

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

When: September 11, 2025, 1-3pm

Where: EOC, 5200 Soquel Ave., Santa Cruz

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order/Instructions for participation**
2. **Roll Call (*Emergency Management Council Appointed Members, Districts 1-5*)**

District 1, D2 absent, District 3, D4 vacant, District 5, OR3, City of Scotts Valley absent, City of Santa Cruz, City of Capitola, City of Watsonville, Medical Reserve Corps absent, County Office of Education, County Fire, ARES – present but not officially appointed yet.

3. **Changes to the Agenda** – None.
4. **Approval of Minutes** (Attachment A)
5. **Old Business** – EMC Member vacancies

Amanda: 3 vacancies of voting members; D4, ARES, and “member at large”. Dan Selling would like to be the representative for ARES.

6. **New Business** – None.

7. Informational Reports

7.1 OR3 –

Multi-jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan update – Clare Peabody reported the plan will be updated every 5 years. Will be brought back to the Board of Supervisors for approval in Spring 2026.

September 2025 Tsunami Event: Impacts were negligible but was a good opportunity to practice Countywide coordination. Cancelled junior guard programs, state and national level learnings with National Tsunami Warning Center and Wireless Emergency Alerts.

Measure Q: \$2.5 million in annual competitive grantmaking; \$100k per supervisorial district; plus fixed allocations for cities and agencies. Vision Plan nearing completion.

Mass Care and Shelter Functional Exercise: October 22nd being held at the Mid County Senior Center with American Red Cross

(requesting report out from Patsy at next meeting), CERT, CBOs, and City partners. Another shelter training opportunity hosted by BAUASI on September 24th at American Red Cross headquarters.

Go Bags – OR3 is getting 330 new go bags with emergency radios from BAUASI.

Regional BUASI Golden Eagle – In planning stages, date to be determined.

7.2 City of Scotts Valley – Not present.

7.3 City of Santa Cruz – Robert Oatey/Meredith Albert

Race the Wave: This Saturday, 9/13/25. Opportunity to talk to community about updated tsunami inundation zone. Fun run starting at the wharf and finishing in town with an emergency preparedness fair.

Strengthening Alert and Warning: Continuing to push CruzAware registration as well as exploring other capabilities (WEA, NOAA Weather Radios).

7.4 City of Capitola – Leo Moreno

7.5 City of Watsonville – Tom Avila

MJHMP update participation

Flock Camera expansion

Hosted Open House at the Airport on 8/30 during which there was RC airplane incident, 2 patients and damage to home.

Tiny Homes project is being delivered and installed.

Working on Homelessness Action Plan.

7.6 County Office of Education – Rishi Lal

New Watsonville County Office of Education facility at 119 W Beach St. (old Medi Cal building).

Working with fire chiefs on ICS trainings for school administrators.

Connecting with NetComm as a part of Safe Schools Partnership.

7.7 Santa Cruz County Sheriff – Nicholas Baldrige

7.8 County Fire – Sam Filson

Uptick of Emergency incidents to Coast Cotoni Dairies, responding

with assistance from City of Santa Cruz.

7.9 Central Fire – Not present.

8. **Non-Governmental Organizations**

8.1 CERT Council – Amanda Gullings – No Report.

8.2 CERT Auxiliary – John Collins

Continuing to onboard new CERTS and maintain engagement with DSW's

3 basic training courses this fall – Boulder Creek, Watsonville, Live Oak

Advanced training module will continue through the rest of the year

Radio and STB courses

Active Shooter exercise support – total of 448 hours

Supported WTW knock and talk

Listos Block Party successes looking to expand

New Staff Mark Van Meter

8.3 Medical Reserve Corp – Not Present

8.4 Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) – Dan Selling

Supporting Santa Cruz Triathlon

Trunk or Treat

D3 (Bonny Doon) wants to do a community test drill focused on Firewise community / geographic region to test internal systems, daisy chain into ARES rep into EOC.

8.5 American Red Cross – Patsy Gasca

Watching Salt Fire (MoCo), San Benito.

Prepping Volunteers for No Notice Event to set up 4 shelters.

Neighbors helping neighbors program.

8.6 Watsonville Emergency Airlift Command Team (WEACT) – Tom Hail

Not present but relayed from Amanda, looking to host a Great Shake Out Exercise on October 17.

8.7 UC Santa Cruz – Stephan Edgar

Open recruitment for EM role at UCSC.

9. **OR3 Grant Updates**

9.1 FY 2022 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) – OPEN, closing 5/30/25

9.2 FY 2023 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) – OPEN

9.3 FY 2024 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) – Final Scope Pending Approval

Modification request to support up to 4 warning sirens in the Lompico Valley.

9.4 FY 2025 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) – Projects submitted for consideration

Application pending ongoing lawsuit associated with requirements for new federal grants in violation of state law.

9.5 FY 23 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) – Closing 6/30/25.

9.6 FY 24 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) – Approved

9.7 California Fire Safe Council – County Coordinator Grant ROUND 2 – Approved, leveraging as match for BRIC / HMGP.

9.8 FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure & Community Grant – Beginning Scope Development, Environmental permit scope development.

9.9 NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection Program – In construction.

10. **Announcements**

Rob Oatey, City of SC – bolstering bystander awareness programs.

Amanda Gullings, OR3 – Pajaro Preparedness Fair October 18th at the Middle School (Monterey County). Walking food tour on October 25th focused on Pajaro Business recovery.

Supervisor Martinez used discretionary funds for green waste disposal for Saturdays in August.

City of Capitola Art and Wine festival 16th of September

WEACT – Airport is hosting an FAA Safety TTX – small aircraft emergency incident.

11. Adjourned at approximately 2:15PM.