



# Stanislaus County Operational Area Council



October 20, 2016  
Meeting Notes

## **I. Call to Order**

Chief Holly called the meeting to order at 3:06 pm and thanked the Salvation Army for hosting the OAC meeting.

## **II. Public Comment**

None

## **III. Roll Call/Introductions**

JPA Members: Stanislaus County, City of Turlock, City of Modesto.

Partner Agencies: The National Weather Service (NWS), Turlock Irrigation District (TID), Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E), Health Services Agency/Public Health, Stanislaus County General Services Agency (GSA), Stanislaus County Ag Commissioner, Stanislaus County Behavioral Health and Recovery (BHRS), Advancing Vibrant Communities, Latino Emergency Council (LEC), United Way, Salvation Army, California State University Stanislaus, Mountain Valley EMS Agency (MVEMSA).

## **IV. Approval of Minutes**

The approval of the January 21, 2016 and the July 28, 2016 minutes were postponed to the next OAC meeting due to the lack of a quorum.

## **V. Presentations**

### a) National Weather Service – Winter Forecast

Cindy Matthews from the National Weather Services reviewed the drought monitor and reports that Stanislaus County is still in 'extreme drought' (D3) conditions. Conditions are not expected to change until the area sees significant rainfall. The 2015-16 precipitation totals were reviewed and noted last year was 75-125% of normal. The storm system from the previous week (October 9-15) provided greater than 1.5" of rain. The area is expecting another storm system around Tuesday (October 25) that will not be as big as the last system. Reservoir conditions are average with only New Melones below average. The forecast is 70% chance for the fall of La Niña conditions and 55% chance of the same during the winter months. Long range models and outlooks are headed towards a neutral storm track, which is good because neutral conditions during the last 10 years resulted in more wet conditions. The 3 month outlook: Nov/Dec/Jan there is probability of above normal temperatures; Dec/Jan/Feb temperature outlooks will still be warm and larger portions of the southern state will be drier than normal; Jan/Feb/Mar

looks the same as the previous three months. Cindy advised that the county needs to be prepared for flooding which can still occur in a drought.

The following websites were referenced for more information:

[www.weather.gov/STO](http://www.weather.gov/STO) for watches, warnings, and advisories &

[www.cnrfc.noaa.gov](http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov) for the river forecast website

## **VI. Agenda Items**

No Action Items noted.

## **VII. Informational Items – Office of Emergency Services**

- a) Op Area Flood Response Plan- This is a Department of Water Resources (DWR) grant item. Stanislaus County received a \$200K grant from DWR. The signed grant documents have been received and Deb Thrasher will be leading this project. For the OP Area Response Plan the county is working with the mid San Joaquin river flood workgroup. This group will be working on the Dos Rios area to make it into a natural habitat that might absorb flooding in the area. There will be more to come on this.
- b) ICS Training Update- FEMA will no longer pay for courses that can be found online and will no longer fund classes for 100/700/800/200b. Stanislaus is starting to steer everyone to online 100/700 NIMS courses. The county will gear funds to a 4 hour refresher for 100/200/700/800 NIMS courses. The 300/400 courses will still be provided. Some of the fire classes will now be provided through the state fire marshal. The RFP's for training went out last Friday for HAZMAT, CICCIS, emergency management (to include position specific training), and rescue systems. The county is hoping by end of the year (or January timeframe) to have everything lined up for all of the ICS courses for the next year. All courses will be tuition free and approved as state certified course provided by CSTI.
- c) EOC Credentialing- On October 31, 2016 the SEMS tech committee will meet and should make some decisions about the EOC credentialing training proposals. Proposed are both professional development and credentialing tracks. There are three proposed credentialing levels: Type I, II, and III. Stanislaus is aiming to get all of the EOCCMT trained as type III (basic level). Type II (advanced) will be used for filling EMMA requests and Type I (expert) is for any in-state deployments or out of state deployments. Reimbursements are still a question of debate through EMMA. Emergency management specialist cert will still be avail through FEMA Emergency Management Institute (EMI). It was noted that any of the 300/400 courses for credentialing that one has taken through StanOES, the State will grandfather in for credentialing. Disaster Service Worker training has been completed for all current county employees and there is a PPT available to review for new employees.
- d) GIS Mapping for Reclamation Districts- The county has had issues in the past with identifying Reclamation Districts' (RD) POC's. Past issues with the cost of maintenance have led to many districts wanting to retire the RD. If this happens it will alter the flood response plan.

- e) Annual NIMS Assessment- This was submitted to the State today (October 20). This year's survey changed to a 16 question survey rather than reporting agency/organizations numbers.
- f) Temporary Water Assistance Program- This program is slowing down for applications but is still going. The sixteenth update to the proclamation was submitted earlier this month to the Board of Supervisors for approval.
- g) EOC Management Team Upcoming Training- Each section lead will be coordinating a meeting of what the specific needs are for that group. Any ideas for training needs should be discussed and communicated with OES. The county will try to find specific trainings that could support the needs of the groups. The EOC potluck will not happen this year in December but may occur in the spring.
- h) City Emergency Operations Plans Updates- Turlock and Oakdale are almost done and OES is still working on the ADA formatting.
- i) Hazard Mitigation Plan- A workshop will happen Wednesday November 30, 2016 from 1330-1530. Please RSVP by Wednesday November 26<sup>th</sup>. TID has suggestions for updates to data on Don Pedro.

## **VIII. Discussion Items**

- a) Project Priorities/Open Forum-
  - i. The Salvation Army conducts trainings 2X/year in March & September and trains approximately 50 individuals in Intro to Emergency Disaster Services. They have received approval to provide food support for drought affected families.
  - ii. Public Health (PH) is working on the All Hazards EOP (an annex to EOP/State EOM). There will be a review by county agencies on Oct 28<sup>th</sup>. They are also working on the winter contingency plan on Monday October 24<sup>th</sup>. Question was asked concerning the San Bernardino shooting and support provided by Mental Health- how did they handle mutual aid and internal SOP's for providing grief support to family members? BHRS reported that they are starting to look at the mutual aid and training for terrorist events. Through Homeland Security Grant there are 150 slots for community resiliency training to be able to provide training to local mental health providers in support of trauma. COOP was used at PH for the central unit flood and noted that the county COOP plans need to be worked on.
  - iii. United Way will be having an ICS refresher course in December 2016. They report that they need to do training with their internal staff for the EVC. OES could work with the DWR grant to imbed training for spontaneous volunteers into their training program. 211 just launched their website to look up resources [www.stanislouscounty211.org](http://www.stanislouscounty211.org) but can still be reached using the phone number.
  - iv. BHRS reports that staff turnover with CERT team is high and they need to boost the training and staff on this team. There is a specific training that they need.
  - v. MVEMSA introduced Jim Whitworth the new disaster prep coordinator for all 5 counties within their authority. The 2017 focus for their agency is for educating and training EMS for Mass Casualty response. No regional MCI plan update is in the works; the last update was in 1998.

- vi. AG Commissioner is keeping an eye on the water grab that in process. No new update for the citrus pest but report now there is one solid strip of quarantine zone. The CDFA website will provide a map of the quarantined area.
- vii. Modesto Fire reports Go Sharks!
- viii. CSUS is working with PH on a Point of Dispensing (POD) flu clinic exercise on November 9<sup>th</sup>. There are no updates on any active shooter prep activities. The university is gearing up for a full scale terrorist threat exercise with hazmat chemicals components at the science building in 2018.
- ix. Turlock Fire Department reports that the National Guard team in charge of coordinating mass decon moved out of the Turlock area. They are working on the EOP and it should go to council soon for approval. They are starting to work on their local hazard mitigation plan. They have a new police chief and with the elections a lot of change for the city may be coming.
- x. TID is working on the fight for the water board grab, [www.worthyourfight.org](http://www.worthyourfight.org); if this plan were in place our farmers would not get any water this year. They have completed and approved an EOP and are almost complete with the construction of the DOC at TID. There will be a seminar in Feb/Mar 2017 for the overview of EOP and a tour of the DOC. The 2017 focus will be COOP and active shooter. The City of Turlock has reached out to public and private entities to host first City of Turlock EP meeting with 23 different entities participating next Wednesday (October 26). The warning siren for dam failure in La Grange is almost complete and the pole goes in in two weeks.

## **IX. Operational Area Discipline Reports**

- a) Public Health  
Update provided in previous section.
- b) Fire  
Update provided in previous section.
- c) Law Enforcement  
Not present.
- d) Agricultural Commissioner  
No update.
- e) Animal Services  
Not present.
- f) Public Works  
Not present.
- g) Cal OES  
Not present.

## **X. Roundtable**

Items were addressed in the discussion items.

**XI. Announcements**

The next meeting will be January 19, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. Location TBD.

**XII. Meeting Adjourned – 4:33 pm.**

**Respectfully Submitted by:**  
**Shannon Williams**