



Stanislaus County Operational Area Council



January 22, 2015
Meeting Notes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 pm.

II. Public Comment

None

III. Attendance

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

Partner Agencies: Cal OES, Turlock Irrigation District (TID), Congressman Denham's Office, Gallo, Community Services Agency (CSA), Health Services Agency/Public Health, Mountain Valley EMSA, General Services Agency (GSA), Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District, Advancing Vibrant Communities, Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E).

IV. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the October 23, 2014 meeting was made by Chief Lohman and seconded by Chief Slamon. Motion passed unanimously

V. Presentation

The scheduled presentation by Debbie Calcote with American Red Cross was rescheduled to a later date.

VI. Agenda Items

Op Area Council's 2015 Goals and Objectives

Chief Dale Skiles reported that all of the cities and the County have signed the Operational Area Agreement. He noted that the Operational Area Council is responsible to the Disaster Council.

Jim Ferrera with HSA requested that there be better communication to be sure that everyone is aware of training and exercises so that they do not overlap or repeat. Better communication is needed.

Chief Skiles directed staff to distribute the current contact list to everyone and asked that updates be made and submitted. We will also develop an events calendar.

Chief Loman asked about the EOC Management Team. Dave Funk will provide a report today.

Chief Skiles reported that CERT classes have been offered in the past by the City of Modesto and are being offered now in Patterson. Ceres and Turlock are interested in offering CERT training. Grant funding can be available.

Other current projects include the revision of the Emergency Operations Plan and the update of the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

b) Disaster Council Ordinance

Chief Skiles reported that Stanislaus County will finalize the Disaster Council Ordinance at the Board of Supervisors meeting next Tuesday, February 3, 2015. The Ordinance can be used as a template for cities to revise and adopt their Disaster Council Ordinance.

c.) EOP Revision

An update was provided by Chris Holmer. The Core and Expanded Planning Groups have met and information is being provided for updating the Emergency Operations Plan. A final draft of the plan will be presented to the Operational Area Council at the April OAC meeting and will be presented to the Disaster Council in July for their approval as to form before being submitted to the County Board of Supervisors for approval in August. The final plan can be used as a template for the nine cities in the revision of their individual Emergency Operations Plans.

VII. Informational Items

a) Agreement for Operational Area Organization

Chief Skiles discussed this under the Agenda Items.

b) Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

Paul Gibson with OES reported that the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan was written in 2004 and revised in 2010/11. On the website, local jurisdictions are required to have their own Plan. OES is the lead agency for the required update and will work with cities on their update. The updated plans are submitted to FEMA and are necessary for reimbursement should an emergency/disaster occur. The updated plan is due by July 2016. Paul will send out an email to the Planning Team asking about specific hazards and changes that may need to be made to the multi-jurisdictional Plan.

c) Bold Planning Contract (COOP)

Paul Gibson reported that the County has had a contract with Bold Planning since 2008 for their COOP plan. This plan is web-based and lives on the internet. It is a standardized plan and each County Department has their own plan. Bold Planning will facilitate and provide information to cities that used to

have a contract with them or who would be interested in using the product to develop their COOP plan. The cities of Riverbank, Modesto, Hughson, and Newman have used the product. Only Riverbank has kept up their contract. The County Departments attended a two day training for updating their department plans. Issues were found with the different plans choosing or listing the same alternate facility that would be used in an emergency. This is something to be aware of when updating the plans. Chief Skiles asked if any partner agencies were developing COOP plans. TID responded that they are working on it.

d) Mass Casualty Tabletop Exercise

Dave Funk reported that due to an increase in these types of events, we are developing a Mass Casualty Tabletop Exercise that will take place on April 8, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Harvest Hall. The exercise will focus on defining roles, communication, after-action reporting and improvement plans. Grant funds are being used and it must be completed and filed by May. First Responders, Medical Response Agencies, and Fire and Law will be involved. A sign-up sheet to join the Planning Team for the exercise was circulated. Emails will also be sent to prospective players and planners. A planning meeting will take place on February 3 at 13:30 to further develop the scope of the exercise. American Red Cross will provide refreshments and lunch as a way to exercise their mobile kitchen. The scenario will involve a government building downtown Modesto, such as the Courthouse, and will include hostages, evacuations, staging, communications and roll out. We will need policy level people to attend and there will be a policy table. There will be 6 to 10 people per table with a total of 30 to 60 participants. If you have questions, please call Dave Funk.

e) EOC Management Team

Dave Funk reported that the EOC Management Team concept involves developing a cadre of people with experience to serve on the Team. Members must have completed ICS 300/400. For County employees to be a part of the Team, County Department Heads must sign off. Higher levels of training as well as regular trainings in areas such as Check-in, and IAP development will be offered. The Team members can work for the County or for cities as needed. The desire is to have 3 -5 members per EOC position trained.

VIII. Operational Area Discipline Reports

a) Law Enforcement

Chief Skiles reported that we are working to get a Sheriff's Office Liaison Officer assigned to OES.

b) Public Health

Jim Ferrera reported that the Ebola Outbreak Plan has been drafted. Locally, no hospital here would treat a patient. We would transport to another location. Many people do travel to and from Africa from this area. There are 30 people in California that are being monitored by California Public Health Department.

There will be a Strategic National Stockpile Functional Exercise here in March. The California Public Health Department will use a truck to unload and load medical supplies. This is still in the planning process. More information to come.

c) MVEMSA

Tom Morton reported that their Interim EMS Guidance for Patient with Suspected or Known Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) is on their website. It will remain interim as they are waiting for Cal OSHA to approve PPEs for first responders.

MVEMSA is working on a table top with Public Health for May that will involve the evacuation of a skilled nursing facility.

It is anticipated that the seasonal flu surge will increase ambulance activity. All of the Emergency Rooms are impacted. They met last week with stakeholders to mitigate surge issues. Chief Skiles mentioned a program to help get ambulances freed from Emergency Rooms when they are backed up.

d) Emergency Management

Michelle Mead with the National Weather Service sent a handout with weather projections and the drought status. It is not looking good. Chief Skiles reported that the Drought Task Force will be reconvening in the next few months. Jason Carkeet with TID reported that even if we have average rain conditions starting today, we will still be 10 inches below and we will still be in a drought. This 4th year of drought is worse than the last 4 year drought. We are not on a track for recovery.

e) Fire

Nothing new to add.

f) Cal OES

Dana Ellis reported that they are still focused on the drought.

IX. Roundtable/Announcements

a. Agency Check-In

1. Advancing Vibrant Communities: Nothing new to add.
2. PG & E: Worked with Napa after their earthquake. There was a lot of chaos. Planning is really important. Issues included city buildings, internet issues and road closures. Also, don't put flares to show cracks on the road – there could be a ruptured gas line.
3. Gallo: Nothing new to add.
4. TID: They are meeting with growers regarding the drought and discussing a dry year scenario. They will know by April 1 how the year will look.
5. Congressman Denham's Office: Congress is working on a new Water Bill. If and when we get more water, we will have a better way to manage it.

6. Chief Skiles asked if there was interest in rotating the location of the Operational Area Council Meeting, perhaps having the next meeting at the Alternate EOC in Ceres?

- X. **The meeting dates for 2015 are as follows:**
April 16 – Operational Area Council Meeting
July 16 – Joint Operational Area Council/Disaster Council Meeting
October 15 – Operational Area Council Meeting
- XI. **Meeting Adjourned – 3:00 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted by:
Chris Holmer