



Stanislaus County Disaster Council



May 15, 2014
Meeting Notes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stan Risen, Director of Emergency Services, at 3:41 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Disaster Council Members Present:

Chairman Stan Risen, Director, Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services
Secretary Dale Skiles, Assistant Director, Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services

Supervisor Jim De Martini, Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors

Council Member Harold Hill, City of Hughson

Council Member Tony Madrigal, City of Modesto

Council Member Donald Hutchins, City of Newman

Council Member Tom Dunlap, City of Oakdale

Council Member Darlene Barber-Martinez, City of Riverbank

Council Member Joshua Whitfield, City of Waterford

Disaster Council Members Absent:

Council Member Chris Vierra, City of Ceres

Council Member Deborah Novelli, City of Patterson

Council Member Mayor John Lazar, City of Turlock

III. Public Input

There was no public input.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the January 30, 2014 Disaster Council/Operational Area Council joint meeting was made by Council Member Tony Madrigal and was seconded by Council Member Donald Hutchins. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Disaster Council Overview

Chairman Stan Risen, presented a review of the Disaster Council and asked Dale Skiles, Secretary, to elaborate on the role of the Disaster Council during an emergency, such as the fires in Southern California and the need for evacuations.

Chief Skiles responded that the role of the Disaster Council in an emergency is to provide the policy direction in advance, including the review of policies, ordinances, and emergency plans. Chief Steve Hall from Patterson described how it used to be when each city and the County had separate Disaster Councils and how beneficial it was to have just one and all be on the same page. Chairman Stan Risen reviewed the role of the Disaster Council in getting volunteers for Disaster Service Worker Volunteers. Deb Thrasher explained that each city and the County would adopt their own Disaster Service Worker Policy and each would have 30 days after a disaster or emergency to swear in their volunteers. In the event of an emergency or disaster, the Disaster Council would need to convene within 30 days of a disaster, however, each city and the County would have the ability to swear in Disaster Service Workers, but information on these DSWs must come to the Council to be approved.

A question was asked pertaining to CERT and Chief Hall responded that he has taken over the CERT program and has a list of 25 people ready to start the next class. Chief Skiles noted that with next year's Homeland Security Grant Funds, we hope to get CERT programs to all of the cities.

Councilmember Darlene Barber-Martinez asked how we would work with San Joaquin County if a disaster occurred which involved Jacob Myers Park which belongs to Riverbank, but is located in San Joaquin County. Chief Skiles responded that he and several staff members had just attended an exercise on the previous Tuesday in Tuolumne County and worked side by side with a Joint EOC with San Joaquin County. He noted that a good working relationship has already been established.

Action: Informational Item only.

VI. Disaster Council Ordinance – Project # 2014-01

Chief Skiles reviewed the direction provided by the Disaster Council at the Disaster Council/Operational Area Council joint meeting held in January, 2014. He reviewed the process by which the Ordinance had been revised, and reviewed by the Emergency Managers, the Operational Area Council and County Council to insure that the Ordinance complies with the California Emergency Services Act. He noted that the revised Ordinance addresses membership and allows the County and each city to select an alternate to attend meetings and to act on its behalf in the event that the elected official is unavailable. It also states that the Disaster Council shall have the power to administer a disaster service worker volunteer program, pursuant to California Code of Regulations and it discusses the Powers and Duties of the Director in the event of a proclamation of a "state of emergency" in Stanislaus County. Once approved by

the Disaster Council, the Ordinance will be submitted for approval to the Board of Supervisor and each of the nine City Councils for approval.

Action: Motion by Council Member Donald Hutchins, City of Newman, second by Council Member Tony Madrigal, City of Modesto, to approve as to form, the revised Disaster Council Ordinance.

Ayes: Supervisor Jim De Martini, Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors
Council Members Tony Madrigal, City of Modesto
Council Members Donald Hutchins, City of Newman
Council Member Tom Dunlap, City of Oakdale
Council Member Harold Hill, City of Hughson
Council Member Darlene Barber-Martinez City of Riverbank
Council Member Joshua Whitfield, City of Waterford

Nays: None

Absent: Council Member Chris Vierra, City of Ceres
Council Member Deborah Novelli, City of Patterson
Council Member Mayor John Lazar, City of Turlock

Abstain: None.

VII. Agreement for Operational Area Organization – Project # 2014-02

Chief Skiles provided a brief history of the Operational Area Organization Agreement that was first adopted by the County and the nine cities in 1998. The current Agreement is set to expire in October 2014. The new Agreement will expire in 2020. Chief Skiles noted that in April, 2014, the Operational Area Council reviewed and approved the Agreement and recommended that it be submitted to the Disaster Council for approval. Once approved by the Disaster Council, the Agreement for Operational Area Organization will be submitted for approval to the Board of Supervisors and each of the nine City Councils for approval.

Action: Motion by Council Member Tony Madrigal, City of Modesto, second by Council Member Joshua Whitfield, City of Waterford, to approve as to form, the Agreement for the Operational Area Organization.

Ayes: Supervisor Jim De Martini, Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors
Council Members Tony Madrigal, City of Modesto
Council Members Donald Hutchins, City of Newman
Council Member Tom Dunlap, City of Oakdale
Council Member Harold Hill, City of Hughson

Council Member Darlene Barber-Martinez City of Riverbank
Council Member Joshua Whitfield, City of Waterford

Nays: None

Absent: Council Member Chris Vierra, City of Ceres
Council Member Deborah Novelli, City of Patterson
Council Member Mayor John Lazar, City of Turlock

Abstain: None.

VIII. Extreme Heat Contingency Plan – Project # 2014-04

Deborah Thrasher reviewed the Extreme Heat Contingency Plan and noted the extreme heat events experienced in Stanislaus County in 2006 and 2013. Lessons learned from these events included the need for pre-seasonal readiness planning. A Specialist Group was formed that included representatives from the Ag Commissioners Office, Public Health, Public Information, Community Services Agency, County OES, Department of Environmental Resources, Mountain Valley EMSA, Animal Services, City of Turlock, American Red Cross and the Salvation Army. The Extreme Heat Contingency Plan identifies three phases of activation: I. Pre-Seasonal Readiness, II. Excessive Heat Outlook, and III. Excessive Heat Warning. It also includes checklists outlining responsibilities and provides Appendices that include Health Information and Vulnerable Populations, Animal Vulnerabilities, the Heat Index, The Electrical Grid, and Definitions. The Extreme Heat Contingency Plan was approved as to form by the Operational Area Council in April and is now submitted to the Disaster Council for approval as to form.

Action: Motion by Council Member Joshua Whitfield, City of Waterford, second by Council Member Tom Dunlap, City of Oakdale,, to approve as to form, the Agreement for the Extreme Heat Contingency Plan.

Ayes: Supervisor Jim De Martini, Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors
Council Members Tony Madrigal, City of Modesto
Council Members Donald Hutchins, City of Newman
Council Member Tom Dunlap, City of Oakdale
Council Member Harold Hill, City of Hughson
Council Member Darlene Barber-Martinez City of Riverbank
Council Member Joshua Whitfield, City of Waterford

Nays: None

Absent: Council Member Chris Vierra, City of Ceres
Council Member Deborah Novelli, City of Patterson
Council Member Mayor John Lazar, City of Turlock

Abstain: None.

IX. Emergency Management Update – 2014 Drought

Chief Skiles reported that the Drought Task Force was established after the Emergency Proclamation was made by the Governor. The last meeting was the week before and the next one is scheduled for June 19. The purpose of the Task Force is to share drought information which the County then shares with the State. Everyone is welcome to attend the Drought Task Force meetings. The City of Riverbank is on the agenda for June.

X. Announcements/Reports

Councilmember Tony Madrigal stated that he was holding a Child Safety Checkpoint on May 31 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Los Amigo Tire, 1700 Crows Landing. They will be providing 50 free car seats.

XI. Schedule Next Meeting

The next Disaster Council meeting will be held in Fall 2014, or January 2015.

XII. Close Meeting

The Meeting was adjourned at: 5:02 p.m.