



**Stanislaus County Operational Area Council
Meeting Agenda**

Thursday, November 10, 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 1:37pm by Richard Murdock, Chief of Emergency Services.

2. OAC Membership Roll Call

Ceres	<u>X</u>	Patterson	<u>X</u>	
Hughson	<u>X</u>	Riverbank	___	
Modesto	<u>X</u>	Stanislaus County	<u>X</u>	QUORUM ESTABLISHED (6/10)
Newman	<u>X</u>	Turlock	___	
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.

- No public comments were offered.

4. Approval of Minutes

- 4.1 Operational Area Council Minutes
 - July 28, 2022
 - A motion was made by City of Newman with City of Patterson seconding. All in attendance in favor of approval of July 28, 2022 OAC meeting minutes.

5. Agenda Items

- 5.1 Recommendation to Submit 2022-23 Revised Extreme Cold/Freeze Contingency Plan to Disaster Council for Approval (January 2023)
 - A motion was made by City of Newman with Stanislaus County seconding. All in attendance in favor of recommendation.
- 5.2 Recommendation to Submit 2022 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan with Annexes to Disaster Council for Approval (January 2023)
 - A motion was made by City of Newman with City of Hughson seconding. All in attendance in favor of recommendation.

6. Operational Area Presentations and Reports

- 6.1 Presentations
 - National Weather Service: Weather Forecast Courtney Carpenter
 - See attached “NWS Forecast - StanislausOA_20221110.pdf”
 - OES Strategic Plan Aaron Wilson
 - See attached “OES_EM Strategic Plan Progress Report.pdf”
- 6.2 Office of Emergency Services Reports OES Representatives
 - OES
 - Staffing

- Marcia Barron is the new OES Community Preparedness Analyst. She will be at public events handing out our preparedness material and conducting community workshops, videos and other engagement strategies for community preparedness. If you have an event with space for an OES booth, please contact Marcia or Ruben Wegner.
- Emergency Plans
 - Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan – Cal-OES approved and it is now at FEMA awaiting approval. Cal-OES mentioned that it was one of the best first drafts they have received and kudos to the County and the Contractor for putting together such a great plan.
 - Recovery Plan – Monthly planning meetings are being conducted with key stakeholders focusing on separate areas of the draft plan. Expected to be completed by June 30, 2023.
 - Extreme Cold – Reviewed and no changes. Warming Zones have been verified and are updated on our website:
<https://www.stanemergency.com/pdf/warming-locations.pdf>
 - Rain/Storm Season - Updated Sandbagging locations and posting online at:
<https://www.stanemergency.com/pdf/winter-weather-info.pdf>
 - Draft Alert & Warning Plan is under development. Currently being worked on at OES and will soon involve OA stakeholders. Eventually, OES will conduct an exercise to test A & W processes.
- Funding & Grants
 - Evacuation Route Grant awarded for \$115,000 for Diablo Grande/West Stanislaus area, planning meetings to begin soon on this project. These meetings may involve some OA partners.
- Trainings & Exercises
 - Redundant Comms Drill & Helicopter Down drill with Stanislaus Public Health, OES, EMS, Fire and PIO involved along with hospitals and health care partners. Overall went well, good coordination and communications. Some areas of MHOAC program need improvement and we need to work through the processes of information sharing horizontally (local OA partners) and vertically (Region, State). AAR/IP for this exercise being completed by Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program.
 - See the training calendar online at:
<https://www.stanoes.com/training.shtm>
 - Currently no drills or exercises planned for the next quarter
- Legislative & Regulatory

- SB 552 - Under Senate Bill 552, passed and signed by Governor Gavin Newsom in September 2021, State and local governments will share the responsibility in preparing and acting in the case of a water shortage event. The bill outlines the new requirements for small water suppliers, county governments, DWR, and the State Water Board to implement more proactive drought planning and be better prepared for future water shortage events or dry years. In Stanislaus County, we are working with the County's DER and Water Advisory Committee to monitor the requirements for SB552 and waiting for the State to finalize guidance for the development of Drought plans.

- Fire Warden

Chris Parnell

- General Updates

- The Fire Warden's Office participated in the Healthcare Coalition's Helicopter down drill which was conducted with Doctors Medical Center as the impact site. Response activities and communications including PIO/public info related to a helicopter crash were practiced and the drill included participation from Healthcare Coalition entities (hospitals, long-term care, skilled nursing, congregate care, clinics, etc) AMR Ambulance, Modesto Fire, CALSTAR and REACH, OES, EMS Agency, Public Health and the MHOAC Program, and the Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) organization.
 - Mike Lunn was hired as the County's Fire Training Officer (FTO).
 - Three (3) firefighting missions were flown using the recently acquired [Bambi Buckets](#), totaling 51 runs that dropped over 6,000 gallons of water.

- CERT Program Updates

- There are now 2 cadres of CERT Teams totaling 58 new CERT members. The west side CERT program was incorporated into the County's CERT to form a single program for all of the County.
 - An Ambulance was donated from Patterson Ambulance to the CERT program. This will be used for Firefighter Rehab and other CERT missions.

- EMS

Chad Braner

- General Updates

- July 1st was the start date for the County's new EMS Agency with Director Chad Braner.
 - A mobile app in in development with go-live date of January 2023. This interactive app will include the EMS Agency's policies and procedures.
 - A BHRS grant was awarded for the development of a Mobile Crisis Unit that will have EMTs and Mental Health Professionals staff and respond to calls

requiring psych evaluations with a main goal of keeping psych patients out of the already crowded Hospitals. AMR has donated an ambulance for this initiative and the County is seeking EMTs to staff the program.

- SR 911 Lloyd MacKinnon
 - Staffing Updates
 - Chief Richard Murdock is interim Director of the 911 Agency and Kasey Young has been recently hired as the new Deputy Director. Lt. Lloyd MacKinnon oversees day-to-day operations at this time.
 - New Hires 10/10/22: 1 Emer. Dispatcher, 1 Emer Dispatcher II
 - New Hires 11/21/22: 2 Emer. Dispatchers, 2 Call Takers, 1 PT Call Taker, 1 Radio Engineer
 - Psych Eval Appts this month: 4 Emer. Dispatchers
 - Completing Background: 1 Call Taker, 4 PT Call Takers
 - Dispatch and Call Data
 - 10/31/22 to 11/6/22 Fire dispatchers - 1292 radio calls
 - 10/31/22 to 11/6/22 Modesto dispatcher -2554 radio calls
 - 10/31/22 to 11/6/22 SO dispatcher -1970 radio calls
 - 10/31/22 to 11/6/22 total Phone interactions - 11,574 phone calls per year are well over 500k
- County Security/Threat Assessment Center Lloyd MacKinnon
 - Staffing Updates
 - TAC currently only has 2 Analysts, 1 intern and 1 Detective.
 - County Security is staffed with 4 part-time retired Police Officers with a total of 100 years of experience. If you need site assessment, please contact lmackinnon@stansheriff.com

6.3 Sheriff's Department Report Sheriff Dirkse

- NRP

6.4 Public Health Report Dr. Vaishampayan

- Richard Murdock led the OAC in the acknowledgement of Dr. Vaishampayan and her years of service to the County.
- Many COVID strains at this time are derived from the "Omicron" strain. We still have few treatment options, but California is stable with no current COVID surge.
- [Respiratory syncytial virus](#) (RSV) is on the rise and the greatest impact is in our pediatric and elderly populations, with many pediatric units rapidly filling up across the State. Cleanliness is key to prevention as there is no vaccine and minimal treatment options.
- For flu seasonal forecasting, we monitor the Southern hemisphere and we saw that Australia had a bad flu season, so Dr V.

anticipates that we can expect a heavy flu and viral respiratory infection season.

- Messaging continues to be: stay home if sick, wash hands and keep them away from the eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Ebola is spreading in Uganda and the County will monitor any sick travelers for 21 days if coming from the region.

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 - NSTR
- Fire Agencies - NSTR
- EMS Agencies - NSTR
- Law Enforcement Agencies - NSTR
- Agricultural Commissioner - NSTR
- Environmental Resources - NSTR
- Public Works - NSTR
- Utilities - NSTR
- Other Agencies - NSTR

7. Announcements

7.1 Meeting Schedules

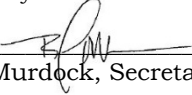
- Next Disaster Council meeting: **March 30, 2023**
- Next Operational Area Council meeting: **March 9, 2023**

8. Adjournment

8.1 Meeting Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm

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Richard Murdock, Secretary

NRP = No Report Provided (not present)

NSTR = Nothing Significant to Report