

County of Santa Cruz



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Meeting: November 7, 2019
Time: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Location: EOC
5200 Soquel Ave.
Building C 2nd floor
Santa Cruz, Ca 95062

MINUTES

- 1.0 Call to Order/Introductions
- 2.0 Roll Call (*Emergency Management Council Appointed Members*)
 - 2.1 Attendees: 16 voting members; total 37 attendees
 - 2.2 Absent:
 - 2.2.1 Andrew Dally
 - 2.2.2 Craig Wilson
 - 2.2.3 Eric Conrad
 - 2.2.4 Donna Odryna
 - 2.2.5 Paul Horvat
 - 2.2.6 Martin Heaney
 - 2.2.7 Patsy Gasca
 - 2.2.8 Tom Avila
 - 2.3 Absent with Notice:
 - 2.4 Quorum achieved Yes
- 3.0 Additions and Deletions to the Agenda
None
- 4.0 Approval of Minutes: Meeting Minutes were sent via email 9.23.19
 - 4.1 One correction sent by Cap Pennell and minutes updated
 - 4.2 Motion to approve by Liz Taylor-Selling; seconded by Joe Christy.
Motion passed.
- 5.0 Correspondence (*All*)
None
- 6.0 Oral Communications: *Regarding items not on the Agenda*
 - 6.1 Brenda Brenner brought forward recognition of Rosemary Anderson and Michael Beaton for outstanding service and leadership during the Public Safety Power Shutoff events in October 2019, enabling all relevant departments to be informed and able to keep up with needs of the people in the County.

7.0 Presentations:

7.1 Meteorologist Brian Garcia of the National Weather Service Winter Storm Briefing

Topics covered:

Climate change causing issues

4 ½ years of drought here in CA, then floods in 2017
Rising temps, CO2; weather disasters, big costs

Communication and Preparation

nws.ncep.noaa.gov: alerts, hazards

Great tool—can get on phone, email

Can select specific areas and hazards

Social media Twitter: @NWSBayArea; Facebook: US National Weather Service

San Francisco Bay area/Monterey California; YouTube: NWSBayArea

Website: weather.gov/bayarea

Seasonal Prediction

Probably no rain in Nov and most of December; maybe by late December.

CA is a heavily managed water area; set up to go through one year of drought with stored water. After that it is bad.

Drought likely through January; Could get at least one Atmospheric River (AR).

Watch the ocean for sneaker waves, tides

It's never a bad time to conserve water! With climate change it can be bad, but we can do things to mitigate.

7.2 "Who is Santa Cruz County Fire?" – presented by Arnie Wernick, the Santa Cruz County Fire Department Fire Advisory Commission Fifth District representative.

Santa Cruz County Fire is a combination of paid career and volunteer firefighters. It is a partnership between CAL FIRE (paid) and the County (volunteer). They are operationally integrated. They are an all-risk agency.

Volunteers are unpaid professionals who are trained to the same levels as paid firefighters. During the non-fire season Santa Cruz County Fire pays CAL FIRE to keep its stations open.

CSA 48 came into being in 1998 as a result of prop 13 (1978) setting the County Fire funding at artificially low levels. In 1998 property owners in rural, unincorporated Santa Cruz County decided they wanted to maintain year-round fire protection from CAL FIRE and voted to form County Service Area 48, and institute the CSA fee to keep CAL FIRE stations open in winter.

Ballot measure coming up soon:

Board of Supervisors decided to move forward with a mail-in ballot for a special benefit assessment. County Fire needs money; there have been no increases in 20 years and has fixed funding. See: <http://santacruzcountyfire.com/>

Incidents: Medical 33%; Other (lots of different things) 36%; Traffic/collision 12%; Fire 19%

(Having firefighters quickly at scene enables fires to be put out quickly so they don't become big fires.)

Initial Training: Basic Firefighter Academy
Ongoing training: bi-monthly and online

Advantage of volunteers:
Embedded in the community
They have been around for about 50 years
Responded to over 2200 calls in 2018

7.3 Updated capabilities briefing of the 95th Civil Support Team (CST)– presented by SSgt Tyler Sullivan, Survey Team Member, 95th CST (WMD) CAL GUARD

They have a 22 -person team.

They handle HAZMAT (Detect nerve agents, blood agents, blister agents, etc.)

Can provide communications:
Data/internet; VoIP; sat phone; secure calls; radios, etc.

Medical:
Regular medical, plus biological/nerve agents, etc.

Analytical laboratory system

Decontamination:
Includes fentanyl kit;

Requests for support (free to request)
IC to City/County EOC to regional EOC to CAL OES to CA JOC to CST SDO

8.0 New Business:
None

9.0 Informational Reports

9.1 County Office of Emergency Services/Update
Just had 2 Public Safety Power Shutoffs. There will be money will be coming to the County.
Wildfire Evacuation Study for San Lorenzo Valley will probably ready by next meeting.
Last week we presented ICS training and currently doing emergency management training for a variety of County staff (G775/191).

9.2 City Reports
9.2.1 Capitola_____ *Captain Andy Dally*
9.2.2 Santa Cruz_____ *Paul Horvat*
9.2.3 Scotts Valley_____ *Lt. John Wilson*
9.2.4 Watsonville_____ *Tom Avila*

9.3 County Office of Education.....John Armstrong
PSPS events gave an insight into communications that need to be streamlined, especially regarding how different districts interact and communicate with each other.

- 9.4 Grant Updates
 - 9.4.1 FY2017 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) (3-year grant through 5.31.2020 award of \$351,387)
Completed projects: Sheriff's Office-Airplane Engine; Sheriff's Office-Bomb Suits; Sheriff's Office/EOC-Generator Enclosure; Scott's Valley PD-911 Tower; CERT PPE; Scotts Valley PD-Computer Systems
Projects in progress: Medical Reserve Corp Coordination; EMS PIO Coordination; EMS Mobile Medical Shelter; Fire Service Gurneys/ATV; .
 - 9.4.2 FY2018 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) (3-year grant through 5.31.21; award of \$349,660)
Projects in progress: Medical Reserve Corp Coordination; EMS PIO; Coordination; EMS Hearnnet Radio System; Sheriff's Office armored van; radiological detection devices for County first responders; CERT training; Watsonville Slough Stream Gage/Warning System.
 - 9.4.3 FY 2019 State Homeland Security Grant advance application submitted on 1.15.19 for \$349,660. Federal Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) released 4.12.19; award amount increased to \$359,856—identified scalable projects were modified appropriately; Notice of Award Approval 9.26.19.
 - 9.4.4 FY2019 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) application due to Cal OES 11.22.19.

10.0 Non-Governmental Organizations

- 10.1 CERT Council.....*Robert Gray*
- 10.2 CERT Auxiliary..... *Mary Edmund*
Finishing the year with 209 new CERTs.
Provided 600+ hours of training in 2019, including traffic management training for CERTs.
- 10.3 Medical Reserve Corp*Kathleen Conley*
Courtney Kilgore and Kathleen oversee the MRC.
A lot of activity with PSPS: looking at Mutual Aid for Sonoma, did not deploy.
Courtney is working with partners at Cabrillo, training with nursing students to become part of MRC.
- 10.4 Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS).....*Cap Pennell*
Continuing with weekly radio net checks and monthly meetings.
- 10.5 Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES).....*Robert Ritchey*
Supported communications for the Santa Cruz County Fair, Triathlon, Halloween Trunk or Treat at the Sheriff's Office, and emergency preparedness events
Logged 992 hours of volunteer time.
Also were on standby for PGE PSPS. Repeaters did well, generators held up
Radio licensing class is starting Jan 7, 2020 in the EOC. Great trainers, Not a "ham cram." Real class, real training. Contact Robert or talk to Gary Watson or Rosemary
- 10.6 Equine Evacuation.....*Cally Haber*
Continue to train concerns of pspss==fail of comcast and xfinity, lots of places in county where people could not get calls in or out
Continue to train and get ready
Animal services in Butte co did great presentation, will bring to Santa Cruz County

Addition report:

Watsonville Emergency Air Command Team (WEACT):

Member of Cal DART.

Just completed Statewide Exercise involving 5 airports flying different missions; transported supplies and people back and forth.

11.0 Announcements *(All)*

Cal OES: Brian Buckhout is transferring out, Byron Green will take over for Santa Cruz and Monterey

Scott Cullen introduced Marco Mack as the new Deputy Fire Marshall at Central Fire.

12.0 Items for future meetings

13.0 Adjourn

13.1 Motion to adjourn made by Bob Wisler; seconded by Scott Cullen. Motion passed; meeting adjourned 4:30 pm

14.0 Next Meeting: January 2, 2020 2-4 PM

The Emergency Management Council generally meets the first Thursday of every odd month, excluding July.

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