



Stanislaus County Disaster Council Operational Area Council



Joint Meeting
May 26, 2016

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stan Risen, Director of Emergency Services, at 3:10 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Disaster Council Members Present:

Chairman Stan Risen, Chairman, Stanislaus County
Secretary Dale Skiles, Secretary, Stanislaus County
Supervisor Jim DeMartini, Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors
Council Member Harold "Bud" Hill, City of Hughson
Council Member Doug Ridenour, City of Modesto
Council Member Murray Day, City of Newman
Council Member Luis Molina, City of Patterson
Council Member Darlene Barber-Martinez, City of Riverbank
Chief Robert Talloni, City of Turlock

Disaster Council Members Absent:

Council Member Chris Vierra, City of Ceres
Council Member Tom Dunlap, City of Oakdale
Council Member Joshua Whitfield, City of Waterford

Operational Area Council Members Present:

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

Partner Agencies: Cal OES, CSU Stanislaus, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office, Stanislaus County Animal Services, Probation, United Way, Advancing Vibrant Communities, Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District, Health Services Agency/Public Health, Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services/Fire Warden, Ag Commissioner, Stanislaus County Roads, Health South Modesto, Denair Fire, Latino Emergency Council (LEC), Salvation Army, Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District.

3. Public Input

None.

4. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2015 Disaster Council meeting was made by Council Member Luis Molina, and seconded by Council Member Darlene-Barber-Martinez. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Operational Area Presentations and Reports

5.1 National Weather Service

Chief Eric Holly presented the National Weather Service Update provided by Cindy Matthews. Showing a Power Point, he noted that while most of California is still in an Exceptional Drought, there are some cities that have lessened water restrictions. Parts of Northern California are out of the drought. Rain fall for this season is 124% of normal. Reservoirs are 34% full. The Spring/Summer fire outlook shows that July and August will have an above normal fire potential. There is a 50% chance that this summer will be hotter than normal.

5.2 Zika and Mosquito Abatement District Activity

Jim Ferrera with Health Services Agency/Public Health shared a Travel Warning Flyer for pregnant women regarding the Zika Virus. Zika can be transmitted between humans whereas West Nile Virus can only be spread by mosquitos. Zika is not in Stanislaus County yet, but most likely will be. The mosquitos that carry the Zika Virus can breed in a thimble full of standing water. They are aggressive day biting mosquitos and will come after you. Stanislaus County has two mosquito abatement districts. Tips to avoid mosquitos include:

- Drain standing water
- Stay indoors
- Use insect repellent

More information will be sent out when the mosquitos arrive. Dale Butler with LEC noted that he was glad the flyer was in Spanish as well as English and asked for hard copies to disseminate at upcoming events.

5.3. Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services

- Elected Officials Guide

Chief Dale Skiles discussed the Elected Officials Policy Guide for Disasters and Emergencies. They replace the Padfolios and are available for cities to give to their elected officials.

- Update from Cities regarding approval of Emergency Operations Plans and Disaster Council Ordinance
Chief Skiles reported that Stanislaus County adopted their Emergency Operations Plan in September 2015. Matt Erickson from the City of Waterford reported that their EOP is complete and has been adopted by their City Council. Council Member Molina from the City of Patterson noted that their plan is in progress. Chief Talloni from the City of Turlock noted that their plan is nearing completion and should be adopted in July. Sam Rush with the City of Hughson noted that their EOP is in progress. Councilmember Murray Day from the City of Newman noted that their EOP was in progress. Councilmember Barber-Martinez from the City of Riverbank reported that their EOP was in progress. Chief Payton with the City of Modesto noted that their EOP was in progress. Chief Wapnowski, with Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District, representing the City of Oakdale, noted that Oakdale's EOP was in progress.
- Everbridge Mass Notification System Implementation
Chief Skiles discussed the implementation of the Everbridge Mass Notification System and shared that it was available to any agency in Stanislaus County. It is not server based like Hiplink and it offers a variety of delivery methods and has unlimited licenses.
- 2016 – Upcoming events for the next year:
 - Earthquakes - Early earthquake notification system – monitors movement of earth.
 - Cyber-Terrorism – High concern for normal day to day operations
 - FEMA Grants – Money available for Operational Flood Response planning – coordinates with Flood Plan.
- Emergency Management Mutual Aid (EMMA) Request Process
Chief Holly reviewed the EMMA request process and noted that both emergency and non-emergency personnel are requested through EMMA. Some of the positions requested recently include PIOs, Law Enforcement, Animal Services, Fire, and Building Inspectors. We are currently making Go Kits for those going that include forms. We need to make sure that all requests are coordinated for reimbursement purposes.
- Fire Season 2016
Chief Holly reported that the present tree mortality due to Bark Beetle infestation, as well as the drought, means that we will have the worse Fire Season ever – again. He noted that the recent rains have allowed the grass to grow tall which adds more fuel to burn.
- Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan
Melba Hibbard reported that the County is currently working on the MJHMP. It was last updated in 2011. Cities can use the County Plan as a

template to update theirs. The County held a public meeting and there is a survey on the website for public input. July 1 is the target date to be completed.

- **Disaster Service Worker**
Melba Hibbard reported that the County Policy has been updated and we are developing a program for training County Employees. This program is available for city employees as well. A trailer of the video being developed for the DSW training was shown. When completed, it will be a 30 minute video to be shown to new employees. It will be rolled out to county supervisors and managers and they will share with their teams. The video is also available to cities and there is an assessment at the end for the employees to complete.
 - Stanislaus County Amateur Radio Emergency Services (StanARES) – There are 65 sworn Disaster Service Workers in the ARES group. They are registered with our Disaster Council. In addition to radio services, they are capable of getting on the internet if our connection goes down. They can also FAX. One example of how we can use them is we can put AREA in shelters to communicate with the EOC in real time.
 - Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) – Modesto Junior College and the cities of Modesto and Patterson all have CERT teams. They are all affiliated DSW's and are registered with the Disaster Council.
 - Medical Reserve Corps – All of the members of the MRC are affiliated DSWs and are registered with the Disaster Council.
- **Temporary Water Assistance Program Update**
Melba Hibbard reported that there were initially 50 water tanks installed in Stanislaus County for those whose well had run dry. Today, there are still 30 that are installed. There have been 17 new wells drilled and the tanks were removed. Self Help Enterprises (SHE) is still delivering water to refill the installed tanks. Not sure what to expect this summer. SHE has been outstanding to work with throughout this process.
- **EOC Management Team**
Melba Hibbard reported Dave Funk has been instrumental in putting our EOC Management Team together and has provided several training sessions for the team. Our goal in the Operational Area is to have the ability to be five deep for each EOC position. Training will continue next year with a possible full-scale exercise.
- **Extreme Heat Plan**
Melba Hibbard reported that the County Extreme Heat Plan has been updated for this year. All of the cities have provided lists of cooling zones.

5.4 Local Agency Reports

- Cities
 - City of Ceres – No representative
 - City of Hughson – They are working on their EOP.
 - City of Modesto – They are working on their EOP as well as their Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.
 - City of Newman – They are working on their EOP.
 - City of Oakdale – They are working on their EOP.
 - City of Patterson – They are working on their EOP and on a You Tube message to get out information. They also have five bilingual members on their CERT team.
 - City of Riverbank – Their EOP will be ready to go to Council in June.
 - City of Turlock – Working on their EOP. Will be meeting with Departments and also working on the Municipal Code change. Scheduled to be adopted at the July 12 Council Meeting.
 - City of Waterford – EOP completed and adopted. Working on the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

- Partner Agencies
 - Law Enforcement – Lt. Cordova reported that we have the resource of a Mobile Field Force Team which is coordinated through the Office of Emergency Services. This team consists of 50 personnel and is a rapid response team for events such as civil unrest. There is a new Search and Rescue Unit that is ready to be deployed all around the state. They are available to go to fires to assist and protect property and provide security. Air Support is available, including helicopters and planes, and is coordinated through Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department, in coordination with OES. As the Homeland Security representative for Stanislaus county, Lt. Cordova oversees the Terrorism Liaison Officers (TLO). All TLOs are invited to come to the TLO meetings led by Lt. Cordova. As of this time, there are no validated threats to the citizens in Stanislaus County. There have been approximately 13-15 incidents that have been submitted to the Department of Homeland Security for their review.
 - Salvation Army – Captain Dwaine Breazeale is new to the area and is working to get the Ready Response team ready.
 - CSU Turlock – Kellie Marshall reported that they recently conducted Shelter-In-Place drills and they had positive feedback from those who participated. She is planning for a full-scale exercise in 2018 which will involve a terrorism threat.
 - Stanislaus County Roads – they are available to provide support as needed.

- Cal OES – Elsy Votino reported that they continue to monitor and track damages and costs caused by the drought. In addition, tree mortality is becoming a great detriment to our state. In the Inland Region, 10 counties have proclaimed a local emergency due to tree mortality. Cal OES is helping any way possible and based on eligibility, offering State funding (CDAA). There have been some personnel changes. Deputy Regional Administrator, Al Lehenbauer is no longer the interim Regional Administrator (R.A.) and no longer with Inland Region Branch. Former R.A. Eric Lamoureux has resumed this position along with his current position as the Cal OES Acting Deputy Director for the Finance and Administrative Division.
- Animal Services – Annette Patton reported that they are ready to assist with Fire Season. Animal Control Officers were deployed through EMMA last year to assist.
- Probation – Jill Silva reported that Juvenile Hall is preparing for an evacuation drill.
- Latino Emergency Council (LEC) – Dale Butler congratulated Modesto Fire Chief Sean Slamon for graduating 182 Spanish Speaking CERT members. Dale requested more Zika flyers to be distributed for LEC's 10th Anniversary Celebration on July 8th at the Apostolic Jubilee Center in Modesto. This is part of Modesto City Schools' Family Fun Night. Their goal is to provide emergency preparedness through outreach and the schools. Dale thanked the CEO and OES for their support over the years.
- United Way – Francine DiCiano discussed the United Way Emergency Volunteer Center and noted that they are interested in refresher ICS courses. They also manage the 211 Call Center and they are redoing their website to be more robust.

6. Agenda Items

No Action Items Noted.

7. Announcements

7.1 Meeting Schedules

The next Operational Area Meeting will be held July 28 at the Turlock Public Safety Facility, Emergency Operations Center, 244 N. Broadway, Turlock, at 1:30 p.m.

8. Close Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at: 4:36 p.m.

Respectively submitted by Christine Holmer.