



Stanislaus County Operational Area Council



January 18, 2018
Meeting Notes

I. Call to Order

Melba Hibbard called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

II. Public Comment

None

III. Roll Call/Introductions

JPA Members: Stanislaus County, City of Hughson, City of Turlock, City of Newman, City of Riverbank.

Partner Agencies: Stanislaus County Sheriff, Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District, Latino Emergency Council (LEC), Yosemite Community College District, Gallo, American Red Cross, Stanislaus County Public Works, Catholic Charities, Stanislaus County Health Services Agency, Turlock Irrigation District, Stanislaus Animal Services Agency, Agricultural Commissioner, Pacific Gas & Electric, Advancing Vibrant Communities, CHP Modesto, National Weather Service Sacramento, Mountain Valley EMS Agency, Emanuel Medical Center, Cal OES, CSU Stanislaus, Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Chief Christianson, Stanislaus County Sheriff moved, and Norma Torres-Manriquez seconded approving the October 19, 2017 Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Presentations

- a) Cindy Matthews with the National Weather Service in Sacramento presented a Power Point presentation giving a winter weather update and reviewing the rainfall received so far this season. We are behind from last year but not as bad as the drought years. All of the major reservoirs have water that is above the historically normal for this time of year. The snow pack to date is below average but it's still early in the water/snow cycle. January through March account for much of the snow accumulation. The forecast is for normal temperatures. Predicting La Nina as likely through the Northern Hemisphere winter with a transition to ENSO-neutral expected during the spring. Questions? Contact Cindy.Matthews@noaa.gov.
- b) Aaron Wilson with Public Health reported on the Medical Reserve Corps deployment and gave an overview of their response to the Napa/Sonoma fires in

October. Four nurses went to provide medical nursing at the shelters. He distributed and discussed the After-Action Report and the Corrective Action Plan.

- c) The Northern CA Catastrophic Flood Response Plan (NCCFRP) power point presentation was given by Lynne Olsen, Senior Emergency Services Coordinator, Planning and Preparedness Branch, Cal OES. The State lead the planning with FEMA support. Ten counties were included in the plan, noting that all of California would be impacted by a catastrophic flood, including care and shelter needs from non-impacted counties. For questions or more information, contact Lynne Olsen at lynne.olson@caloes.ca.gov.

VI. Agenda Items

Review the Amended Disaster Council and Operational Council Policy and Procedures Manual and Approve to forward to the Disaster Council for Review and Acceptance. Melba Hibbard from Stanislaus County OES reviewed the changes and updates made from the 2009 Policy and Procedure Manual. Julian Irrigoyen with CHP Modesto motioned, and Keith Bowen from Newman seconded to approve and forward the Policy and Procedure Manual to the Disaster Council for Review and Acceptance. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Informational Items – Office of Emergency Services

- a) Annual Affiliated volunteers Disaster Service Worker Report
Melba Hibbard reported that ARES has 52 members and offers 12 trainings per year, one each month as well as 10 public service events each year. They have a very robust program and plan to continue. No information on the CERT Program was available.
- b) Training opportunities through OES
Shannon Williams reviewed the training opportunities for NIMS required courses is available and noted that the training schedule and sign up information could be found at stanoes.com.

VIII. Operational Area Discipline Reports

- a) Cal OES:
Terri Mejorado with Cal OES discussed how the Inland Region was utilized by the Coastal Region for the October Fires for sheltering, recovery and debris removal. They were assigned for 36 days for response in Santa Rosa. Their staff was also utilized to back fill positions in the recent Southern California fires. This was good training for the Inland Region staff.
- b) Cities:
Hughson, Riverbank, Turlock and Newman had nothing new to report.
- c) Public Health:

Jim Ferrera reported that we are in Flu Season, from October to March. To date, there have been 4 fatalities with 2 under age 65. There have been 5 outbreaks in long-term care facilities, and 27 ICU cases.

Tom Morton with Mountain Valley EMSA discussed the challenges with dealing with the flu regarding ambulance availability and noted that the flu incidents seem to be stabilizing.

d) Fire:

Chief Klevmyr reported that it has been a busy and extremely long fire season. He noted that we located everyone available to send on Strike Teams.

e) Law Enforcement:

Lt. Cordova noted that upcoming training will focus on Multi-Agency training and include an active shooter scenario and will involve the City of Modesto, EMS and Hospitals. Watch for the flier.

CHP Officers Julian Irigoyen and Geraldo Serrato reported that their special response team assisted Santa Rosa in their evacuations due to the fires.

f) Agricultural Commissioner:

Dan Bernaciak noted that the Nutria Rat had been found in Grayson and that it is an invasive species.

g) Utilities:

Calvin Curtain with TID reported that that Don Pedro is well below flood stage. TID monitors Dry Creek and the Tuolumne River and as the lake fills, it increased their releases as needed.

h) Other Agencies:

American Red Cross: Todd Chrisman reported that their National Warehouse in Reno was affected by whiteout conditions and that there are talks to have a warehouse in Sacramento for better access.

Latino Emergency Council (LEC): Dale Butler noted that they have a meeting tomorrow at 8:15, 1514 H. Street, Modesto, and Modesto Fire Chief Alan Ernst will be speaking about the recent California fires. They will also be recognizing David Jones for his service on their Board of Directors.

IX. Announcements

- a) 2018 Op Area Council Meetings – April 19 (Joint Meeting with Disaster Council), July 19, and October 18. All meetings begin at 1:30 p.m. at Harvest Hall.

X. Meeting Adjourned – 2:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Chris Holmer