



Stanislaus County Operational Area Council



October 17, 2019
Meeting Notes

I. Call to Order

Richard Murdock called the meeting to order at 1:40 pm.

II. Roll Call/Introductions

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

Partner Agencies: Cal OES, National Weather Service, Turlock Irrigation District, American Red Cross, Advancing Vibrant Communities, Stanislaus County CEO, Latino Emergency Council (LEC), Stanislaus Regional 9-1-1, District Attorney's Office, E & J Gallo, Modesto Irrigation District, Stanislaus County Health Services Agency, Stanislaus County Community Services Agency, Mountain Valley Emergency Medical Services Agency, Agricultural Commissioner, Team Rubicon, Stanislaus Probation.

III. Approval of Minutes

Chief Keith Bowen, City of Neman moved and Lonnie Statzer, City of Waterford seconded approving the January 17, 2019 minutes. Motion passed.

IV. Presentations

- a) District Attorney Victim Services – Cheryl Titus and Alejandra Rodriguez
Alejandra presented information on the Victim Services Unit and noted that they provide assistance to victims and help them walk through the criminal justice system. They can refer out to other services in the county and can help them apply for help and support them in court. They work with local law and prosecutors and can provide advocates. They are working to build a mass-casualty response program and to be able to respond to a large-scale incident. They work with neighboring counties as well as locally. They respond to events such as the Gilroy shooting. They have advocates that speak Spanish as well. They are looking forward to working with us if needed. We would request their services through police departments and it must involve a crime.
- b) Advancing Vibrant Communities – Rev. Michael Douglass
Rev. Michael Douglass presented a power point and provided his history. He served 10 years in Law Enforcement and then HazMat, and then worked for the State. He also worked for FEMA. He was a Deputy Chief with the Governor's Office and worked on FIRESCOPE in So. California. He then went into full-time ministry in Modesto. He founded AVC 17 years ago with the mission to connect those who would like to serve others with needs in the community. Their volunteers can work through existing agencies in an emergency or disaster – their

mission is every day. Their website is driven by Meet the Need Search Engine software – it is free and anyone can use it. Their research is available to any organization. They have 24 pages of needs that are active right now. They also have specialty teams – the average age is 70. They get calls from Area on Aging, hospitals, etc. They ask if those asking for help can provide or assist in funding the materials. Examples of work done include steps, stairs, repairs, ramps, etc. There is a group called Furniture Friends that deliver furniture. They have an all-volunteer medical team that goes three times a year to the west side collaborative to help meet medical needs. They also have first aid available to the church in the park. They serve day-to-day needs and are available to join with other groups in times of emergencies.

c) Team Rubicon – Robert Madrid

Robert Madrid gave a power point presentation on Team Rubicon. It was founded in 2010 in response to the Haiti Earthquake by two Marines. They have operations both domestically and internationally. They have 130 full-time employees and 800 plus regional leaders who are volunteers, along with 100,000 members distributed across 10 geographical regions. They are a non-profit organization. Their mission is to engage military veterans in disaster response in order to address two key issues: opportunity for continued service and repurpose skills and experiences for effective disaster relief. Their capabilities include Incident Management, Debris Management, Spontaneous Volunteer Management, Damage Assessments, Hazard Mitigation, Disaster Mapping and Work Order Management, Expedient Home Repair, and International: Emergency Medicine and Primary Care.

d) TID Local Hazard Mitigation Plan – Calvin Curtin

Calvin Curtin presented a power point explaining their Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. They listed their Risks as Dam Failure at Don Pedro and Turlock Lake, Flooding, Wildland Fire, Earthquake, Landslide, Extreme Weather, and Public Health Emergency. Calvin discussed possible impacts to TID and mitigation strategies. He explained their timeline and hope to have the Final LHMP adopted by the TID Board by August 2020. A copy of the draft plan is available for review.

e) National Weather Service – Cory Mueller, NOAA

Cory Mueller presented a power point detailing the 2019-2020 Northern California Winter Weather Outlook. Last season, Modesto received 13.35 inches of rain, or 105% of normal. Reservoirs in the State are in good shape heading into this season. The prediction for this year is neutral – no El Nino, or La Nina. There is a slight favoring of the El Nino side, however neutral favors drier than normal. The projection is that the weather will be warmer than average in November, December, January and February. The projections for January, February and March are warmer than average, but no drier than average. California averages 5 strong atmospheric rivers each year. Cory encourage everyone to sign up with iNWS to receive mobile text alerts regarding weather.

V. Agenda Items

- a) Approval as to Form of the Revised Stanislaus County Emergency Operations Plan and Emergency Support Functions and to Forward to the Disaster Council for approval

Scott Heller with the City of Oakdale made the motion to approve and Chief Keith Bowen, City of Newman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- b) Approval of the Operational Area Agreement and to Forward to the Disaster Council for Approval

Lonnie Statzer with the City of Waterford made the motion to approve and Scott Heller, City of Oakdale seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- c) Approval to Accept Team Rubicon as an Affiliated Disaster Service Worker Volunteer Group in Stanislaus County and Forward to the Disaster Council for Approval and Registration

Scott Heller with the City of Oakdale made the motion to approve and Lonnie Statzer, City of Waterford seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Informational Items

- a) PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) Program
Richard Murdock reported that OES had a Level 3 activation of the EOC. There were some challenges but the team came together with stakeholders and we were able to create our own maps and open a second Community Resource Center in Oakdale.
- b) OES Restructure
Richard Murdock discussed the restructure of the Office of Emergency Services and welcomed Aaron Wilson to OES. Additional positions will be filled in 2020.
- c) Training Opportunities through OES
There is an ICS 300 class with available space scheduled in November. Check the Stanoes.com website for ongoing training opportunities.
- d) Public Health – Seasonal Flu
Dr. Vaishampayan reported that the flu season in Australia was reportedly severe and that may indicate a more severe flu season for us. She encouraged everyone to get their flu shot.

VII. Operational Area Discipline Reports

- a) Cities:
 - Ceres: No representative.
 - Hughson: No representative.
 - Modesto: No representative.
 - Newman: Nothing new to report.
 - Oakdale: Regarding the PG&E event, it was good to get the message that power was restored. They participated recently in the county-wide PIO Exercise.
 - Patterson: Nothing new to report.
 - Riverbank: No representative.
 - Turlock: No representative.
 - Waterford: Nothing new to report.

- b) Public Health:
 - Jim Ferrera noted that they learned a lot with the PSPS. It was not as bad as it could have been.

- c) Fire:
 - No report.

- d) EMS:
 - Steve Hartwig with Mountain Valley EMSA reported that Mountain Valley has a new medical director: Greg Kann. There is a statewide medical exercise on November 7. They are getting ready for that. Noted that with the PSPS, it affected 5 counties and in one case, the hospital was on generator power, but on the street, the businesses still had electricity.

- e) Law Enforcement:
 - Nothing new to report.

- f) Agricultural Commissioner:
 - No report.

- g) Public Works:
 - No report.

- h) Utilities:
 - No report.

- i) Other Agencies:
 - American Red Cross: Nothing new to report.

 - Latino Emergency Council (LEC): Dale Butler noted that they have at meeting tomorrow at 8:15, 1514 H. Street, Modesto. Calvin Curtin with TID will present. Richard Murdock will be presenting at their November meeting.

 - SR-911 – Wendy Silva noted that the SR-911 tower has a back up generator.

VIII. Announcements

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

IX. Meeting Adjourned – 3:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Chris Holmer