



# County of Santa Cruz

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Meeting: September 28, 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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### Meeting Notes

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- 1.0 Rosemary Anderson-Call to Order 2:00 pm and started introductions  
Officiating on behalf of Brian Sherin who is waiting to get home from deployment in Puerto Rico
- 2.0 Roll Call (*Emergency Management Council Appointed Members*)
  - 2.1 Attendees:
  - 2.2 Absent:
  - 2.3 Absent with Notice:
    1. Brian Sherin – Chair
    2. Liz Taylor-Selling
    3. Patrick Goff
    4. Tamara Vides
- 3.0 Additions and Deletions to the Agenda
  - 3.1 none
- 4.0 Approval of Minutes: N/A
- 5.0 Correspondence (*All*)
  - 5.1 Correction on agenda item from *Tamara Vides via email*
    - o 9.2.4 Replace Pablo Barreto with Tamara Vides the appointed Watsonville rep
- 6.0 Oral Communications: *Regarding items not on the Agenda*
- 7.0 Presentation: ***Donations Management 101***  
Charlene Sargent, Director, Pacific Union Conference  
Adventist Community Services Disaster Response  
Charlene has vast knowledge and experience with donations management, including the recent hurricanes in Texas and Florida. Charlene teaches Volunteer and Donations Management (G288) a course designed to strengthen the abilities of local jurisdictions to

successfully prepare for and handle volunteer and donations management issues that may arise. The course content and activities may also serve as a template, thereby enhancing uniformity in addressing areas of donated unsolicited goods, unaffiliated volunteers, and undesignated cash. This is a very timely topic.

8.0 New Business:

8.1 none

9.0 Informational Reports

9.1 County Office of Emergency Services/Update—*Rosemary Anderson*

- 14 Local table-top exercises have been conducted; Santa Cruz TTX was attended by 45 local partners. After Action Report identified gaps, areas for improvement as well as what we are doing well. We will make the report available to anyone interested.
- County Staff and Agency Partners participated in regional table-top in Dublin-earthquake scenario with mass care and sheltering.
- Welcome Karen Adler as new EOC staff.
- Upgraded to WEB EOC pro—will be rolling out training to county partners, hospitals/clinics. Training will likely take place in early November.
- Hep-A Situation active since May -awareness/vaccination efforts on-going. City of Santa Cruz providing support as well as Boulder Creek CERT and other CERT volunteers.

9.2 City Reports

9.2.1 Capitola— *Captain Tom Held*

- Planning events; new department heads; tabletops.

9.2.2 Santa Cruz— *Paul Horvat*

- Working with FEMA-disaster reimbursements; water, some road issues, trees, pilings that were damaged. More documentation needed, now upfront.
- Attended Disaster Cost Recovery class in Monterey; wants to put together a team for next year to look at.
- New 2017-18 funds, building out EOC.
- Finishing local hazard mitigation plan.
- County working with City with consultants for coordinated efforts.

9.2.3 Scotts Valley— *Lt. John Wilson*

- Training for staff last month on EOC; planning tabletop and bigger training.

9.2.4 Watsonville— *Tamara Vides*

- Tamara Vides reported that with the three new Fire Academy graduate hires Watsonville Fire now fully staffed.
- Conducted CERT class in spring; current class underway – had more than 40 sign-ups, 32 registered, the rest have been wait listed.

9.3 Grant Updates

9.3.1 2015 State Homeland Security Grant –detailed project status was due to us by 6/15/17; this reporting period has concluded.

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

9.3.3 2017 State Homeland Security Grant – submitted, waiting for State approval.

10.0 Citizen Corps Council

10.1.1. CERT.....  
present)

Todd Skrabak (not

- Mountain CERTS with assistance and support from CalFire, County OES, Sacramento CERT and ARES + a cadre of volunteers (Bonny Doon, Boulder Creek, Felton, Ben Lomond) hosted a two day Disaster Simulation Exercise at the Cal Fire Ben Lomond Training Camp
- 10.1.2. Medical Reserve Corp .....*Brenda Brenner*
- Administration change in effect from CruzMed to County being administrator
  - Looking to a more sustainable approach
  - MRC is critical for public health partnerships; currently working on Hep-A incident
  - Changing statewide drill in November to focus on managing Hep-A
  - There has been good response to vaccination clinics
  - Cases have slowed down in the past 2 weeks
  - Boulder Creek CERT providing significant effort/communications/support for clinic held in Boulder Creek
- 10.1.3. Communications Reserve Unit (CRU) formerly ARES.....*Cap Pennell, ACS Officer*
- HAM radio has gotten real use in hurricanes
  - Worked on CERT exercises in Ben Lomond; continue weekly on-air testing
  - Available to help any time there is a need
- 10.1.4. ARES.....*Robert Ritchey*
- Two events: CERT event and SCC Fair (lightning took out phones at the fairgrounds—radio and “Barbie phone” only working communications)
  - There is a website to check on people in Puerto Rico, “At the ARC’s request, ARRL rallied the US Amateur Radio community to provide up to 25 two-person teams of highly qualified hams.” .. “The group’s principal mission will be to move health-and-welfare information from the island back to the US mainland, where that data will be entered in the Red Cross Safe and Well system. The Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network (SATERN) has been asked to assist these operators when they check in with tactical, health-and-welfare (H&W), and Safe and Well messages.”
  - ARL looking for more amateur radio volunteers for PR and FL as well
  - Looking for people for computer side of emergency communications
- 10.1.5. Equine Evacuation..... *Cally Haber*
- Currently recruiting experienced volunteers; seeing opportunity to be selective for people
  - with specialized skills—horse and trailer handling, assets—truck and trailer, and
  - willingness to acquire HAM radio license; reviewing applications
  - Had great CAL FIRE training earlier in the year; will be doing this again
- 10.1.6. Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD)... *Jim Uhey*
- *Jim not able to be here; just had a meeting last week; currently have a lot of members deployed to TX, FLA, PR.*
- 10.1.7. County Office of Education..... *Jim Howes*
- In process of having training re: threat assessments
  - County-wide safe schools plan in progress
  - Dealing with teachers/employees for awareness of their responsibilities as Disaster Service Workers; issue that they are not aware or not accepting

of responsibility (Rosemary to send Jim link for more DSW training resources)

10.1.7. CAL OES—Nancy Smith's report via email

- SOC continues to process EMAC requests from TX & FL and Op Areas were contacted to fill these requests. Red Cross personnel have done an outstanding job in filling many of the jobs needed.
- September is National Preparedness month and the CalOES website has links for more information.
- Coastal Region office has been doing preseason flood management meetings with DWR.
- New Dam Safety requirements effective July 1 and all dam owners were notified. DWR Division of Dam Safety is the regulatory State agency. CalOES doesn't conduct Dam safety waiver inspections anymore.
- Santa Cruz County has 5 dams listed.
- SF Fleet week is the first week in October and begins on Oct 1. CalOES will have a booth at the Humanitarian Village at the Marina Green.
- October 19 is the Great Shakeout & Tsunami Drill. Please check out CalOES website for more info and weblinks. <http://www.caloes.ca.gov/>  
<https://www.shakeout.org/california/partners/>
- During the CalOES Director's conference call yesterday, he stated due to the numerous disasters, FEMA will be closing all of their JFOs and there might be a delay in sending out project worksheets for any upcoming mitigation projects. Please forward any recovery questions to me and I'll follow up with our Recovery staff. [Nancy.Smith@CalOES.ca.gov](mailto:Nancy.Smith@CalOES.ca.gov)

11.0 Announcements (All)

11.1 PGE: Pamela Perdue

- transitioning out of fire season and into winter storms
- May set up a meeting for winter storm prep; PG&E is here to support
- Pamela did all-hazards training for DPW safety training day
- Any agencies wanting utility hazards: electric/gas; PG&E will do this training for any city, county departments, they have also provided to CERT groups.
- contact Pam Perdue for more info @ [psp6@pge.com](mailto:psp6@pge.com)

11.2 Red Cross: Patsy Gasca;

- ARC has volunteers from Central Coast in TX, FLA, PR, Virgin Islands, etc.
- Emergency response feeding vehicles deployed – 2 out of the 3 are in FL (left with only 1 here)
- Volunteers must be vetted, trained; physically able to hike 2-3 miles in rough terrain carrying what they need.
- donated miles are helping with deployments
- Basecamps being donated by Danish Red Cross
- Farm to Table Dinner 2017 fundraiser to replace emergency response vehicle (flyer attached)

11.3 Planning: Marty Heaney

- Currently in process of moving offices; recognize need for preparedness
  - Rosemary Anderson: Good press pieces for preparedness
  - Red Cross offers free preparedness training
  - Library will be hosting trainings—kit-making trainings

11.4 FireSafe council: Rosemary and Joe Christy

- now unified Fire Safe Santa Cruz County; now a 501(c)3; to provide more equitable way to provide services
- accomplished through RCD and OES working together
- Working on materials for community awareness for fire preparedness project

11.5 Santa Cruz Port District: Marian Olin

- Welcome Marian Olin – congratulations on accepting the position of Port Director
- Pending disaster claim, working with FEMA (Paul Horvat offered to talk more about this)

11.6 New Fire Chiefs

- Steve Kovacs new Scotts Valley/Branciforte Fire Chief
- Ron Prince, Interim Fire Chief, Aptos/Las Selva

11.7 Leadership changes in County

- Nancy Gordon, General Services Director, Santa Cruz County, is retiring as of October 6 after 38 years of service. Interim plan has not yet been announced.
- Carlos Palacios new County Administrative Officer for the County

12.0 Items confirmed for November 2, 2017 meeting

- National Weather Service Pre-Winter Briefing
- Overview of the PG&E Electric Annex of the Company Emergency Response Plan

13.0 Adjourned 3:40 pm

14.0 Next Meeting: November 2, 2017 2-4 PM  
Location: EOC

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

