



# Stanislaus County Disaster Council

April 19, 2018  
Minutes



## 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jody Hayes, Director of Emergency Services, at 1:41 p.m.

## 2. Roll Call

### **Disaster Council Members Present:**

Chairman Jody Hayes, Chairman, Stanislaus County  
Richard Murdock, Secretary, Stanislaus County  
Supervisor DeMartini, Stanislaus County  
Council Member Harold "Bud" Hill, City of Hughson  
Mayor Deborah M. Novelli, City of Patterson  
Council Member Darlene Barber-Martinez, City of Riverbank

### **Disaster Council Members Absent:**

Council Member Chris Vierra, City of Ceres  
Council Member Tom Dunlap, City of Oakdale  
Council Member Doug Ridenour, City of Modesto  
Council Member Murray Day, City of Newman  
Mayor Gary Soiseth, City of Turlock  
Council Member Joshua Whitfield, City of Waterford

## 3. Public Comment Period

There was no public comment.

## 4. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were not approved as there was not a quorum when the vote was to be taken.

## 5. Operational Area Presentations and Reports

### 5.1 Presentation: Lesson Learned – 2017 Northern California Wildfires

Chief Eric Holly presented a Power Point Presentation on the lessons learned in the 2017 Northern California Wildfires in Sonoma and Napa Counties and Santa Rosa as well as the fires and mudslides in Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties in Southern California. He addressed the challenges with public Alert and Warning programs and explained different notification systems including the Emergency Alert System (EAS), Wireless Alert System (WEA) and StanAware.

Mayor Novelli from Patterson related her experience with getting information from the Santa Barbara area during the emergency and asked about mass transit and other programs that target college campuses, elderly and information on road closures for family that may be out of the area.

Assistant CEO Patty Hill Thomas gave a shout out to Public Health Officer Dr. Julie Vaishampayan for her participation in the Sonoma Fires in the Medical and Care and Shelter response.

Peni Basalusalu, Public Works Director with the City of Waterford noted that in the Northern California fires, people perished trapped in their garages because the power was out. He asked how we could educate people on alternative methods for opening the garage doors.

Chief Brian White with Turlock Fire noted that even when notifications go out, only 10% of the people heed the warning.

### 5.2 Presentation: National Weather Service

Michelle Mead with the National Weather Service presented slides which provided a winter review and a Spring and fire outlook. She noted that our rain fall for the season was 83-85% for the Central and Northern part of California – just below average. The Snow level was only 50% for the State but our reservoirs are at or above average. However, we are starting to creep back into a drought status. May, June and July will be dry with temps at or above average. Michelle noted that the standard Heat Index does not work for us because we do not have the same humidity as other states. She recommended finding heat safety information on the weather.gov website. She also encouraged those interested to complete the Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador Application, which would be sent to all Disaster Council and Operational Area Members and Partners.

### 5.3 Presentation: Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services

- Summer Resource Deployments  
Chief Erik Klemyr reported that the largest mutual aid response was for the Thomas Fire with 12 local agencies responding from Stanislaus County. Six Strike Teams were sent, one Task Force, 2 Single Engines and 2 Emergency Response Crews (REMS). There were eleven overhead assignments and 25 incidences.
- Emergency Plans Update  
Chief Richard Murdock reported that the County Emergency Operations Plan and Emergency Support Functions were being updated and revised and should be completed by Spring 2019. The majority of the City EOPs were have been completed except for Ceres and Modesto.

The Office of Emergency Services is also working on a Transportation Plan, and a Flood Response Plan.

The Extreme Heat Plan is being reviewed and updated for 2018.

The Extreme Cold and Freeze Plan is completed and has been approved as to form by the Operational Area Council is ready for the Disaster Council to approve as to form.

A meeting has been scheduled with the Department of Environmental Resources to discuss the MOU and implementation of the HazMat Area Plan.

- Annual Affiliated Volunteers Disaster Service Worker Report  
Chief Murdock reported that the Medical Reserve Corps deployed four nurses to shelters during the Napa/Sonoma Fires in October 2017. He also reported that ARES – Amateur Radio Emergency Service has 52 members, 12 trainings per year, 10 public service events, and is a robust program that is happy to participate in any exercise and will be deployed when needed.

### 5.4 Public Health Update

Dr. Julie Vaishampayan reported that it was a busy flu season and their Winter Contingency Plan went well. She noted that invasive mosquitos are heading toward Stanislaus County and they can carry Zika and Yellow Fever. They are working with the Mosquito Abatement Program. Dr. Vaishampayan talked about the Avian Influenza Monitoring Plan which involves monitoring people who are deployed or visit areas where Avian Influenza is found. She discussed working in Sonoma during the fires in mass medical care and shelter. She also announced that there would be an Infectious Disease No Notice Table Top Drill next week that will involve the five hospitals in the County.

## 5.5 Cal OES Update

Elsy Voltino reported that nearly 4,500 houses were lost in the 2017 fires. FEMA was providing Individual Assistance and SBA loans for homeowners for a total of \$15.8 million. Elsy noted that there was new information on the Cal OES website regarding the Disaster Service Worker Volunteer Program. There is new registration and worker compensation information. Cal OES is developing new curriculum for EMMA. Cal OES is also working on the early earthquake warning system. Through allocated funding, there will be installations and upgrades made to over 180 seismic sensors throughout the state that will allow them to transmit real time data.

Elsy introduced Dana Owens, who is her back-up for this region.

## 5.6 City Reports

- City of Ceres – No representative.
- City of Hughson – Council Member Bud Hill reported that their EOP was adopted in June and they are working on the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- City of Modesto –No representative.
- City of Newman – Keith Bowen with Newman Fire reported that their EOP is approved and they are working on their Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- City of Oakdale – No representative.
- City of Patterson – Mayor Deborah Novelli reported that their EOP has been updated and they are working on their Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. They are proud to have CERT Training and groups. The Patterson Service Center was open during the flooding and she thanked the Red Cross and Chief Gregory.
- City of Riverbank – Their EOP has been adopted and they are planning to have training on it soon. They are also working on their Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- City of Turlock – Chief Brian White reported that their EOP has been adopted and they are working on their Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. They are close to having a new City Manager. Their Fire Chief is currently the interim City Manager and their Operations Chief is serving as their Fire Chief.
- City of Waterford – Their EOP has been adopted.

## 6. Agenda Items

- 6.1 Approval of the Stanislaus County Extreme Cold and Free Plan
- 6.2 Approval of the Updated Stanislaus County Disaster Council/Operational Area Council Policies and Procedures Manual

Both of these items will be held over to next year's Disaster Council meeting due to a lack of quorum when the vote was to take place.

## **7. Announcements**

### 7.1. Meeting Schedules

- The 2018 Operational Area Council meetings will be held July 19 and October 18, 2018, 1:30 p.m. at Harvest Hall
- The next Disaster Council Meeting will be held April 2019 (date to be determined).  
Mayor Novelli noted that she appreciates the centralized meeting location as it makes it more convenient for everyone to attend.

## **8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at: 3:15 p.m.

Respectively submitted by Christine Holmer.