



# Stanislaus County Operational Area Council



January 16, 2020  
Meeting Notes

## I. Call to Order

Richard Murdock called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm.

## II. Roll Call/Introductions

JPA Members: Stanislaus County, City of Newman, City of Ceres, City of Oakdale, City of Waterford. Quorum met.

## III. Approval of Minutes

Chief Keith Bowen, City of Newman moved and Lonnie Statzer, City of Waterford seconded approving the October 17, 2019 Minutes. Motion passed.

## IV. Presentations

### a) October 2019 Pediatric Exercise Video – Shannon Williams OES

Learned that a lot of the equipment needs to be updated. Plans need to be updated, enhance the pediatric burn plan. Great multiagency coordination exercise. Jana Mitchell stated all the hospitals had their social workers and case managers stationed so they could see what the needs were.

### b) Cybersecurity Threats / Local Actions – Ev Plascencia ITC and Ron Reid SO/OES

Ev gave a presentation on Cybersecurity. During his presentation he stated this is a big year due to elections. ITC is using a program called KnowB4 which sends fake fishing emails to employees to test if they notice the fishing attempt and respond accordingly.

Ron Reid spoke about “See something, say something.” If you see a weird incident, report it, as it could turn out to be something significant in the future. OES has a county security team that investigates these types of incidents that aren’t necessarily 911 call worthy. Jim Ferrera asked who to contact regarding ransomware. Individuals should contact their internal IT Depts and also can contact the OES security team.

## V. Informational Items

### a) Public Health:

- Seasonal Flu Outlook - Dr. Papa reported there are two strains of flu out there, Influenza B and Influenza A. H1N1 is the prominent strain.

There are currently 7 ICU admissions aging in range of 20s to 50s and 1 death.

b) TID/MID:

- Winter Flood Control Actions  
TID – Olivia Cramer Hydrologist- precipitation totals are 66% of average, 400000 33ft of elevation, room in Don Pedro.  
MID – agrees with TID.

c) OES:

- PIT Count  
Melba- Happening next week in each of the cities and Stanislaus County areas. Happens every year and a requirement by HUD. We get funding based on how the count goes.
- CERT Program  
Melba- Hiring a PT CERT coordinator on Tuesday to start a new program in the County, training and creating teams. Chris Parnell is the contact.
- Training Opportunities through OES/THIRA  
Shannon- put out the new 2020 spring training calendar. Offering two ICS 300 classes. Flyers on the back table for critical infrastructure training and update of the HMP training.
- Hazard Mitigation Grant/Plan  
Melba- We applied for a grant, haven't heard about the funding yet. We will have a consultant come in and prepare a multijurisdictional plan. We have a county plan only through FEMA. Cities signed letters of commitment. They will need to take the THIRA course.
- Flood Plan  
Shannon- Working with vendor on flood plan. Complete project done by March.
- La Grange Siren- Aaron Wilson  
Siren is meant to alert citizens due to a damn break. Putting together tests for the system. Will be educating the citizens. Making good progress. Want to look at elevation levels. Might be having an exercise.
- EOC Management Team  
OES is going to resurrect the EOC Management Team. Been receiving input from core team, want to do more hands-on exercises. Most of the team has had classroom training. Will be reaching out for new members after buy in from County Dept Heads. We are the only County that has this type of team, thanks to Dave Funk and the core team.

- PSPS Funding / Equipment Purchase  
OES has asked for proposals for funding and we had 3 entities ask for funding. Public Works generators, City of Newman/Patterson/West Stan to provide support to the community resource center. Parks and Recreation for generators.

## VI. Operational Area JPA Member and Partner Reports

- a) Cities-  
Ceres: Raining in Ceres today. Brought up that this is Melba's last meeting and thanked her for her work.  
Hughson: Nothing to report  
Modesto: Nothing to report  
Newman/Patterson: Excited to hear about CERT program.  
Oakdale: Raining in Oakdale today. Brought on a new canine trained in firearms and ammunition, dog is an asset for mutual aid.  
Riverbank: Nothing to report  
Turlock: Nothing to report  
Waterford: Nothing to report
- b) Cal OES: Nothing to report
- c) Emmanuel- Jana Mitchell- hospitals are all in surge. Need more beds.
- d) EMS: Tom- Spoke about the after-action report from the pediatric surge exercise. We are all struggling with the new norm. Hospitals are always full. We are blessed to have partners to coordinate with in this county.
- e) Law Enforcement: No report
- f) Agricultural Commissioner: Newcastle disease spreading. Nutria was captured off 800 W. Taylor Road. First one in a cement lined canal.
- g) Public Works: No report
- h) Utilities: Jason TID – no report  
  
MID- Emergency operations plan adopted in December
- i) Other Agencies:  
  
American Red Cross: Desperate need for volunteers. You can go to the website. Regarding the homeless, should we bring in the Salvation Army to assist? Richard Murdock spoke about the County's plan for the homeless shelter and the money coming to assist that may address some of the homeless issues. County PIO Amy Vickery spoke about the homeless committee and the plans for the shelters, the police are trying to stop the sleeping in parks, and the SHA Stanislaus Housing Alliance.

Gallo: Interested in our CERT program.

ITC: Ev Plascencia the Cybersecurity Officer is leaving the County.

CSA: Helping the Red Cross update care and shelter plans.

SCOE: Enjoyed the Cybersecurity presentation, focusing on the Census 2020 for funding.

Team Rubicon: Jason Hicks wants to partner more with the community.

Latino Emergency Council (LEC): Dale Butler is happy to hear about the CERT program, excited to be a partner. Aaron will be giving a presentation at the LEC. He thanked Melba for all her work.

Advancing Vibrant Communities: Mike Douglass connecting with Team Rubicon to serve the community. Liaisoned with the County PIO regarding the PSPS on the radio station.

SR-911: Wendy Silva says phone upgrades is a necessary project.

**VII. Announcements**

- a) 2020 Op Area Council Meetings – April 16, July 16, October 15, 1:30 p.m. at Harvest Hall

**VIII. Meeting Adjourned – 2:55 p.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted by: Casi Persons**