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February 12, 2019

Dear Members of the Emergency Management Council:

Thank you for submitting your report highlighting the activities of the Emergency Management Council in 2017 and 2018. While Board members review the Council's minutes as they are received, we appreciate the opportunity to have this overview of the various issues considered by the Council over the past two years. Your next report highlighting the Council's work during calendar years 2019 and 2020 will not be due until January 31, 2021.

Again, thank you for your report and for supporting the work of County government.

Sincerely,

RYAN COONERTY, Chair
Board of Supervisors

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cc: Clerk of the Board



**County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors
Agenda Item Submittal**

From: Board of Supervisors: Administration
(831) 454-2200

Subject: Biennial Report of the Emergency Management Council

Meeting Date: February 12, 2019

Recommended Action(s):

- 1) Accept and file the report prepared by the Emergency Management Council highlighting their activities during calendar years 2017 and 2018; and
- 2) Direct the Chair to thank the members of the Emergency Management Council for their work on behalf of County government.

Executive Summary

Accept and file the report prepared by the Emergency Management Council highlighting their activities during calendar years 2017 and 2018.

Background

The purpose of this report is to highlight the activities, accomplishments and future goals of the commission during calendar years 2017 and 2018.

Submitted by:

Ryan Coonerty, Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attachments:

Emergency Management Council 2017-2018 Biennial Report



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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January 31, 2019

Santa Cruz County Emergency Management Council 2017-2018 Biennial Report

Role of the Council

The County Emergency Management Council was established to comply with the legal requirements of the State and to assist the Board of Supervisors and the Director of Emergency Services in the administration of Chapter 2.26 of the Santa Cruz County Code.

The County Emergency Management Council is empowered to develop and recommend for adoption to the Board of Supervisors, emergency and mutual aid plans and agreements, and such ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement such plans and agreements, and any necessary amendments thereto. (Ord. 3853 § 1 (part), 1987; prior code § 3.61.020: Ord. 2545, 3/21/78)

Meeting Dates, Time and Location

The Emergency Management Council generally meets the first Thursday of every odd month, excluding July. The meeting location is held at the Emergency Operations Center with alternative location at local American Red Cross headquarters.

Council Structure

The Emergency Management Council shall consist of the following members:

A. The following individuals or designees:

1. Emergency services administrator of the county, or his or her designee;
2. Sheriff-coroner of the county, or his/her designee;
3. Public works director of the county, or his/her designee;
4. Planning director of the county, or his/her designee;
5. Area fire coordinator of the fire chief's association, or his/her designee;
6. A representative of the county emergency medical services program, designated by the health services administrator;
7. Human Services Department, or his/her designee;

B. Representatives of the following agencies, as appointed by the board of supervisors upon nomination by such agencies:

1. University of California, Santa Cruz Campus;
2. Amateur Radio (RACES);
3. Local chapter of the American Red Cross;
4. Local Emergency Communications Committee for Monterey Bay (EAS);
5. Each incorporated city;
6. Medical Society of Santa Cruz County
7. Dominican Santa Cruz Hospital Force;
8. County Office of Education;
9. Watsonville Community Hospital;

C. Five members appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

D. One at large community member, who represents a local volunteer effort related to disaster planning as designated by the Director of General Services
Other Public community Members are welcome to attend

Council Staff

The Office of Emergency Services provides staff support and clerical services to the Council.

Attendance for 2017 and 2018 - See attached Attendance Rosters

The following EMC membership and appointments have been brought up to date.

- MRC – Brenda Brenner
- At Large Community member– Robert Ritchey as of September 2018
- SC County Medical Society – Donna Odryna as of September 2018
- Dominican Hospital – Eric Conrad as of October 2018
- UC Santa Cruz – Lisa Ehret as of November 2018
- Santa Cruz County Office of Education – John Armstrong as of November 2018

Annual Goals and Accomplishments

A major focus of the Council continues to be an emphasis on the necessity of coordinated response and recovery plans and organizational models and relationships between not only the County and the four cities, but also the other associated emergency response providers in the County, community-based agencies and volunteer group.

Training continues to be an integral part of each Council meeting, where Council members now have a forum for discussion of Operational Area responsibilities and capabilities of member organizations.

Grant funding enabled the Medical Reserve Corp to successfully transfer its operations to the county. They recruited additional nursing staff, 16 physicians of various specialties and a dentist. Additional activities included attending an ORMAC training, relocating supplies, creating a master inventory list, producing a quarterly newsletter, and reinvigorating the monthly planning meetings.

During 2017, the Council served as a forum for presentations on Donation Management 101; Briefing by NOAA on the atmospheric river events that were pending in January 2017. Winter Weather briefings from National Weather Service staff; Overview of the PG&E Electric Annex of the Company Emergency Response Plan; Summary of Hurracocalypse 2017; EMC review of SC City Long Range Hazard Mitigation Plan; Bay Area Catastrophic Earthquake Plan Briefing, a brief overview of the recently adopted State and FEMA plan for a catastrophic earthquake

During 2018 EMC offered presentations on PG&E's Community Wildfire Safety Program, which included information on the new Weather Station installments; Winter Weather briefings from National Weather Service staff; CAL STAR Air Medical Services; Operation Mobile Hospital, The County of Santa Cruz recently acquired a Mobile Medical Hospital unit from the State of California. The hospital is available for local regional and statewide; Recovery and Resource Management, How Recovers.org supports the connection of resources to clients as demonstrated during American Red Cross of the Central Coast responses

CERT Council

- The CERT Council has been re-established with Fire Dept. personnel named CERT Program Managers
- CERT Program Managers to oversee how CERT Teams are trained and deployed.
- Program Managers will be responsible for CERT Teams in their designated geographic region and will act as the single POC for those teams.
- CERT Council by-laws have been reviewed and adopted by the Council members
- A County CERT activation policy has been developed and is being vetted through the SC Fire Chiefs and SC Law Chiefs associations.

Homeland Security Grant Updates

OES continues to work closely with the EMC on reporting Homeland Security, Hazard Mitigation, Emergency Management Performance and Bay Area Urban Security Initiative grant opportunities for the 2017-2018 grant program years.

EMC Information soon to be available on OES Website

In response to an inquiry from a member of the public who wished to see past Emergency Council meeting agendas and minutes, we are in the process of creating a folder on the OES Website that will link to the Emergency Management Council on the County Commissions, Committees, & Advisory Bodies page.

OES Website

The County OES webpage is a County branded website, providing up to date information related to Emergency preparedness, prevention, status on current incidents and links to our vast County resources. The website also offers a 'Feature of the Month' making the current month's theme engaging as well as educational <http://www.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/Departments/EmergencyServices/FeatureoftheMonth.aspx> The website is a tool the County can promote with our community partners and county residents. The website also links to the County Facebook page and Twitter utilizing social media as a means of expanded communication.

Local Hazard Mitigation Planning

The County Planning Department coordinated the 5-year update and completed it in September 2015. The Plan is current through 2020 and is published on the OES website as well as the Planning Department website.

In a cooperative effort between Monterey County and Citygate Associates with funding from a Department of Water Resources grant, we now have *Draft* Santa Cruz County Winter Storm Response Plan. The plan is slated to be vetted and finalized in spring of 2019

Future Goals

The Council expects to continue its emphasis on broadening member organizations understanding of the authorities, capabilities and needs of emergency response and recovery organizations in the County. This continues to be of critical importance considering the impact of 2017 Winter Storms and County Fires. Tsunami, Earthquake and Storm responses and coordination involves all levels of emergency response and preparedness. The Council continues to be committed to strengthening its strategic planning efforts to focus the County's emergency response assets in multidisciplinary training, establishment of funding priorities, organizational coordination and outreach to the community.

2017-18 Objectives

1. Continue to provide emergency management refresher training to the Council Members. (Hosted NIMS/SEMS combined training for County staff and partners in July 2017 Hosted NIMS/SEMS combined training for County staff and partners in April 2018; Hosted G775/191 Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Management and Operations - training for County staff and partners in August 2018)
2. Customize Urban Area Security Regional Catastrophic Plans for mass care and shelter, mass fatality, debris removal, donation's management, volunteer management, mass evacuation and mass transportation. (In Progress)
- 3.

2018-2019 Objective Recommendations

1. Continue to meet on a bi-monthly basis (except for July)
2. Continue to include Council Member presentation and training as a portion of each meeting.
3. Update the County Emergency Management Plan (EMP) and publish to the OES website
4. Continue to support the development of integrated Emergency Response Plans and organizational models between the County, each City, and all public or private emergency response organizations and Non-Government Agencies in the County through UASI training opportunities and offering table top and functional exercises with said agencies.

Respectfully submitted by:

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County of Santa Cruz
January 31, 2018