

# County of Santa Cruz



**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**  
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Meeting: November 2, 2017  
Time: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Location: EOC  
5200 Soquel Ave.,  
Building C 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Santa Cruz, Ca 95062

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## **AGENDA with MEETING NOTES**

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- 1.0 Call to Order/Introductions  
Welcome-Rosemary Anderson, Emergency Services Manager
- 2.0 Roll Call (*Emergency Management Council Appointed Members*)
  - 2.1 Attendees: 16 voting members (34 total)
  - 2.2 Absent with notice: 4
    - 2.2.1 Cally Haber
    - 2.2.2 Jim Howes
    - 2.2.3 Paul Horvat
    - 2.2.4 Pat Goff (leaving his position with UCSC)
  - 2.3 Absent without notice: 3
    - 2.3.1 Ian Larkin
    - 2.3.2 Craig Wilson
    - 2.3.3 Patsy Gasca
- 3.0 Additions and Deletions to the Agenda
  - 3.1 PG & E presentation has been postponed until January
- 4.0 Approval of Minutes
  - 4.1 Draft Minutes were sent via email 10.4.2017
  - 4.2 Rosemary Anderson updated with additions and corrections
- 5.0 Correspondence (*All*)
  - Corrections to minutes via email
- 6.0 Oral Communications: *Regarding items not on the Agenda*
- 7.0 Presentations:
  - 7.1 National Weather Service 2017/2018 Winter Safety and Weather Briefing  
Brian Garcia, Warning Coordination Meteorologist (WCM)  
National Weather Service Bay Area  
  
Serves from Napa/Sonoma to Monterey/San Benito  
  
Follow on Twitter: @NWSBayArea

- NWS presentation was sent as a pdf following the meeting as we had technical difficulties showing it in its entirety at the meeting. Please let us know if you did not receive it.
  - Safety--Top threats in our area
    - Coastal-Ocean: we deal with this a lot in SCC; ocean is the deadliest thing in our area
      - Dangerous, water can be extremely cold
      - Never turn your back on ocean, stay further back than you think;
- NOTE:** Flash floods will trigger EAS (Emergency Alert System) and WEA (Wireless Emergency Alert)--makes phone light up
- Brian or other NWS rep may be available to come to EOC if needed

7.1.1 Summary of Hurracolyse 2017  
 Brian Sherin, US Dept of Health & Human Services DMAT CA-6  
 Lance Lougee, DMAT & Captain with Loma Prieta Fire & Rescue

- Lessons learned from being on response teams (Houston and Puerto Rico)
  - Multiple agency coordination is crucial
  - Bolster scale for planning, think about things farther ahead: events can escalate quickly in very big ways  
 (Roads, electricity, infrastructure, cell and radio towers, water, sewage)
  - Santa Cruz can also become isolated
    - have ready caches
    - make sure people know what to do
  - In addition to medical assistance, it is important to humanize experiences—people will need to talk
  - Volunteers—find places for them, train and affiliate in advance

8.0 New Business:  
 8.1 none

9.0 Informational Reports

9.1 County Office of Emergency Services/Update

9.2 City Reports

9.2.1 Capitola\_\_\_\_ *Captain Tom Held*  
 ○ Preparing for this weekend's rain

9.2.2 Santa Cruz\_\_\_\_ *Paul Horvat*

9.2.3 Scotts Valley\_\_\_\_ *Lt. John Wilson*  
 ○ Nothing new to report

9.2.4 Watsonville\_\_\_\_ *Tamara Vides*

9.3 Grant Updates

9.3.1 2017 State Homeland Security Grant – submitted, received State approval on 10.28.2017. Awaiting BOS approval to accept

9.3.2 2016 State Homeland Security Grant – approved 4.11.2016 – funding letters have been sent to all recipients with the grant requirements.

9.3.3 2017 UASI Grant – Projects submitted, waiting for State approval

10.0 Citizen Corps Council

10.1.1. CERT..... *Liz Taylor- Selling reporting for Todd Skrabak*

- Very active, new CERT groups forming
- In San Lorenzo Valley, Big Halloween event in Felton area CERT assisted — no incidents
- Boulder Creek CERT members trained in traffic control were deployed through the EOC at the request of BC Fire and SC Sheriff for Bear Fire traffic control on Bear Creek Road.

- CERT Auxiliary working with CERT Council to put together criteria and guidelines for team leaders; proving more structure and conformity in terms of training, conduct and activation policy.
- Brian Garcia (NWS): Can do weather training for CERT people
  - having CERT in the field is great resource for weather
  - training is 2 hours
- 10.1.2. Medical Reserve Corp .....*Brenda Brenner*
  - Nancy Yellin has started as Health Services/Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Manager
  - Looking at MRC program
    - Using MRC volunteers for Hep A and recent fires
    - Numerous callouts for MRC from multiple fronts
    - Excited to work with program and make it better
- 10.1.3. Communications Reserve Unit (CRU) formerly ARES.....Cap Pennell, ACS Officer
  - 50 ham radio operators served in Puerto Rico and are now back home
  - Continuing to exercise
  - First day of Bear Fire had 6 hams helping
- 10.1.4. ARES.....*Robert Ritchey*
  - Also assisted during Bear Fire/internet outage
  - Since phones and Internet out, this redundancy was critical
  - Robert Ritchey was at EOC, some up with Red Cross
- 10.1.5. Equine Evacuation.....*Kenneth Coale reporting for Cally Haber (absent)*
  - Equine Evac in SCC experiencing attrition--looking for people with ham radio skills
  - Contacted by Santa Rosa to develop evac plans—will be working with them
  - Activated for Bear Fire
    - Because of ATT being down relied heavily on ham radio stationed here in EOC for staging
    - Didn't have to move a lot of animals
    - Good training exercise
- 10.1.5. Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD)... *Jim Uhey (absent)*
- 10.1.7. County Office of Education..... *Jim Howes (absent)*

11.0 Announcements (*All*)

- 12.0 Item confirmed for next meeting-January 4, 2018
- Overview of the PG&E Electric Annex of the Company Emergency Response Plan-Pam Purdue

13.0 Adjourned at 4:00 pm

14.0 **Next Meeting: January 4, 2018 2-4 PM**  
**Location: EOC**

**Note: EMC meetings are open (for example, people on CERT teams)**

*Emergency Management Council meets on the first Thursday of odd months except July*