



# County of Santa Cruz

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Meeting: November 1, 2018  
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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### MINUTES

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- 1.0 Call to Order/Introductions
  - 1.1 Convened at 2:05 p.m. by Rosemary Anderson
  
- 2.0 Roll Call (*Emergency Management Council Appointed Members: 25 total; 2 vacancies*)
  - 2.1 Attendees: 19 voting members; 32 total
  - 2.2 Absent: 4
    - 2.2.1 Martin Heaney
    - 2.2.2 Lisa Ehret
    - 2.2.3 Matko Vranjes
    - 2.2.4 Tamara Vides
  - 2.3 Absent with Notice: 1
    - 2.3.1 Brenda Brenner; Kathleen Conley represented the County EMS
  - 2.4 Quorum achieved
  
- 3.0 Additions and Deletions to the Agenda
  - 3.1 none
  
- 4.0 Approval of Minutes: Draft Meeting Notes were sent via email 9.17.2018
  - 4.1 No changes
  
- 5.0 Correspondence (*All*)
  - 5.1 Appointment of Eric Conrad as Dominican Hospital representative
  - 5.2 Appointment of Donna Odryna as Santa Cruz Medical Society representative
  
- 6.0 Oral Communications: *Regarding items not on the Agenda*
  - 6.1 None
  
- 7.0 Presentations:
  - 7.1 Meteorologist Scott Rowe of the National Weather Service conducted a winter storm briefing

*Note: Scott's presentation is being provided with meeting minutes and is also available on request.*

Highlights

- Atmospheric rivers:
  - provide needed rain, but can be too much too often too fast
  - happen every year on the West Coast
- Hazard prep:
  - Rain/wind, flooding (in conjunction with king tides especially can happen)
  - Hail (spring usually)
  - Ocean-large waves, rip currents, etc.
- Resources
  - [www.weather.gov/bayarea](http://www.weather.gov/bayarea)
  - Advanced hydrologic Prediction Service (AHPS)
  - California-Nevada River Forecast Center [www.cnrfc.noaa.gov](http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov)
  - iNWS-mobile alerting system; interactive; for EMS, other government agencies
  - Social media; @NWSBayArea: Facebook, Twitter, YouTube
  - EAS WEA-wireless emergency alerts
- Outlook
  - El Nino-typically wetter, but not always
  - Likely to have above normal temps Nov-Dec
  - rain EC (equal chances)

7.2 Pam Perdue, Senior Public Safety Specialist for PG&E, provided an overview of the PG&E Community Wildfire Safety Program, which included information on the new Weather Station installments.

*Contact:*

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*Note: Pam's presentation is being provided with meeting minutes and is also available on request.*

Highlights

- PG&E focusing on 3 big actions:
  - Wildfire prevention
  - Safety measures
  - Hardening the system
- The CPUC high fire-threat district map was developed in coordination with Cal Fire and input from utilities, public safety agencies, and communications infrastructure providers.
  - Santa Cruz has large areas that are Tier 2 (elevated threat); and Tier 3 (extreme). Covering large areas, high population.
- PG&E has a dedicated Wildfire Safety Operations Center (WSOC) located in downtown San Francisco
  - Access is available to live monitoring cameras in Santa Cruz County
- Public Safety Power Shutoff (purposeful de-energizing of transmission lines to reduce wildfire risk)
  - Was implemented on October 14 in Northern California

- Process:
  - Monitor
  - Inform
  - Shut Off/Restore
- Frequency:
  - Could occur 1-2 times/year in our service area
- Notifications—monitoring constantly.
  - Provide notice between 1–48 hours in advance via IVR (PG&E’s reverse 911) automated phone calls, texts, and emails
  - Direct outreach to medical baseline/life support customers
  - Customers have been prompted to update contact info
  - System continues to call until there is a response
  - In the process of updating/scrubbing systems
- Restoring Power
  - Process: Inspect, repair, test, nearest PGE distribution control center is called to complete restoration process, power is then restored to customers
- Enhanced Vegetation Management
  - Started in Tier 3 areas in Santa Cruz County
  - Has caused a lot of issues
  - Accelerated wildfire risk reduction program—will go on until it rains
  - Dedicated phone number: 877-295-4949
- Recloser procedures: Disabling automatic reclosing of circuit breakers and reclosers on lines in high fire-threat area during fire season and high fire-risk
- System Hardening
  - Installing stronger, covered power lines;
  - Replacing wood poles with non-wood material in some areas over time

8.0 New Business:

8.1 Nominations/Election for new EMC Chair

8.2 Nominee Robert Ritchey, ARES Santa Cruz County District Emergency Coordinator

8.2.1 Motion made to nominate; seconded

8.2.1 Motion passed

9.0 Informational Reports

9.1 County Office of Emergency Services/Update

Conducted Grants Management Workshop on October 23; mandatory for all sub-grantees and agencies planning to apply for grants; provided extensive information and resources and clarified roles and responsibilities

9.2 City Reports

9.2.1 Capitola\_\_\_\_ *Captain Tom Held*

Attended the OES Homeland Security/Emergency Management Grants management workshop-informative

Tom Held is retiring. Andy Dally is coming on board pending formal appointment

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

They are sending PIOs to a three-day training in January

9.2.3 Scotts Valley\_\_\_\_ *Lt. John Wilson*

- Attended the OES Grants workshop
- 9.2.4 Watsonville.\_\_\_\_ *Tamara Vides*  
Tom Avila, Watsonville Fire reporting: They are in the process of identifying a new representative for the EMC
- 9.3 Grant Updates
  - 9.3.1 2017 State Homeland Security Grant (3-year grant) – received State approval on 10.28.2017. Received BOS approval to accept on 01.09.2018.  
Projects completed: Sheriff’s Office Replacement Airplane Engine; Scotts Valley PD 911 Tower; CERT training  
Projects in progress: Medical Reserve Corp Coordination; EMS PIO Coordination; EMS Mobile Medical Shelter; Sheriff’s Office/EOC generator enclosure; Fire Service Gurneys and ATV; Sheriff’s Office Bomb Suits
  - 9.3.2 2018 Bay Area UASI Grant – Two awards granted (notified 08.20.2018):  
-Purchase and Implementation of Everbridge as our Tri-County mass notification system \$65,400  
-Technology Update to Improve Interoperable Communications Inside and Outside of the EOC of the City of Santa Cruz \$35,425
  - 9.3.3 2018 State Homeland Security Grant Advance Application submitted on 02.09.2018; waiting for approval final.
  - 9.3.4 2018 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) application due on November 16, 2018.

10.0 Citizen Corps Council

- 10.1.1. CERT..... *Todd Skrabak*  
Mary Edmund reporting: CERT is winding down for year; preparing to start classes again in January.  
Conducted 11 classes this year, with more than 210 graduates  
Started several *Map Your Neighborhood* projects throughout the county
- 10.1.2. Medical Reserve Corp .....*Kathleen Conley*  
MRC is in transition and is reviewing recruitment strategies, membership, and commitments.
- 10.1.3. Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS).....*Cap Pennell*  
Local Amateur Radio (ham) clubs put on great event at Cabrillo on Oct 25, “An Evening of Radio, Science, and the Hubble”  
EOC Antenna project—lots of work, team effort with ARES/ACS, OES, Cal Fire, DPW, ISD, and close to completion
- 10.1.4. Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES).....*Robert Ritchey*  
Participated in Yellow Command Full Scale Exercise; bike races; Santa Cruz Triathlon; Santa Cruz County Fair for onsite dispatching of AMR, Sheriff’s Department, and Security.
- 10.1.5. Equine Evacuation.....*Cally Haber*  
Conducted a productive meeting last week of all area reps; shifting emphasis to ensure safety of members; will have a training on shifting/moving animals, but also focusing on horse owners being prepared to handle their own situation;
- 10.1.6. Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD)... Jim Uhey  
Absent
- 10.1.7. County Office of Education.....*Faris Sabbah*  
John Armstrong from COE reporting: Participated in Yellow Command Full Scale Exercise, John is awaiting official appointment to the EMC following

the retirement of Jim Howes

11.0 Announcements (*All*)

- Red Cross—Patsy Gasca:
  - On October 25, 2018, a new Next Generation Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV) was inducted into the American Red Cross of the Central Coast’s existing fleet of ERVs. The Capital Insurance Group (CIG), a Monterey-based insurance carrier, provided a cornerstone donation of \$70,000 that supported the purchase of the new vehicle.
  - The new emergency vehicle, which will primarily serve communities in Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz Counties, will also be available for Red Cross responses to national disasters elsewhere.
  - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/sccredcross/sets/72157672736160757/>
- Human Services Dept.--Randy Fedak:
  - successful Yellow Command exercise
  - working with Rosemary to put together a shelter committee
  - *Ready* materials; shared order forms from FEMA
    - Good pamphlets on a wide variety of topics
    - Free—can order online from FEMA

12.0 Items for future meetings

13.0 Adjourned  
3:55 p.m.

14.0 Next Meeting:            January 3, 2019            2-4 PM  
                                      Location: Red Cross Conference Room

