



Stanislaus County Operational Area Council



October 18, 2018
Meeting Notes

I. Call to Order

Eric Holly called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm.

II. Public Comment

None

III. Roll Call/Introductions

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

Partner Agencies: Stanislaus County Sheriff, Latino Emergency Council (LEC), Stanislaus County Public Works, Catholic Charities, Stanislaus County Health Services Agency, Turlock Irrigation District, Modesto Irrigation District, Agricultural Commissioner, Advancing Vibrant Communities, National Weather Service Sacramento, Mountain Valley EMS Agency, SR – 911, Cal OES, Stanislaus County Farm Bureau, Stanislaus County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, CSU Stanislaus, Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources, United Way.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Chief Christianson, Stanislaus County Sheriff moved, and Chief Ernst seconded approving the January 18, 2018 Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Presentations

- a) Point In Time (PIT) Count – Kyle DeJesus, with the CEO-Focus on Prevention, presented a Point In Time (PIT) County Power Point presentation explaining the one day snap shot of the homeless in Stanislaus County, both sheltered and not shelters. This is an unduplicated count, on a single day of the year, of all individuals in a county who are experiencing homelessness. In 2016, the total number of homeless individuals was 1,434. In 2017, it was 1,661, and in 2018, it was 1,356. This year, the Stanislaus County Community System of Care (CSOC) Council is working with Stanislaus County OES to help coordinate the PIT Count using the Incident Command System (ICS). Volunteers are needed to work with the Homeless Outreach and Engagement team to help the homeless community members complete survey/questionnaires. Various training dates are set in Riverbank, Salida, Patterson, Turlock and Modesto. Donations for the homeless are accepted at Redeemer Church, 820 H. Street, Modesto, from 12-17-18 through 12-20-18, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Point of contact: Vicky Baker (209) 523-

8990. He is also developing a flier listing items for donations and where to take them. For more information, contact dejesusk@stancounty.com

- b) National Weather Service - Cindy Matthews with the National Weather Service in Sacramento presented a Power Point presentation providing a review for 2018 and giving a winter weather update, as well as introducing three new hires by Christmas. The Water year for 2017-18 was below average, however the reservoir levels are still near historical normals. According to the CPC, and El Nino is favored to form in the next couple of months and continue through the Northern Hemisphere for winter 2018-19 (70-75%). However, for us, that does not guarantee lots of rain. The Outlook for November – April is equal chances for precipitation for our area with no strong indicators. Questions? Contact Cindy.Matthews@noaa.gov.
- c) Deployment to Carr Fire – Shannon Williams presented a Power Point presentation about her EMMA deployment to Shasta County where she worked in their EOC as the Planning Chief for a week. Shannon described the destruction of the fire noting that it burned 229,651 acres and destroyed 1600 structures. It was the 6th most destructive fire. It caused extreme weather with a fire tornado, 40,000 residents were evacuated, and 6 shelters were opened. Drones were used to take pictures of damage caused by the fire.

VI. Agenda Items

- a) Approve to Create a Volunteer and Donations Management Plan Task Force Led by the Office of Emergency Services to Develop a Volunteer and Donations Management Plan. Sheriff Christianson motioned, and Norma Manriquez from Riverbank seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

VII. Informational Items

- a) Transportation Task Force Status
Melba Hibbard with Stanislaus County OES reported that in 2017, the Operational Area Council voted to establish a Transportation Task Force. OES has Grant funding to write a plan, but there were no bites on the RFP. We may be writing in-house and will contact the task force members when ready. The goal is to have a plan ready by early 2020.
- b) Stanislaus County Health Care Emergency Preparedness Coalition (SCHEPC)
Shannon Williams with Stanislaus OES gave updates on projects reporting that SCHEPC is a coalition of Hospitals, skilled nursing, clinics, etc. that work together to develop coordinated strategies to manage medical surge before, during, and after a disaster. They are updating coalition MOUs with facilities to share resources during an emergency – 34 have signed to date.
Pediatric disaster surge plan project started in 2016 as an after-action item from the Statewide Medial Health Exercise. The purpose is to help prepare hospitals for a mass casualty event with a disproportionate

number of pediatric casualties. The coalition is working to identify Closed point of dispensing (POD) sites which are sites where medications are distributed to a specific population (i.e. school, business, hospital facility) – developing plans in the community, sometimes it is more effective to push medications out to the community rather than ask them to come to us. We are looking at transitioning the hospital status monitoring system from EMsystems, to ReddiNet to monitor emergency room surge and bed availability.

- c) Training Opportunities through OES
Shannon Williams reported that the Training Schedule for Spring has been drafted, but not finalized. The G191 class scheduled for November 1, still has a few seats left. The training schedule and registration information is online at stanoes.com
- d) Public Health – Seasonal Flu
Dr. Vaishampayan, Public Health Officer, reported that West Nile was very mild this year and the Flu Season was expected to be mild this year based on how Australia was doing. Last year was a bad year for the flu. It is not yet flu season, but there are reports of respiratory issues.

VIII. Operational Area Discipline Reports

- a) Cal OES:
Elsy Votino commended Shannon for deploying to Shasta County to help during the Carr Fire. She reported that 2018 has been a very busy year with Cal OES still helping with recovery efforts and preparing for power outages. They have also been supporting Southern California.
- b) Cities:
Ceres: No representative
Hughson: Nothing new to report
Modesto: Nothing new to report
Newman: Nothing new to report
Oakdale: No representative
Patterson: No representative
Riverbank: Norma Manriquez reported that Riverbank participated in the Great California ShakeOut earlier today.
Turlock: Nothing new to report.
Waterford: Peni Basalusalu reported that the new communication tower is almost completed, and it will go live in November.
- c) Public Health:
Jim Ferrera reported that he and Eric Holly participated in an evacuation drill with Garden City. They are considering inviting other emergency managers to observe next time.

- d) Fire:
Chief White reported that all skilled nursing centers, as well as dialysis locations are required to have a relationship with Fire, but it is not feasible, so a coalition has been created which includes Stan State, TID, and the City of Turlock.
Chief Holly reported that he and Shannon are working on training classes for fire agencies. New information will be available at the next Chiefs' meeting.
- e) Law Enforcement:
Sheriff Christianson noted that this is his last OAC meeting before retiring. The Sheriff's Department has accomplished amazing things. All is well. In addition to the Waterford Communication Tower, there is another one being built in Patterson. Both will address interoperability, which benefits everyone. Jody Hayes, CEO thanked the Sheriff.
- f) Agricultural Commissioner:
Dan Bernaciak noted that there has been an Avian Influenza – low pathogenic H7N3 outbreak in Stanislaus County affecting 5 flocks. The first was confirmed on September 8 and the last was on October 11. A DOC was opened.
- g) Public Works:
Nothing new to report.
- h) Utilities:
Jason Hicks with TID reported that all is well. Jason Carkeet introduced Olivia Cramer, a new Utility Analyst-Hydrologist. He noted that they are waiting to see how accurate City Matthew's predictions are. Also, TID has a few more new weather stations going on line, specifically at Turlock Lake and Don Pedro.
- i) MVEMSA:
Nothing new to report.
- j) Other Agencies:

Latino Emergency Council (LEC): Dale Butler noted that they have a meeting tomorrow at 8:15, 1514 H. Street, Modesto.

SR-911: Wendy Silva reported that the new radio console will tentatively go live on November 23. They are excited for the new towers and increased coverage. The CAD to CAD interface will be presented to the fire chiefs in November, and if all goes well, will go live in November.

Farm Bureau: Tom Orvis reported that there has been dust in the air for a while. Also, there has been pesticide training involving the use of drones, as well as autonomous vehicles.

IX. Announcements

- a) 2019 Op Area Council Meetings – To be determined.

X. Meeting Adjourned – 2:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Chris Holmer