

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

When: May 15, 2025, 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 1:00pm

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

Present: Districts 1, 2, 4, 5, Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office (Nick Baldridge), County Fire (Sam Filson), Central Fire (Nigel Miller), CERT Auxiliary (John Collins), ARES (Dan Selling), Red Cross (Patsy Gasca), WEACT (Tom Hail), UCSC (Stephen Edgar), City of Santa Cruz (Meredith Albert)

Absent: City of Scotts Valley, City of Capitola, City of Watsonville, County Office of Education, Medical Reserve Corps.

3. Changes to the Agenda – Add to new business – Form 700 discussion

4. Approval of Agenda, motion to approve: Liz Taylor-Selling, Nick Baldridge

5. Approval of Minutes, motion to approve: Nancy Yellin, Liz Taylor-Selling (Attachment A)

6. Old Business – Can EMC operate as a Hybrid Meeting?

- Yes, it's possible but difficult. To comply with the Brown Act, quorum must be in-person; remote attendees need to post their physical locations in advance of the meeting. Clerk of the Board recommends not allowing hybrid meetings, with limited exceptions.

7. New Business – form 700- financial disclosures for commissioners; D4 will not participate, D4 will need now be vacant.

- Bob Wiser announced his resignation as he does not wish to fill out the information requested in Form 700. Bob also announced that John Gerhardt would be resigning for the same reason, Amanda will follow-up to receive John's formal resignation.

- With these two resignations, there are now 3 vacant seats on the Council. Dan Selling expressed his interest in being the new ARES representative and he will be appointed at the next meeting in September.

8. Informational Reports

- 8.1 Fire Safe Council – Lauren Moody – Gave power point presentation about what the local Fire Safe Council does, would like to collect contact info from EMC. Will follow up with FSC meeting schedule.
- 8.2 OR3 –
 - 8.2.1 Multi-jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan update. Clare requests support in sharing survey and she will share materials for that purpose.
 - 8.2.2 Federal Grants update – FEMA cancelled BRIC program, but all other grants remain intact so far. However, things are changing rapidly.
- 8.3 City of Scotts Valley – Not present.
- 8.4 City Of Santa Cruz – Meredith Albert –LHMP approved in April; EOP in progress; joined maritime security initiative; crane saga continues, Tsunami fun run “Race the Wave” event being held September 13, 2025.
- 8.5 City of Capitola – Not present.
- 8.6 City of Watsonville – Not Present.
- 8.7 County Office of Education – Not present.
- 8.8 Santa Cruz County Sheriff –Nicholas Baldrige – Fire Wise effort for Lompico area, Active Shooter Training in June, enhanced security barricade plans for Wharf to Wharf.
- 8.9 County Fire – Sam Filson – Fuel mitigation, shaded fuel breaks, staffed for peak fire season.
- 8.10 Central Fire – Nigel Miller – Planning for July 4, Tsunami training meeting in collaboration with CalOES to occur in November, exact date to be determined. Radio infrastructure experiencing issues during high volume events. Consolidation of 2 stations to a new location on high ground.

9. Non-Governmental Organizations

- 9.1 CERT Council – Amanda Gullings – No report.
- 9.2 CERT Auxiliary – John Collins – Stop the bleed training in June, new knock and talk training upcoming, Spanish language outreach taking place in Pajaro.
- 9.3 Medical Reserve Corp – Not present.
- 9.4 Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) – John Gerhardt, resigning, Mr. Selling to replace; ARES to support Active Shooter Training, Sunday is Strawberry Fields bike ride.
- 9.5 American Red Cross – Patsy Gasca – supporting response in LA, continuing smoke alarm program outreach.
- 9.6 Watsonville Emergency Airlift Command Team (WEACT) – Tom Hail 4/26 exercise successful.
- 9.7 UC Santa Cruz – Stephan Edgar
 - Emergency Supply lists being updated
 - Annex development under way
 - EOC activation for commencement ceremonies June 16-19, EOC section trainings under way
 - Functional exercise 6/25
 - Wildfire evac exercise 10/15
 - Request to integrate with MJLHMP
 - Vegetation management plan with CAL Fire

10. OR3 Grant Updates

- 10.1 FY 2022 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) – OPEN, closing 5/30/25
- 10.2 FY 2023 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) – OPEN
- 10.3 FY 2024 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) – Final Scope Pending Approval
- 10.4 FY 2025 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) – Projects submitted for consideration
- 10.5 FY 23 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) – Closing 6/30/25

- 10.6 FY 24 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) – Approved
 - 10.7 California Fire Safe Council – County Coordinator Grant ROUND 2 – Submitted
 - 10.8 FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure & Community Grant – Beginning Scope Development, Environmental permit scope development
11. **Announcements** – Bob Wiser: Asked the Sheriff’s Office what’s happening with a coordinated or centralized safety plan for the upcoming Santa Cruz County Fair? Lt. Baldrige said that the Fair administration is responsible for the safety planning and that they are just a contracted body; but their pre-planning for mass causality incidents is in place.
12. **Adjourn** – Nancy, Meredith, 2:06pm.