



**Stanislaus County Disaster Council &
Operational Area Council – Joint Meeting Agenda**

Thursday, July 28, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

Harvest Hall – 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, CA 95358

1. Call to Order

- 1.1 Welcome
 - Call to Order at 1:30pm.

2. OAC / DC Membership Roll Call

Ceres	___	Patterson	_X_
Hughson	_X_	Riverbank	_X_
Modesto	_X_	Stanislaus County	_X_
Newman	_X_	Turlock	_X_
Oakdale	_X_	Waterford	_X_

3. Public Comment Period

Matters under jurisdiction of the Council, and not on the posted agenda, may be addressed by the general public at the beginning of the regular agenda. However, California law prohibits the Council from taking any action on any matter that is not on the posted agenda unless it is determined an “emergency” by the Council. Any member of the public wishing to address the Council during this period will be limited to a maximum of 5 minutes.

- No public comments were offered.

4. Approval of Minutes

- 4.1 Operational Area Council Minutes
 - May 3, 2022
 - A motion was made by City of Hughson with City of Waterford seconding. All in attendance in favor of approval of May 3, 2022 OAC meeting minutes.

5. Agenda Items

Operational Area Council:

- 5.1 Recommendation to Submit Intent to Develop Draft Recovery Plan to Disaster Council for Approval
 - This plan will establish the Stanislaus County Disaster Recovery structure, responsibilities, and procedures to accelerate community recovery following a disaster and ensure cost recovery activities and procedures are consistent with state and federal requirements. The Recovery Plan will be an Annex to the county’s EOP.
 - A motion was made by City of Patterson with City of Turlock seconding. All in attendance in favor of recommendation.
- 5.2 Recommendation to Submit Revised Extreme Heat Contingency Plan to Disaster Council for Approval
 - The plan was developed to establish roles and responsibilities for responding to extreme heat events.
 - A motion was made by City of Newman with City of Modesto seconding. All in attendance in favor of recommendation.

Disaster Council:

- 5.3 Approval to Begin Development of Draft Recovery Plan

- A motion was made by City of Patterson with Stanislaus County seconding. All in attendance in favor of approval to begin development of draft recovery plan.
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- 5.4 Approval of Extreme Heat Contingency Plan
 - A motion was made by City of Hughson with City of Riverbank seconding. All in attendance in favor of approval of the Extreme Heat Contingency Plan.
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- 5.5 Approval of Extreme Cold/Freeze Contingency Plan
 - A motion was made by Stanislaus County with City of Riverbank seconding. All in attendance in favor of approval of the Extreme Cold/Freeze Contingency Plan.
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6. Operational Area Presentations and Reports

- 6.1 Presentations
 - Sierra Vista Child & Family Services:
Brief Intervention Counseling Teams Maria Pacheco
 - See attached “Sierra Vista BIC-T [OAC-DC 7.28.22].pdf”
 - National Weather Service:
Weather Forecast Courtney Carpenter
 - See attached “NWS Report [OAC-DC 7.28.22].pdf”
- 6.2 Office of Emergency Services Ruben Wegner
 - OES
 - Emergency Plans
 - The final draft of the Local Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) has finished public comment period. Jurisdictions represented in the plan include the County, its nine cities, and the County Office of Education. Next steps include submission to Cal OES and FEMA for approval. Upon approval, each jurisdiction will then seek local adoption through their jurisdiction’s Council/Board.
 - Funding & Grants
 - OES in process of receiving \$115,000 in funding for the development of evacuation route plans for the west and east WUI areas of the County that will include route planning and mapping, emergency notifications, evacuation and shelter-in-place decision making guidance, community education including online/social media information, and signage posted at evacuation routes and rally points.
 - Trainings & Exercises
 - Final review of the 2022–25 training RFP underway. Training contracts to be awarded within the next few weeks before OES publishes the new 2022-23

training schedule (<https://www.stanoes.com/training.shtm>).

There are no exercises planned for the next quarter.

- Legislative & Regulatory
 - NSTR
- Fire Warden Chris Parnell
 - General Updates
 - California has seen a significant increase in “large” fires. Stanislaus FDs actively support mutual aid deployments throughout the State and recently deployed a strike team to the [Oak Fire](#).
 - The Fire Warden and Sheriff’s Department recently purchased and conducted training on “Bambi Buckets,” which are collapsible buckets that can deliver a concentrated column of water from an aircraft or helicopter to the fire. Two buckets were purchased – one holding approx. 50 gallons and the other holding approx. 100 gallons of water – to support fire suppression efforts in remote or hard-to-reach areas.
 - The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteer program is hosting an open house tonight, July 28 for interested individuals. See attached flyer “Stanislaus County CERT Flyer.pdf” for information.
 - Radio communications towers are being installed in Riverbank, Knights Ferry and La Grange to increase emergency communications capacity.
 - A Fire training coordinator (Mike Lunn) has been hired to support standardized County-wide training efforts.
- EMS Chad Braner
 - New EMS Director
 - Chad Braner is the new Director for the [Stanislaus County EMS Agency](#) (SCEMSA), which went live on July 1, 2022. The County terminated the previous JPA with Mountain Valley EMS Agency.
 - Staffing Updates
 - Staffing includes an Agency Director, a QI Trauma Coordinator, and a Data Analyst. Additional hires will include a staff services technician, admin assistant and additional program coordinators.
 - Policies & Procedures Update
 - Policies are being finalized and are being adapted from MVEMSA policies previously in place for Stanislaus. A public comment period will be offered before final policies are adopted and posted online.
 - Reviewing solutions to improve response times which includes option of acquiring quick response vehicles (QRV) to allow SCEMSA medical staff to respond.
- SR 911 Lloyd MacKinnon
 - General Updates
 - Lloyd MacKinnon is the interim Director of Stanislaus Regional 911 (SR911), which is in process

of hiring additional dispatchers and call takers. Currently, 20 of 39 dispatcher positions are filled. A conditional offer has been made for the position of Deputy Director of SR911 to an individual with great experience managing 911 operations.

- Security & Threat Assessment Center Lloyd MacKinnon
 - General Updates
 - The “Fusion Center” is now designated as the “Threat Assessment Center” (TAC). Lt. MacKinnon will be hiring two additional analysts to support existing staff of four analysts, one detective, and one sergeant. TAC staff can conduct security assessment for County facilities and partners.

6.3 Sheriff’s Department Report Sheriff Dirkse

- Development of a Behavioral Health Response Unit is in process that will include clinicians and law enforcement staff. This Unit will handle mental health related responses.
- Fifty-five (55) additional positions have been approved for hire by the County Board of Supervisors (BOS).
- Sheriff Dirkse offered attendees the opportunity to have a security assessment conducted by County Security/TAC staff.
- The OES restructure designates Sheriff Dirkse as the Director of Emergency Services, Richard Murdock as Chief of Emergency Services and Erik Klevmyr as Asst. Chief of Emergency Services.

6.4 Public Health Report Dr. Vaishampayan

- COVID Omicron variant is bypassing immunity and causing a sharp increase in cases. Wastewater sampling shows that we are reaching the Omicron peak and we have approximately 30-40 hospitalizations at this time and very few deaths. COVID is “not going away” but we have new tools and treatments so the general outlook on infection control remains positive. COVID vaccines being reformulated to include new strains of the virus.
- Flu season was early but minimal. With the introduction of COVID, it has been more challenging to gauge flu, cold, and related infectious disease impacts.
- Monkeypox started out slow but cases have increased. Transmission is via “close contact” and is similar to but not as lethal as smallpox (smallpox @ 30% mortality rate, monkeypox @ >1%). Limited quantities of vaccine on hand at this time.
- Kyle Fliflet is the new Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Manager. Responding to a question from Jason Hicks with TID, Dr Vaishampayan advised that the closed-POD (Point-of-dispensing/distribution) program will eventually be re-started but was interrupted due to COVID. The PHEP program will be the lead for the Closed-POD program.
- Fentanyl overdoses have increased. “OD” maps are being developed to identify patterns and clusters. County BHRS is supporting public health efforts with fentanyl education.

6.5 Member Reports Council Members

- 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

6.6 Partner Reports OA Partners

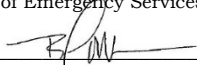
- Cal OES – Lindsey Stanley reported that a new permanent Emergency Services Coordinator for Mutual Aid Region IV (Inland) to replace Patti Tran, who accepted a promotion.
- Fire Agencies - NSTR
- EMS Agencies - NSTR
- Law Enforcement Agencies - NSTR
- Agricultural Commissioner - NSTR
- Environmental Resources - NSTR
- Public Works - NSTR
- Utilities – TID reporting that Don Pedro Dam water level is low, but there are no major concerns as we have seen worse in the past (2016). Annual flood planning is beginning and TID is revamping plans to consider downstream impacts that may occur, often before the “flood stage” is reached. These revisions include additional notifications to downstream partners (fire, law, emer. mgmt. agencies, etc.) who may be impacted by any water events. On August 10 TID is hosting a seminar on the Don Pedro Dam Emergency Action Plan (EAP). Review and update of the Turlock Lake EAP begins in October.
- Other Agencies - NSTR

7. Announcements

- 7.1 Meeting Schedules (*tentative*)
- Next Operational Area Council meeting: **November 10, 2022**
 - Next Disaster Council meeting: **March 30, 2023**

8. Adjournment

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 Richard Murdock, Secretary

NRP = No Report Provided
 NSTR = Nothing Significant to Report