



Stanislaus County Disaster Council



April 29, 2021
Meeting Notes

1. **Call to Order**

Sheriff Jeff Dirkse called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm.

2. **Roll Call/Introductions**

JPA Members: **Stanislaus County**, City of Ceres, **City of Hughson**, **City of Modesto**, **City of Newman**, **City of Oakdale**, **City of Patterson**, City of Riverbank, **City of Turlock**, and City of Waterford. Quorum met.

3. **Public Comment**

No public comments were offered.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

Bud Hill, City of Hughson moved and Amy Bublak, City of Turlock, seconded approving the October 23, 2019 Minutes from the Disaster Council Meeting. Motion passed.

5. **Operational Area Presentations and Reports (see attached presentations)**

- 5.1 Presentation: Lessons Learned regarding the many 2020 EOC activations
- 5.2 Presentation: The Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP)
- 5.3 Presentation: Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program
- 5.4 Office of Emergency Services Report
 - OES Restructure - Transition from CEO's office to Sheriff and OES is now a division of the County Sheriff's Department.
 - OAC/DC – Policy & Procedure update was changed to update ordinance reflecting move under Sheriff and named the Sheriff as the Director of Emergency Services.
 - OES 2021-24 Strategic Plan – OES Will revise Goals, Objectives and Measurable Outcomes and will post updated Plan on website next week and request feedback from partners. Sheriff Dirkse added that we need to collectively prepare and train together as an OA.
 - Emergency Plan Updates
 - Hazard Mitigation Plan update: Due in 2022, the HMP will be revised to include a base plan and an annex for each of the nine cities and SCOE, to become a multi-jurisdictional HMP. Seeking BOS approval to contract with qualified Subject matter expert.

- EOP – aim to clarify response roles and build out areas of EOP that were identified as missing when referencing plan during COVID-19 response
- Extreme Heat Plan – conducted recent review and update of plan with partners. Will be updating cooling zones and post online.
- Extreme Cold/Freeze Plan – will be adding in lessons learned to these plans.
- Fire Season Outlook
 - Extremely dry winter this year with lower than normal snowpack, which can impact fire season this year. Predictions advise that season will begin normally, with drying out of grassy lands by May, which is typically early fire season. In July we expect to see larger fuels to be available earlier than usual leading to above-normal fire potential. Last year we had minimized staffing due to COVID and reduced ability to perform out-of-county mutual aid response to support other OAs. Request for mutual aid included: 4 XST Strike Teams, 12 overhead personnel requests, 12 single engine requests. Stanislaus experienced the SCU Lightning Complex Fire, largest fire in County history with over 200,000 acres burned. In response to the SCU fire, OES is developing Community Wildfire Protection Plans upon award of a CalFire Fire Prevention Grant. Request for letters of support from partners on the call.
- OES Training Opportunities
 - Fall Semester - ISC 100/700, 300, 400, G775 and G191. OES training website will have final schedule.

5.5 Public Health Update

- Dr Vaishampayan provided updates on mosquitoes and West Nile Virus, Dengue Fever and other vector borne diseases.
- COVID-19 case rates slowly decreasing, hospitalizations are stabilizing at approximately 80-100 COVID positive patients in Stanislaus health care system daily. Vaccinations at about 48% of eligible populations have received at least 1 dose, approx. 30% are fully vaccinated. Highest case rate is among females ages 18-29 but it is not known if this is related to testing rates. It is anticipated that California will soon see a 4th wave as we have seen elsewhere.
- Looking at July/August before Public Health starts getting “back to normal” with staffing PH programs and conducting normal business operations.

5.6 Cal OES Update

No representatives present for report.

5.7 Disaster Council Member Reports

- City of Ceres: NSTR
- City of Hughson: NSTR
- City of Modesto: NSTR
- City of Newman: NSTR
- City of Oakdale: NSTR

- City of Patterson: NSTR
- City of Riverbank: NSTR
- City of Turlock: NSTR
- City of Waterford: NSTR
- County of Stanislaus: NSTR

6. Agenda Items

- 6.1 - Approval to Accept the Updates to the Stanislaus County Disaster Council Operational Area Council Policies and Procedures Manual
- Amy Bublak from City of Turlock moved, and Sue Zwahlen from City of Modesto seconded. Motion passed.
- 6.2 - Approval to Pursue Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) Accreditation for the Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services Emergency Management Program
- Amy Bublak from City of Turlock moved, Bud Hill from City of Hughson seconded. Motion passed.
- 6.3 Strategic Plan - Approval to Accept the 2021 – 2024 Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services Emergency Management Strategic Plan
- Amy Bublak from City of Turlock moved, Scott Ball from City of Newman seconded. Motion passed

7. Announcements

- 7.1 Meeting Schedules
- Operational Area Council – July 15, 2021
 - Disaster Council - October 21, 2021

8. Meeting Adjourned – 2:58pm.

Respectfully Submitted by: Aaron Wilson