



Stanislaus County Disaster Council October 24, 2018 Minutes



1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jody Hayes, Director of Emergency Services, at 8:34 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Disaster Council Members Present:

Chairman Jody Hayes, CEO, 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
Council Member Doug Ridenour, City of Modesto
Council Member Murray Day, City of Newman
Fire 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

3. Public Comment Period

There was no public comment.

4. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2017, and the April 19, 2018 Disaster Council Meetings was made by Council Member Doug Ridenour and seconded by Council Member Murray Day. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Agenda Items

- 5.1 Approval of the Stanislaus County Extreme Cold and Freeze Plan
Melba Hibbard with Stanislaus County OES presented a power point reviewing the Extreme Cold and Freeze Plan. The most recent local extreme cold event was in January 2007. Actions taken included disseminating Public information, specifically to vulnerable populations, requesting donations of clean blankets to assist American Red Cross, and publicizing warming zones. Stanislaus county experienced \$5.9 million in ag related losses. The Extreme Cold and Freeze Plan outlines three phases of activation: Phase 1 – Pre-seasonal readiness; Phase 2 – Excessive cold/freeze alert, and; Phase III – Excessive cold/freeze emergency. This plan is reviewed annually.

A Motion to approve this plan was made by Council Member Darlene Barber-Martinez, City of Riverbank, and seconded by Mayor Deborah M. Novelli, City of Patterson. The Motion passed unanimously.

- 5.2 Approval of the Updated Stanislaus County Disaster Council/Operational Area Council Policies and Procedures Manual
Melba Hibbard with Stanislaus County OES presented a power point outlining the updates made to the Stanislaus county Disaster Council/Operational Area Council Policies and Procedures Manual. She reviewed the purpose and role of the Disaster Council, as well as the Decision Process and the Disaster Service Worker Program. She also noted the 2018 Version Changes to the Policies and Procedures Manual.

A Motion to approve this plan was made by Council Member Murray Day, City of Newman, and seconded by Council Member Darlene Barber-Martinez, City of Riverbank. The Motion passed unanimously.

6. Presentations

6.1 Office of Emergency Service Reports

- Stanislaus County Resource Deployments – January 1, 2018
Chief Richard Murdock gave a review of the requests for resources and Stanislaus County Resource Deployments
 - Deputy Fire Warden Erik Klevmyr discussed the reimbursement process and explained that it took 30 to 60 days to receive payment from the State after paper work is filed. Cities pay in the meantime.
- Status of the Revised County Emergency Operations Plan

EOP – Chief Murdock noted that the EOP was last updated in 2015 and that it is reviewed annually and updated every three to four years. The Office of Emergency Services is reviewing and doing a major rewrite of the EOP. Partners will be included for review and comment before going to the Board of Supervisors for approval. The target completion date is Spring 2019. Seven Cities have adopted revised Emergency Operations Plans, with Ceres and Modesto still working on their plans.

- Homeland Security Grant Program
 - Chief Murdock reported that we have received the Fiscal Year 2018 Award Notification and anticipate going to the Board of Supervisors November 6 to accept the award. Release of the funds is pending CalOES final approval of the application. All recipients will be notified upon CalOES approval. We will start the application process soon for Fiscal Year 2019

- Stanislaus County Pediatric Surge Plan
 - Shannon Williams with OES reported on the Stanislaus County Pediatric Surge Plan County Health Care Coalition and explained that this project came out of an exercise in 2016 that identified limited capabilities in our hospital to treat pediatric trauma. The plan addresses limited resources for hospitals three specific types of injury classifications: blunt force trauma, gunshot wounds, and burns. The Coalition is working with the EMS agency to identify pediatric specific triage issues, identifying specific pediatric triage models. The Pediatric Surge Plan is scheduled to be completed in December 2018 and will be brought back at next DC meeting

- National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) Implementation Objectives and State Report
 - Shannon Williams with OES gave an update on the NIMS Survey. There are 14 questions from the State regarding meeting NIMS objectives. The Survey is submitted as an Operational Area and encompasses all jurisdictions and partners in the OA. It will be submitted Oct 22 on time to State.

6.2 Public Health Report

- Dr. Julie Vaishampayan reported on deployments and noted that Medical Health had multiple requests this year with the fires for

nurses and doctors and medical beds. An HSA Medical Health Specialist was deployed to North Carolina for the floods.

- Dr. V reported on the recent cases of Acute Flaccid Myelitis in the United States. It looks like polio and is probably a virus. It affects children - 155 so far in US and was first identified in 2014. It seems like it appears in the fall every other year as a seasonal disease. There are no reports of AFM in our County to date, but we are watching out for it and hoping for a cause to be discovered followed by a vaccine.
- Botulism cases are on the rise and is tied to opioid crisis. People have turned to black tar heroin which increases the chances of contracting Botulism. Botulism is another paralytic disease.
- There have a lot of salmonella outbreaks tied to ground beef with 3 people affected in Stanislaus County.
- The Flu Season is coming slowly. Last year was very bad flu season. Only 1918 and 1957 epidemics were worse than last year. We look to Australia for indicators and this year was very mild, but we still recommend getting the flu shot.

Council Member Murray Day asked if the Acute Flaccid Myelitis is addressed in the Pediatric Plan and Shannon Williams replied that yes, it is covered under the infectious disease component.

6.3 City Reports

- City of Ceres – No representative present.
- City of Hughson – Council Member Bud Hill reported that Hughson is involved in lots of preparation with waste water, drain water, cleaning out traps to be ready for a wet winter. He asked about CERT and Melba Hibbard responded that we have a very healthy CERT in Patterson, but they are the only ones up and running right now. There is funding from Homeland Security to have a CERT in Waterford. There has also been a request from the Latino Emergency Council (LEC) for a Spanish Speaking CERT. Council Member Hill expressed concerns about issues with communications during an emergency. Melba responded that the County has between 20 and 30 Ham Operators and a very active Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) program that assists in emergencies and disasters.
- City of Modesto – Council Member Doug Ridenour commented that their Public Works Department is busy preparing for the winter. Chairman Jody

Hayes also discussed the homeless issue and the camp at Beard Park. They both meet every day to discuss concerns and work pro-actively.

Dr. V noted that Public Health will be going down to park to offer public health services. They will be bringing Hepatitis A and flu vaccines next Tuesday. They are working to curb Hepatitis A outbreak and the State provides free Hepatitis vaccines. Other cities can request public health to come out if they have large populations of homeless.

Dr. V went on to explain that Hepatitis A is a virus transmitted by poor hygiene: unwashed hands, poor sanitation. It attacks liver. She is less worried about the shelters as they have better sanitation, but they are reaching out.

Mayor Deborah Novelli from Patterson asked about shelters and would like information to share with Patterson homeless on where to go to get the Hepatitis A vaccine. Dr. V will provide the information.

Sam Rush with Hughson asked if it was recommended that public health workers get the vaccine. Dr. V. said the CDC does not require it.

Melba Hibbard with OES shared about the January Point in Time (PIT) Count scheduled for Jan 23 for homeless in shelters and Jan 24 for homeless not sheltered. This is required by HUD and is tied to funding.

Norma Manriquez with Riverbank commented that the Winter numbers of Homeless will be different because more live by the river in summer and camp. There are not so many in winter as they move because of the cold.

Jody Hayes said the County is discussing doing a second PIT count in the summer to see the difference in numbers.

Mayor Deborah Novelli from Patterson asked about the homeless PIT count and when the numbers would be reported to cities.

Jody Hayes replied that the final numbers come out in December and that it takes a year to get the information from HUD, but we can share numbers we see.

- City of Newman- Council Member Murray Day noted that they are preparing for winter and working with Chief Bowman preparing for warming centers for winter. Newman is trying to coordinate with Patterson and Gustine for the entire west side and working together.
- City of Oakdale – No representative present.

- City of Patterson – Mayor Deborah Novelli reported that the American Red Cross Center has been open in past and families have used it in the past. Many people from the community came together to bring stuffed animals and food. People came together – families and children. She is Looking forward to continuing to work with neighboring cities
- City of Riverbank – Council Member Darlene Barber-Martinez reported that the City just approved an expansion for waste water treatment plant for continued development.
- City of Turlock – Fire Chief Robert Talloni reported that their EOP has been updated and approved.
- City of Waterford – Peni Basalusalu noted that he is grateful for partnership with County OES and the Sheriff’s Department for the Radio communications infrastructure upgrade. He also noted that a new boat ramp was installed that will help for emergency services.

Chief Richard Murdock offered a tour of the remodeled EOC to anyone interested at the end of the meeting.

7. Announcements

7.1. Meeting Schedules

- The April 2019 will be held at 3705 Oakdale Road, Modesto. Time and date to be determined.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at: 9:37 a.m.

Respectively submitted by Christine Holmer.