

County of Santa Cruz



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Meeting: March 3, 2022
Time: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Location: Teams Meeting

Minutes

- 1.0 Call to Order/Instructions for participation
Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Patsy Gasca, Acting Chair
- 2.0 Roll Call (*Emergency Management Council Appointed Members*)
 - 2.1 Attendees: 20 members present out of 23 current members
 - 2.2 Absent:
 - 2.2.1 Matko Vranjes, Watsonville OES
 - 2.3 Absent with Notice:
 - 2.3.1 Eric Conrad, Dominican Hospital
 - 2.3.2 Donna Odryna, Medical Society of Santa Cruz County
 - 2.4 Vacant position: At Large Community Member
 - 2.5 Quorum achieved: Yes
- 3.0 Additions and Deletions to the Agenda
None
- 4.0 Approval of Minutes:
 - 4.1 Draft minutes of January 6, 2022 meeting were sent for review prior to meeting and attached to meeting reminder
 - 4.2 Motion to approve: Nancy Yellin; Second: Liz Taylor Selling
 - 4.3 Minutes approved unanimously
- 5.0 Correspondence (*All*)
 - 5.1 EMC Proposal-Modified (sent prior to meeting and attached to meeting reminder)
- 6.0 Oral Communications: *Regarding items not on the agenda*
None
- 7.0 Presentations
None
- 8.0 Unfinished Business:
 - 8.1 Nomination and Election of a new Chair for the EMC
 - 8.1.1 Nomination of Patsy Gasca by Liz Taylor Selling; Second: Nate Armstrong
 - 8.1.2 Patsy Gasca elected as Chair unanimously
 - 8.2 Nomination and Election of Vice-Chair to the EMC
 - 8.2.1 Nomination of Nancy Yellin by Kathleen Conley; second: Liz Taylor

Armstrong

8.2.2 Nancy Yellin elected as Vice-Chair unanimously

8.3 Open At-Large Community Member position for the EMC

8.3.1 David Reid, as Director of Emergency Services (Office of Response, Recovery & Resilience) nominates Mary Edmund, Executive Director of the Santa Cruz County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

8.3.2 David Reid will bring the nomination to the County Board of Supervisors for appointment

8.4 EMC Restructure Proposal.....Nancy Yellin, 1st District

8.4.1 Motion by Liz Taylor-Selling, second by Lisa Ehret, to approve Restructure Proposal with the following amendments:

- Maintain current calendar schedule; change meeting length to 90 minutes
- Add an item for emergent threats
- Add an item for climate impacts

8.4.2 Motion for EMC Restructure Proposal with amendments approved unanimously

9.0 New Business
None

10.0 Informational Reports

10.1 County Office of Response, Recovery, and Resilience.....Lisa Ehret

10.1.1 Registered with Bay Area Urban Security Initiative (BAUSI) for major regional [2022 Golden Eagle Exercise](#) on May 19

Focusing on Critical Transportation Operations, Regional Situational Awareness/Common Operating Picture, Activation of Bay Area Joint Information System

10.1.2 Coordinating implementation with BAUSI of Closed Points of Distribution (CPODS) to stage resources for catastrophic events

10.1.3 Following up on December 2021 Winter Storm and January 2022 Tsunami events; conducted two After Action meetings. Will conclude this process and present After Action Reports to Cal OES.

10.2 City Reports

10.2.1 Capitola.....Chief Andy Dally

10.2.2 Santa Cruz.....Paul Horvat

- Set up annual OES training calendar for year
- Working with UCSC on the upcoming Active Shooter training

10.2.3 Scotts Valley.....Captain Mike Dean

- Working on Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)
- Turnover in personnel has been high, working to train new people
- Short on personnel, offering \$20K hiring bonus for entry level police officer
- Scotts Valley will be hosting the annual July 4 fireworks and parade this year

10.2.4 Watsonville.....Tom Avila

- Still in search of a permanent City Manager

10.3 County Office of Education.....Jennifer Buesing

10.3.1 Schools now open, mask mandate being lifted on Jan 14

- Masking will be strongly encouraged, but not required
- Working to prepare students and staff
- Case rates and transmission drastically increased
- Continuing to see increasing at-risk behavior: Danger to self and

others, hostility, violence; more anxiety among students
 - Working on social/emotional adjustment; with staff, and partners.
 Identifying trainings, threat assessments (including mental health, active shooter)
 - Active Shooter training will be conducted again at Scotts Valley HS in June

- 10.4 Grant Updates: Homeland Security/Emergency Management Performance -
 - 10.4.1 FY 2019 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) (2.75-year grant through 5.31.2022 award of \$359,856).
 Completed projects: Mobile X-Ray Machine (ID Hazardous/Explosive Devices) for the Sheriff's Office; Mobile Bomb Containment Vessel for the Sheriff's Office; Equipment for CERT training graduates; Ballistic Shields for Scotts Valley PD; Personal Body Armor for Santa Cruz PD
 - 10.4.2 FY 2020 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) (2.75-year grant through 5.31.2023) award of \$356,972. New final application package was submitted on 1.28.2021 to align with 4 new National Priority Investment Justifications required by DHS/FEMA. Final approval now granted; accepted and appropriated by Board of Supervisors agenda for acceptance and appropriations 01.25.21.
 - 10.4.3 FY 2021 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) (2.75-year grant through 5.31.2024) award of \$341,759. Projects submitted in the CalOES has reviewed and provided feedback for amendment for project with required Investment Priority; Amended and complete application to be submitted by 12.31.21.
 - 10.4.4 FY2022 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) (2.75-year grant through 5.31.2024) award to be announced. Further guidance from DHS/FEMA and Cal OES pending; preliminary application submitted 2.9.22; revisions pending.
 - 10.4.5 FY2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) award (2-year grant through 6.30.2022) award of \$180,306. Grant requires 50% match (dollar-for-dollar)
 Completed project: Mountain Community Resources citizen preparedness activities.
 - 10.4.6 FY2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG-S) COVID-19 Supplemental award of \$95,979. (No County match required: match provided by CalOES).
 Performance period ended 10.26.21; grant is closed out.
 - 10.4.7 FY2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) award (2-year grant through 6.30.2023) award of \$179,770. Grant requires 50% match (dollar-for-dollar)
 Submitted 12.28.21 and received preliminary approval.
 - 10.4.8 FY2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant-American Rescue Plan Act (EMPG-ARPA) (2-year grant through 6.30.2023) award of \$62,042. Grant requires 50% match (dollar-for-dollar).
 Submitted 12.28.21

11.0 Non-Governmental Organizations

- 11.1 CERT Council.....Robert Gray
- 11.2 CERT Auxiliary.....Mary Edmund
 - Participated in activation for surge testing site at the County Fairgrounds; 56 CERTS provided 553 hours

- Provided proposal to CalOES for CERT teams
- 11.3 Medical Reserve CorpKathleen Conley
- 11.4 Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES).....John Gerhardt
 - Now have 68 full members; continuing to build
 - Recently completed a class; 25 participants received licenses
 - Activities focus on local in-county communications; this is especially important if cell phones, land lines, and other comms fail
 - Signed up for perimeter security for the upcoming Active Shooter drill in June
 - Looking to rehabilitate the Comm 2 van; need to find a safe parking place; Sheriff's Service Center in Felton is a possibility
- 11.5 Equine Evacuation.....Cally Haber
 - Seeking funding or donation for a trailer
- 11.6 American Red Cross.....Jamshid Kiani
 - Conducting inventory and inspection of shelter assets
- 12.0 Announcements (All)
 - 12.1 OR3 looking at software for scheduling DSW for county; cost \$3,000; would enable 10 organizations to use for scheduling
 - 12.2 If interest in the work group contact Nancy Yellin
- 13.0 Items for future meetings
 - None
- 14.0 Adjourn
 - 14.1 Motion to adjourn: Liz Taylor-Selling; second: Joe Christy
 - 14.2 Meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm

Next Meeting: May 5, 2022; 2:00 – 3:30 pm

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