



County of Santa Cruz

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Tel: (831) 454-2166

Meeting: September 1, 2022

MINUTES

- 1.0 Call to Order/Instructions for participation -
 - 1.1 **Patsy Called to Order Meeting 2PM**

- 2.0 Roll Call (*Emergency Management Council Appointed Members*)
 - 2.1 **Attendees: 16 of 24**
 - 2.2 **Absent: At Large Appointee (vacant), CAL Fire/County Fire, County Planning, Dominican Santa Cruz Hospital, Watsonville Community Hospital**
 - 2.3 **Absent with Notice: N/A**
 - 2.4 **Quorum achieved: YES**

- 3.0 Additions and Deletions to the Agenda – **None**

- 4.0 Approval of Minutes:

Draft minutes of May 5, 2022 meeting were sent for review prior to meeting

Motion to Approve – Nancy Yellin

Second: Joe Christy

Minutes Approved: Unanimously

- 5.0 Correspondence (*All*)

None

- 6.0 Oral Communications: **None**

- 7.0 Unfinished Business:
 - 7.1 EMC Peer Oversight Workgroup: Review and accept, report out on emergency management councils around the state.

Nancy Yellin presented findings of outreach to other emergency management councils (or equivalent) for the POW.

 - **Goal: To assess and produce recommendations regarding the all-hazards oversight, guidance, and planning of the operational area.**
 - **Objectives: Seek and identify best practices for Santa Cruz EMC to consider adopting**
 - **POW identified 9 counties and did outreach. Attended Santa Barbara's meeting, interviewed SLO and Napa, and reviewed records of 6 other counties.**

- The POW learned there were no consistent best practices to emulate, so “we can do whatever we would like to do.” Recommend we:
 - focus on all-hazards oversight, guidance, and planning of the OPP area,
 - adopt a “whole community” strategy and enhance our COAD involvement, and
 - ensure AFN community members’ needs are met during an event.
- Nancy reminds members to take the survey after the meeting.

Comments from members: Thank you Nancy, great job! Suggest inviting commission on disabilities to join us, perhaps invite ADA compliance officer at UCSC, consider hiring AFN coordinator at the county, role used to be filled at HR.

8.0 New Business

- 8.1 Adopt resolution making findings and ordering the continued use of teleconference meetings of the Board of Supervisors due to COVID-19, pursuant to the requirements of [Assembly Bill 361](#).

Motion to Approve: Liz Taylor-Selling

Second: Joe Christy

Approved: Unanimously

9.0 Informational Reports

- 9.1 County Office of Response, Recovery, and Resilience.....Patty Ciesla for David Reid

The OR3 office is working on a number of initiatives across our 3 Rs scope. The following list summarizes some of the high level items under the purview of the EMC:

- September is National Preparedness Month, and we are hoping to do a TEST of our Non-Weather Emergency Messaging system the week of September 19th.
 - ARES is working on a tutorial video that we will likely push out to the public prior as well.
- OR3 is working on completing with consultant support a new Wildfire Annex and EOC quick-start guide to support EOC preparedness and response capabilities. These documents should be done this month.
- OR3 will be working with JUVARE the owner of WEBEOC to optimize our use of this EOC incident management tool. This will be a 3-6 month project to help better implement this tool.
- OR3 is hosting to Emergency Management trainings at the Sheriff’s Community Room, thank you to them for allowing use of that space. We will be hosting ICS 300 and ICS 400 courses, each are two day trainings presented by the BAY AREA UASI group.
- CalOES and CalGeology will be releasing NEW Tsunami hazard maps in the coming weeks, we will be working with NETCOMM to integrate this information into our alert and warning system (Code Red).
- OR3 in collaboration with the Human Services Department have launched a NEW Disaster Service Worker level 3 (those that support care and shelter and other functions during a large scale event) scheduling software platform to streamline our ability to access these critical staff in an emergency.

- 9.2 City Reports
 - 9.2.1 Capitola.....Chief Andy Dally – No report
 - 9.2.2 Santa Cruz.....Paul Horvat –
 - There will be classes coming up 8 hours, state curriculum on Logistics Section, GG11, focusing on IAP at the benchlands, will send out flyer
 - 9.2.3 Scotts Valley.....Scott Gardner Captain Dean has retired, I will be the new rep for this group. New EOC binders are complete. Sending staff for training.
 - 9.2.4 Watsonville.....Tom Avila
 - Rene Mendez is new City Manager
 - Been addressing homelessness issues around the Pajaro River.
 - Tragic aircraft collision incident at Watsonville Airport, investigation by NTSB ongoing. Emergency response went well.
 - Equipment move is planned for old KSBW tower. Bob comments that he wants to coordinate.
- 9.3 County Office of Education.....Jennifer Buesing
 - Increase in opioid ODs – fentanyl. Got an order from state to train staff to administer Narcan. Partnering with SafeRX to offer more training.
 - New focus on active shooter incident response. Looking for a grant to support resource officers with equipment
 - Working with public health on monkeypox. No cases seen yet.
- 9.4 Grant Updates: Patty Ciesla for Dave Reid

OR3 will be hiring a new staff member to support grant and OR3 admin functions this year, this helps backfill the loss of Karen Adler and we look forward to onboarding and introducing this NEW team member at the November EMC meeting.

Joe Christy: advises of a new USFS grant program

Paul Horvat: Got a grant for a mastsicator. Also, Coastal Conservancy \$400k WUI grant for veg management. Panetta 5-year WUI plan

10.0 Non-Governmental Organizations

- 10.1 CERT Council.....Robert Gray not present.
- 10.2 CERT Auxiliary.....Mary Edmund not present.
- 10.3 EMCC - Anna Sutton
 - EMS in process for AMR contract
 - Hiring to backfill a retiree, also a nurse hire and program coordinator for MRC
- 10.4 Medical Reserve CorpKathleen Conley no report.

capacity and training.

- 10.4 Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES).....John Gerhardt
 - Assisted with comms for CERT exercise
 - Members helped with search and rescue
 - Oct 3 class on zoom
 - Will be at the County Fair

Supported Santa Cruz Triathlon

- 10.5 Equine Evacuation.....Cally Haber Not present
- 10.6 American Red Cross.....Patsy Gasca

Jamshid – continued training for County DSW workers, also provided COVID tests

11.0 Announcements (All) – Donna Odryna: Santa Cruz/Monterey has a supply of PPEs on hand, wants to distribute 30 cases of 50 boxes of N95 masks. Call Donna at 831-334-8484 if you want them.

12.0 Items for future meetings Liz Taylor requests a current list of members of EMC

13.0 Adjourn Patsy -(call for motion/vote to adjourn)

Motion to Adjourn: Joe Christy
Approved: Unanimously

Next Meeting: November 3, 2022; 2:00 - 4:00 pm