



## Stanislaus County Operational Area Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 1, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

Harvest Hall – 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, CA 95358

### 1. Call to Order

1.1 Welcome

- Call to Order at 1:33pm by Ruben Wegner, Emergency Services Manager.

### 2. Membership Roll Call

Ceres	___	Patterson	_X_	<b>QUORUM ESTABLISHED 7/10</b>
Hughson	_X_	Riverbank	_X_	
Modesto	_X_	Stanislaus County	_X_	
Newman	_X_	Turlock	_X_	
Oakdale	___	Waterford	___	

### 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.

### 4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 Operational Area Council Minutes

- November 10, 2022
  - A motion was made by City of Newman with City of Patterson seconding. All in attendance in favor of approval of November 10, 2022, OAC meeting minutes.

### 5. Agenda Items

5.1 Recommendation to Submit 2022-23 Revised Extreme Heat Contingency Plan to Disaster Council for Approval (June 6, 2023)

- A motion was made by City of Newman with City of Riverbank seconding. All in attendance in favor of recommendation to submit to Disaster Council.

*Current Plans Already Scheduled for Disaster Council Approval (June 6, 2023): Extreme Cold/Freeze Contingency Plan; Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan;*

### 6. Operational Area Presentations and Reports

6.1 Presentations

- Family Justice Center Arleen Hernandez
  - See attachment “Family Justice Center of Stanislaus (FJC).pdf”
- Mobile Crisis Emergency Response Team Ruben Wegner
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6.2 Office of Emergency Services Reports

- OES OES Personnel
  - General Updates Ruben Wegner

- EOC Update: We are still activated at Duty Officer Status for the March storms. If action is warranted the DO will activate appropriate resources. Waterways are holding strong, with elevated waterway levels, and we have 2 evac orders and 4 evac warnings in place at this time and expect this status through June. At this time, County does not recommend Evacuation Orders be lifted at this time, but we are monitoring and will lift when safe and appropriate. County has placed signage at key waterway access points to advise the public of river dangers.
- Congratulations to Emergency Services Coordinator Julissa Matute for obtaining her Cal OES Emergency Management Specialist certification. Coordinator Dan Schroeder is continuing through the National Emergency Management Advanced Academy four (4) week program and has one (1) week left before graduating.
- OES will be participating in community events and can be requested to attend community events in your jurisdiction. Contact Marcia Barron at ([mbarron@stanoes.com](mailto:mbarron@stanoes.com)) for information.
- Thank you to the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) team members who assisted during the winter storms. OES will continue to utilize ARES for drills and exercises and emergency events as well.
- Planning, Preparedness & Mitigation Julissa Matute
  - Update on Recovery Plan, which was started in August 2022. We are slightly delayed in completing this plan due to Jan and March responses. To complete this plan, a series of meetings were conducted to discuss the plan and we expect to have a completed plan for OAC review by the next meeting (September 7). The plan will highlight the concept of recovery and the roles and responsibilities of resources involved.
- Trainings & Exercises Dan Schroeder
  - 2023 Spring Semester completed. Link for training opportunities and registration for all trainings: <https://stanoes.com/training.shtm>
  - Upcoming Training Opportunity: June 20-21, 2023 - Integrating Access & Functional Needs Into Emergency Management (G197): Register here: <https://csti-ca.csod.com/>
  - 2023 Fall Semester trainings to include: ICS 300/400, G-611-F and G-611-P, and G-557 EOC Mgmt and Operations. Dates TBD.
  - For Spring 2024, TEEX will be hosting some of the [Critical Infrastructure Protection training series](#) (five trainings total – AWR213, MGT310, MGT315, MGT414, MGT452). Dates TBD.
- Response & Recovery Aaron Wilson
  - Stanislaus County is currently in process of working with FEMA and Cal OES to seek Public Assistance (PA –

government, special district and non-profit organizations) reimbursement funding for the January Winter Storms response ([DR-4683](#)). We are waiting to hear if Stanislaus County has qualified for PA or Individual Assistance (IA – homeowners, businesses) funding for the March Winter Storms ([DR-4699](#)).

- Funding & Grants Ruben Wegner
  - [California Fire Safe Council Grant](#) for \$115,000 has been awarded to develop an evacuation plan for the westside of County, including Diablo Grande and the Diablo Hills area.
- Legislative & Regulatory
  - NSTR
- Fire Warden Chris Parnell
  - General Updates
    - Fire season is just getting underway. Stanislaus County has not had any out-of- county requests yet.
    - The Fire Warden’s Office and The Sheriff’s Dept. continues to build and support Fire Air Operations within the County. Staff have completed multiple days of fire air operations training in-house as well as with CAL-Fire Tuolumne Calaveras Unit (TCU). This asset is available to all fire agencies within Stanislaus County.
  - CERT Program Updates
    - CERT has grown to approximately 70 members total and have set a goal of 100 members by 2024. CERT has added a Rehab vehicle to their fleet and are available to respond to any emergency or large-scale incident/training with the County to support agencies with water and snacks. The next CERT Basics Academy will be in September.
  - Trainings & Exercises
    - Stanislaus County Fire Warden’s Office hosted an large scale Wildland Fire Training last month with 185 firefighters attending from Stanislaus County, San Joaquin County, Merced County and Tuolumne County.
- EMS Chad Braner
  - General Updates
    - EMS Staff attended the [EMSAAC Conference](#) in San Diego. The conference focuses on a broad variety of subject matter relevant to all levels of prehospital care personnel and EMS managers.
- SR 911 Lloyd Mackinnon
  - General Updates
    - We are still recruiting new staff and are not fully staffed yet. Over last year SR911 has hired 29 staff and we are actively recruiting.
    - 2,319 SO traffic related calls from 5/22 to 5/29.
- County Security/Threat Assessment Center Lloyd Mackinnon
  - General Updates
    - A lot of activity in City of Modesto, near the Ag Center and at the Salida Library. Completed site assessment for

Probation. Lieutenant MacKinnon has been promoted to work at the coroner's office beginning next week and SO Lt. Ian Dimberg will be replacing Lt. MacKinnon.

- 6.3 Sheriff's Department Report Sheriff Dirkse
- We have a river patrol that officially started May 20 and they work Fri, Sat, Sun and every other Tues and they focus on Stanislaus and Tuolumne rivers. Air Support is available 7 days a week, and any agencies can request air support if needed.
- 6.4 Public Health Report Dr. Papasozomenos
- Federal Public Health Emergency ended on May 11, 2023. There will be changes to the CDC and California COVID-19 Data Dashboards and these dashboards will focus on Hospital visits, ER visits, and deaths (VERIFY).
  - We have resumed our regular meetings with the Mosquito Abatement Districts and a press release was sent out April 11, 2023 to advise the public that mosquito "season" is here. Messaging to prevent mosquito borne illnesses is being disseminated to public.
  - Health Advisory regarding elevated Norovirus was issued by CDPH in April. Impacts were seen mostly at SNF/LTC facilities and at preschool and elementary facilities. Public Health supports impacted facilities with testing and technical assistance.
  - PH has been also messaging the Public on foodborne illness.
- 6.5 Member Reports Council Members
- City of Ceres
    - NRP
  - City of Hughson
    - NDTR
  - City of Modesto
    - NSTR
  - City of Newman
    - The [Newman Fall Festival](#) (Sept 1-4, 2023) is upcoming and a Tunnel to Towers 5K run will be a part of this event.
  - City of Oakdale
    - NRP
  - City of Patterson
    - The [Patterson Apricot Fiesta](#) is this weekend (June 2-4, 2023).
  - City of Riverbank
    - NSTR
  - City of Turlock
    - NSTR
  - City of Waterford
    - NSTR
  - County of Stanislaus
    - NSTR

## 6.6 Partner Reports

OA Partners

- Cal OES
  - Still working to get additional Counties added to the Individual Assistance (IA) and Public Assistance (PA) Programs. The State is continuing to monitor the snow levels across the State and watching snowmelt. Cal OES will be scheduling Mutual Aid training for Stanislaus as it has been a few years.
- Fire Agencies
  - NRP
- EMS Agencies
  - NRP
- Law Enforcement Agencies
  - NRP
- Agricultural Commissioner
  - Still contacting growers and farmers to survey their crop losses. San Joaquin and Merced Counties have been declared and because we are contiguous County, we are included in the Declaration and won't need to Declare separately. The County's [Ag Commissioner's website](#) has information on available assistance programs.
- Environmental Resources
  - NSTR
- Public Works
  - NRP
- Utilities
  - Turlock Irrigation District (TID) – Tuolumne River has been full and steady and TID is lowering the Don Pedro reservoir level to accommodate the incoming snowmelt. The river throughput (cubic feet per second, cfs) is being lowered so we should expect to see a gradual lowering of the Tuolumne River. We should see a peak on the Tuolumne around June 15-19. By end of June/early July, we expect the Reservoir to be full. If forecast inflows change, TID will adjust accordingly. Calvin Curtin will be retiring June 15<sup>th</sup>, and a replacement staff person will be announced soon.
- Other Agencies
  - County General Services Agency (GSA) has been assisting County Security in with security assessments of County sites.

## 7. Announcements

### 7.1 Meeting Schedule

- Next Operational Area Council meeting(s):
  - **September 7, 2023**
  - **December 5, 2023**

## 8. Adjournment

### 8.1

- Meeting Adjourned at 2:45PM

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NRP = No Report Provided

NSTR = Nothing Significant To Report

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