



Stanislaus County Operational Area Council



July 15, 2021
Meeting Notes

I. Call to Order

Richard Murdock called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm.

II. Roll Call/Introductions (members present bolded)

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. A QUORUM WAS NOT MET.

III. Approval of Minutes

A quorum was not met and approval of the October 15, 2020, the January 21, 2021 and April 29, 2021 minutes be moved to the next meeting in October.

IV. Presentations (see attached presentation slides)

- a) Weather Forecast presented by Courtney Carpenter with the National Weather Service
- b) Drought Conditions and Reservoir Status presented by Walt Ward with Dept. of Environmental Resources

V. Informational Items

a) Public Health:

- COVID Response Update/COVID Vaccination Update
Increase in cases, primarily of the Delta variant. Two doses needed for delta variant with Pfizer showing 88% efficacy with two doses and 30% with only one dose. County is preparing to ramp up operations and anticipating an increase in hospitalizations. County's vaccination rates currently at 45% fully vaccinated and 12% partially vaccinated. At this time, boosters are not recommended.

b) OES:

- Wildfire Tabletop Exercise
OES is conducting a wildfire TTX on August 3rd. Goal is to discuss coordination of resources and evacuation priorities. Cal-Fire will be participating with local emergency management and related stakeholders.

- Training

The Multi-Year Training and Exercise Plan (MYTEP) is now built into the Integrated Preparedness Plan (IPP). Request for any organization's that are conducting trainings to send this information to OES training coordinator. Upcoming trainings include ICS 100/700, 300/400, G-775, G-191 and some TEEEX courses G-315 and G-414. CERT is also beginning in Stanislaus and CERT trainings will be offered later this year.

- Security and Fusion Center

County security continues to assist with consultations on confidential HR-related matters that have potential to create disturbances at the workplace. Site safety assessments are being conducted. This week we began work with the Sheriff's substations at Waterford and Riverbank. We will also conduct one at the Patterson substation. Conducted follow-up investigations on cross reports from the Fusion Center, various departments and law enforcement agencies throughout the county involving subjects that cause disturbances or potential workplace violence incidents that may or may not elevate to law enforcement response. So far since the beginning of 2021 we've handled approx. 150 cross-reported incidents. We average approx. 21 incidents/month.

- Radio Project – AB 109

First part of this project is completed and have purchased radios for all FDs in County. As of this week we will have most of these radios installed. Currently starting county-wide radio reprogramming once installations are completed. For notification system for emergencies, we have acquired pagers for staff (Phoenix G2) station alerting for all paid fire stations and provides an app that will alert all fire personnel. Working with Law Enforcement to share towers. Excess funding allowed for update of MDCs and in process of setting these up and will distribute to FDs.

VI. Operational Area JPA Member and Partner Reports

a) Cities- Nothing to report for cities

Ceres: No report

Hughson: No report

Modesto: No report

Newman/Patterson: No report

Oakdale: None

Riverbank: None

Turlock: No report

Waterford: No report

b) Cal OES: Patti Tran is the new Inland Region Cal OES ESC. State is still activated for COVID and now for the fires up north in Mutual Aid region V.

c) Fire: One strike team out returning home. Potential for reassignment.

d) EMS: Nothing to report

- e) Law Enforcement: Nothing to report
- f) Agricultural Commissioner: based on fires last year, Ag Commissioner shared there is an agricultural pass program. Meeting on August 19 to see if we have a need for this here in Stanislaus County.
- g) Public Works: Nothing to report
- h) Utilities:
 - MID – Experienced a small # of minor power outages. Sending notifications to customers to conserve water. Recent update of Wildfire Mitigation Plan.
 - TID – Transformers were expected to go offline but had minimal impact to transformers. Don Pedro Dam at 753 feet elevation at this time. We are updating the Don Pedro and Turlock Lake EAPs, also the La Grande Dam. Will be holding a seminar on all three dams around the end of September.
 - PG&E – Not present
- i) Other Agencies:

Community Services Agency (CSA) – CSA is responsible for C&S in disasters. COVID DOC is still active. Still providing CARE unit support. Have been planning with ARC on wildfire evacuations and planning on having Temporary Evacuation Points (TEPs) available again this year. ARC will be going back to congregate setting strategy for any sheltering needs instead of hotel voucher program.

VII. Announcements

- a) 2021 Op Area Council Meetings – October 14
- b) Disaster Council Meeting – October 21

VIII. Meeting Adjourned – Meeting adjourned at 2:52pm

Respectfully Submitted by: Aaron Wilson