both Santa Cruz and Monterey County.

8.7 Watsonville Emergency Airlift Command Team (WEACT) – Bob Wiser

- 12 staff members and pilots updated their DSW cards.

9. OR3 Grant Updates

- **NEW** – California Fire Safe Council – CalFire Defensible Space Grant 500K – **Was not awarded.**
- **NEW** – Strategic Growth Council – Community Resilience Center Implementation Grant – **Applications will be pending until 4/2024.**

10. Announcements

- None.

11. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn, Nancy Yellin. Second, Chief Oatey. Unanimous, meeting adjourned at 1:53PM.