

EMERGENCY MANGEMENT COUNCIL
When: May 4, 2023, 1-3pm
Where: EOC 5200 Soquel Ave., Santa Cruz

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Instructions for participation

- *Patsy Gasca called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM*

2. Roll Call (Emergency Management Council Appointed Members)

- *Bob Wiser, Joe Christy, Liz Taylor Selling, Dan Sellin, Patsy Gasca, Jamshid Kiani, Mary Edmund, Nancy Yellin, Scott Garner, Bob Gray, Scott ??, Trish Daniels, Paul Horvat, Michael Bennett, Tom Avila, Nick Baldrige, Jay Bradford, Matko Vranjes, Sarah Ryan, Nate Armstrong, Terry Parker, Annie Puckett*

3. Changes to the Agenda

- *None*

4. Approval of Minutes (Attachment A)

- *Motion to approve, Joe Christy; Second, Bob Wiser*

5. Old Business

- *None*

6. New Business

6.1 Presentation, Chief Armstrong, Wildfire Season

- *Chief Armstrong provided a presentation on current conditions and the upcoming wildfire season, presentation attached.*

6.2 Alert and Warning Update/ Discussion

- I. Annie Puckett reported that the contract with Genaysis Emergency Management (GEM), parent company of Zonehaven, has been signed, as has an MOU with Netcom. She stated that implementation began the week of April 24, 2023 and that beta testing of the new system should begin by the first week of June.*

Annie also stated that the County is seeking an updated name for the new alert and warning system, moving away from brand specific CodeRed. She said a survey would be shared with the EMC where members could weigh in on the new system name.

Outreach will occur to improve subscribership to the new system. Additionally, participants will be added via extraction from the current CodRed system and from voter rolls.

6.3 Wildfire Annex Review – Attachment B

- Patsy requested feedback on the Wildfire Annex, which was recently updated. Council members observed that CERT and ARES volunteers should be incorporated into the Annex.*

6.4 Community Event

- Patsy requested the council consider and contribute any ideas for outreach or events for the month of September, which is preparedness month.*

6.5 EMC Report due to BOS in September

- Patsy asked that the council consider which items they would like to report to the Board of Supervisors in September. Nancy Yellin suggested the peer operation survey results.

7. Informational Reports

- OR3

Recovery:

- County recently added to Public Assistance for Disaster DR4699, meaning all jurisdictions that had damages or emergency response costs from February 21 on are now eligible for FEMA reimbursement.
- DRC closing in Felton, moving to 701 Ocean St.; Watsonville DRC operations continue.
- County hosted FEMA 101 training for community organizations to improve and coordinate messaging.
- OR3 is monitoring FEMA success rates closely between two disasters to identify areas of disparity

Response:

- Alert and Warning, see item 6.2

- County VOAD conversation continuing – goal to have structure by Q4 2023
- County of Santa Clara & Santa Cruz coordination exercise coming soon – date TBD, but will include Sheriff and CalFire
- Partnering with CalFire on Extended attack Tabletop/Functional Exercise on June 2 from 8:30-1PM – Invite to follow
- RFP for update to Emergency Management Plan – Out the door, due end of May.

Resilience:

- County is providing additional funding to RCD for spring chipping program through PGE settlement funds.
- Will be working on NEW grant for Community Resilience Centers through Strategic Growth Council

7.2 City of Capitola – Chief Andy Dally

- Repairs ongoing in Capitola, including Warf

7.3 City of Santa Cruz – Paul Horvat

- Repairs on going, utilizing FEMA dollars; Tsunami ready program dollars to support new tsunami signage, tabletop exercise; awarded multiple vegetation management grants, seeking contractors

7.4 City of Scotts Valley – Scott Garner

- Storm repairs ongoing; vacant positions being filled

7.5 City of Watsonville – Tom Avila

- Nothing to report

7.6 County Office of Education – Jennifer Buesing (Absent)

8. Non-Governmental Organizations

8.1 CERT Council – Robert Gray (Absent)

8.2 CERT Auxiliary – Mary Edmund

- Communications testing completed, more trainings to come. Sign up at the “Stop the bleed”

8.3 Medical Reserve Corp – Anna Sutton – Nancy Yellin, Medical reserve Corps coordinator hired, anticipated start 6/11

8.4 Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) – John Gerhardt – event season has begun

8.5 Equine Evacuation - Cally Haber (absent)

8.6 American Red Cross - Jamshid Kiani, busy with ongoing disaster response

9. OR3 Grant Updates

- FY 2020 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) – closing 6/30
- FY 2021 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) – OPEN
- FY2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) – OPEN
- FY2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant-American Rescue Plan Act (EMPG-ARPA) – OPEN
- CalOES High Frequency Grant Program – OPEN
- California Fire Safe Council – County Coordinator Grant – OPEN
- California Fire Safe Council – Evacuation Management Grant – **Approved**

Bob wiser requested quarterly grant report

9. Announcements

Nancy Yellin, Fire Wise event in Aptos 6/4

“Watsonville Emergency Airlift Command Team” (WEACT), add for next time

11. Adjourn

Next Meeting:

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