



# Stanislaus County Operational Area Council



July 16, 2015  
Meeting Notes

## I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm.

## II. Public Comment

None

## III. Attendance

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

Partner Agencies: Cal OES, Turlock Irrigation District (TID), Community Services Agency (CSA), Health Services Agency/Public Health, Mountain Valley EMSA, General Services Agency (GSA), Advancing Vibrant Communities, CSU Stanislaus, American Red Cross, Latino Emergency Council (LEC), Advancing Vibrant Communities, Congressman Denham's Office, United Way.

## IV. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2015 Joint Disaster Council/Operational Area Council meeting was made by Chief Hall and seconded by Chief Lohman. Motion passed unanimously.

## V. Presentation

Aaron Wilson from Health Services Agency/Public Health presented a power point and discussed the formation and activities of the Stanislaus County Medical Reserve Corp. The Corp was officially launched through the Office of the U.S. Surgeon General of the Department of Health and Human Services in 2002 following the 9-11 attacks for the purpose of meeting identified public health needs and to give members an opportunity to make communities healthier and safer. Local Unit 1413 Stanislaus County Medical Reserve Corp was established in 2008 and currently has 393 registered volunteers. MRC members sworn in as Disaster Service Workers and are involved in emergency/disaster preparedness trainings, community and public health education and information, immunization/mass prophylaxis clinics and more. Aaron encouraged anyone interested in joining the MRC to submit an application packet and to contact him for more information.

## VI. Agenda Items

No Action Items Noted.

## VII. Informational Items – Office of Emergency Services

- a) Welcome Dennis Cordova – OES Law Enforcement Representative. Chief Skiles announced that Dennis Cordova will be joining the Office of Emergency Services as the Law Enforcement Representative.
- b) 2015 Stanislaus County Water Contingency Plan  
Chief Skiles discussed the history and update of the 2015 Water Contingency Plan including the addition of Appendix A which details the Temporary Water Assistance Program (TWA). To date, 51 wells have been reported dry in Stanislaus County. The County is partnering with Self-Help Enterprises (SHE) to provide tanks, pumps and connections to homes without water. The State reimburses non-profits at 100%, where local government is reimbursed at 75% of the cost. The tanks hold 2400 gallons of water. While the water is considered potable, it is not recommended for drinking. It is recommended that the water be boiled. The program is going to the Board of Supervisors for approval on July 28, 2015. A meeting to discuss the program is scheduled for August 12 at 7 p.m. in Denair. Walt Ward, with DER, has contacted cities to determine interest in providing water to the water haulers. Water provided to water haulers does not count against the State water allocations. Dry well report forms are available on the Department of Environmental Resources Website  
<http://www.stancounty.com/er/pdf/report-well-problem-form.pdf>.
- c) OES SEMS/NIMS/ICS Training Schedule  
Dave Funk discussed the Training Schedule for September through December 2015. One to two courses will be offered per month and they will be progressive. The course offerings for January through May have not been posted yet. The Training link to sign up for courses is:  
<http://www.stanoes.com.oes-training.shtm>
- d) EOC Management Team  
In 2009/2010 the Office of Emergency Services began assembling an EOC Management Team which would serve as Mutual Aid for our Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The goal was to focus on graduates of the ICS 300/400 courses who had experience for the purpose of developing a cadre of training emergency operations staff for all positions in the EOC. Recently we have reviewed the recruitment and application, training and credentialing for the Team. An invitation letter and application will be sent out on July 31. A waiting list will be developed once the Team is filled. The plan follows the State plan and will include quarterly training (at least). Those interested in being a part of the EOC Management Team are asked to complete a survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Stan-oes-eocmt>
- e) Flood Preparedness Grant  
Dale Skiles reported that our NOAA representative was unable to attend but sent a power point presentation that will be sent to the OAC members. He noted that El Nino is strengthening and there is a 90% chance it will continue in the Fall. Dale also reported that Stanislaus County is being

considered for a \$200,000 grant from the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for flood preparedness.

- f) FEMA First Responder Guide for Improving Survivability in Improvised Explosive Device and/or Active Shooter Incidents.  
Dale noted that this guide would be sent out to all OAC members and partnering agencies.
- g) Stanislaus County EOP (to Board of Supervisors in August)  
Dale Skiles reported that the EOP will go to the Board of Supervisors for approval in August and that the nine cities can use it as a template for their City EOPs. The Operational Area Council and Disaster Council have already approved the EOP as to form.
- h) NIMS Survey  
Dale Skiles reported that Paul Gibson from OES is the lead person for the County. He will coordinate the cities submissions with the County submission of the Survey to the State. If Cities choose not to complete the NIMS Survey, they may not be eligible for reimbursement if a disaster strikes.
- i) Disaster Council Ordinance – Agency Status Reports  
Waterford has approved the updated Disaster Council Ordinance. It is scheduled to go to the Modesto City Council in August. Melba Hibbard asked that the Cities notify OES when they approve their Disaster Council Ordinance.

## **VIII. Operational Area Discipline Reports**

- a) Public Health  
Nothing new to report.
- b) Fire  
Nothing new to report.
- c) Law Enforcement  
Nothing new to report.
- d) Agricultural Commissioner  
Not represented.
- e) Public Works  
Nothing new to report.
- f) Cal OES  
Kyle Norderer reported that for the 2014 Drought Funding, there is \$687 million for meeting critical drought-related needs with nearly \$625 million dedicated to capital improvements to water systems and a \$21 million grant allocated for pre-approved projects. The 2015 Drought Funding for the State includes \$153 Billion to protect

and expand local water supplies; \$117 million for water conservation; and, \$115 million for emergency response. Drought Emergency Response Funding is as follows: Cal OES – Disaster funding as appropriate; State Water Board and DWR – assistance with water systems; Department of Social Services – additional food boxes (has provided to date over 715,172 boxes of food to community food banks in drought-impacted counties); Housing and Community Development – Relocation and Rental Assistance program. Draft guidelines are out and the final version is expected soon; CDFA – funding available to agriculture operations to implement conservation measures that result in water conservation measures in irrigation systems. The dry well count totals 1,988 with 4 coastal, 1,925 inland, and 105 southern. Kyle asked that dry wells and other drought impacts be reported to Stanislaus County OES so that the information can be passed up to Cal OES. The Governor’s Drought Task Force meets weekly and is interested in the complete picture of the impacts.

g) Partnering Agencies

Jason Hicks with TID noted the Fiber Optic outage the day before and asked if anyone was tracking. Chief Holly responded that the FBI was looking into the cut in French Camp. It affected 911 calls in Merced, Fresno, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tuolumne and was similar to the cut that occurred in La Grange a few months ago. Affected cell lines. Dale mentioned that this was the fourth cut of Fiber Optic lines in three months.

**IX. Roundtable/Announcements**

Dale Skiles reported that we will be going to the Board of Supervisors in August to request approval to submit an application for the Homeland Security F/Y 2015 Grant.

Dale Skiles recognized that this was Chief Tim Lohman’s last OAC meeting as he is retiring from the City of Turlock as of August 15, 2015. He thanked Chief Lohman for his attendance and participation in the OAC.

Dale Butler noted that the next LEC meeting was tomorrow (July 17, 2017) and Melba would be presenting information on training opportunities through OES and the Water Contingency Plan going to the Board of Supervisors on July 28, 2015. He thanked OES for their continuing support.

The next meeting will be held October 15, 2015 at Harvest Hall at 1:30 p.m.  
**(Meeting date has been changed to October 22, 2015 at Harvest Hall at 1:30 p.m.)**

**X. Meeting Adjourned – 3:05 pm.**

**Respectfully Submitted by:**  
**Chris Holmer**