



**Stanislaus County Operational Area Council  
Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

Harvest Hall – 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, CA 95358

**1. Call to Order**

1.1 Welcome

- Chief Erik Klevmyr called the meeting to order at 1:33pm.

**2. OAC Membership Roll Call**

Ceres	<u>X</u>	Patterson	___	QUORUM ESTABLISHED 7/10
Hughson	___	Riverbank	<u>X</u>	
Modesto	<u>X</u>	Stanislaus County	<u>X</u>	
Newman	___	Turlock	<u>X</u>	
Oakdale	<u>X</u>	Waterford	<u>X</u>	

**3. Public Comment Period**

Matters under jurisdiction of the Council, and not on the posted agenda, may be addressed by the general public at the beginning of the regular agenda. However, California law prohibits the Council from taking any action on any matter that is not on the posted agenda unless it is determined an “emergency” by the Council. Any member of the public wishing to address the Council during this period will be limited to a maximum of 5 minutes.

- No public comments were made.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

4.1 Operational Area Council Minutes

- June 1, 2023
  - A motion was made by City of Oakdale with City of Ceres seconding. All in attendance in favor of recommendation to submit updated Cold/Freeze Plan to Disaster Council for approval.

**5. Agenda Items**

5.1 Recommendation to Submit the Extreme Cold/Freeze Contingency Plan to Disaster Council for Approval

- Comments from Julissa Matute: Formatting changes and NWS changes were made to reflect local weather climate.
- A motion was made by City of Ceres with City of Oakdale seconding. All in attendance in favor of recommendation to submit updated Cold/Freeze Plan to Disaster Council for approval.

**6. Operational Area Presentations and Reports**

6.1 Presentations

- National Weather Service Forecast Courtney Carpenter
  - See attachment “NWS Weather Outlook 20230928.pdf”
  - To receive NWS communications and alerts, contact [nws.sacramento@noaa.gov](mailto:nws.sacramento@noaa.gov) or [courtney.carpenter@noaa.gov](mailto:courtney.carpenter@noaa.gov).
- Stanislaus Westside Evacuation Plan Aaron Wilson
  - See attachment “Stanislaus Evacuation Plan Grant.pdf”

6.2 Office of Emergency Services

OES Personnel  
Ruben Wegner

▪ OES

➤ General Updates

- September was National Preparedness Month. OES disseminated information that included a BOS proclamation of September as National Preparedness Month and an email and social media campaign.
- Community Preparedness impact, we have a new staff person Marcia Barron-Smith who has attended close to 30 events so far this year.
- Great Shake Out on Oct 19, this is also a BOS Agenda item to proclaim and highlight GSO 2023. Register for the GSO here:  
<https://www.shakeout.org/>
- Email will go out from OES and CSA for assistance with identifying sheltering locations. If there are any facilities that may be used as a shelter in your jurisdiction, we would like to work with you on establishing these locations.

➤ Funding & Grants

Ruben Wegner

- Homeland Security Grant funding will be issued out soon and we will advise when this becomes available.

➤ Legislative & Regulatory

- SB 552- Drought contingency planning has begun with OES and DER. State sponsored consultant StanTec is working with California Counties to develop Drought Contingency Plans that meet SB 552 requirements.

▪ Fire Warden

Erik Klevmyr

➤ General Updates

- Op area coordinator is run through Fire Warden's office. So far this year, we have offered 40 engines and 29 overhead as mutual aid support for various fire missions. Fire season is not over yet and expect to continue to send resources to support.
- Trainings for Fire Warden – all training opportunities are listed and registration is done online at website:  
<https://www.stanoes.com/training.shtm>

➤ CERT Program Updates

- 89 current members and starting new cadre next month. We have established a CERT Rehab program with a vehicle that has supported multiple events.

▪ EMS

Chad Braner

➤ General Updates

- Two Medical Directors have been hired, Dr Alex Smalls and Dr Samantha Brown.
- Revamping all policies and procedures for medical crews, finalized versions will be on StanEMS website.
- We have hired a new data analyst (internal promotion) and have an opening for a Staff Services Technician which is posted online now at:  
<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/stanislau>

[s/jobs/4199680/staff-services-technician-ems?page=4&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs](https://www.stanislauscounty.gov/jobs/4199680/staff-services-technician-ems?page=4&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs)

- We are under State requirements for APOT (Ambulance Patient Offload Time) at 36 minutes, below State mandate of 38 minutes. Most counties of our size are at 52-58 minutes, so we are doing well here and still looking at ways to reduce APOT.
- DMC is putting on Active Shooter drill (Oct 13, 8am – 1pm).
- Kaiser Hospital is potentially having strike regarding union employees that may occur Oct 4 – 7. If this happens, we will need to temporarily suspend ambulance traffic to KP.

▪ SR 911 Erik Klevmyr

- General Updates
  - 19 interviews scheduled for call takers over next few weeks.

▪ County Security/Threat Assessment Center Ian Dimberg

- General Updates
  - Stanislaus TAC and Security Team, we now have a total of 12 crime analysts, 1 marijuana enforcement, 2 detectives, 1 primary intelligence detective.
  - Security Team has conducted numerous site security assessments and Active Shooter trainings this year.

6.3 Sheriff's Department Report Sheriff Dirkse

- NRP

6.4 Public Health Report Dr. Papasozomenos

- Mosquito Borne Illnesses have been prevalent with a high number of WNV cases in Stanislaus. As of Sept 22, for the 2023 year there are 153 human cases of WNV compared to 65 in 2022. Mosquito Abatement Districts have been messaging and conducting services to assist. Aedes Egyptus and Culix mosquitos are main source of WNV transmission. Birds are a vector for transmission and many birds that would not be previously exposed are at risk. We expect cases to go down in Oct/Nov.
- We did have a rise in COVID-19 cases recently. Stanislaus has moved from low levels of infection to high levels, as detected in wastewater samples. We were up to a 13% test positivity rate (test reported to Public Health only, does not include "home testing") but this has decreased to 9.2%. We have not seen an increase in COVID-19 related deaths. The San Joaquin Valley region is below baseline for COVID-19 hospitalizations. There is a new monovalent COVID-19 vaccine that will be available this fall and this will help with current strains impacting the US.

6.5 Member Reports Council Members

- City of Ceres
  - NSTR
- City of Hughson
  - NRP
- City of Modesto

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- City of Newman
  - NRP
- City of Oakdale
  - NSTR
- City of Patterson
  - NRP
- City of Riverbank
  - NSTR
- City of Turlock
  - NSTR
- City of Waterford
  - NSTR
- County of Stanislaus
  - NSTR

6.6 Partner Reports

OA Partners

- Cal OES
  - NSTR
- Fire Agencies
  - NRP
- EMS Agencies
  - NRP
- Law Enforcement Agencies
  - NRP
- Agricultural Commissioner
  - NRP
- Environmental Resources
  - NRP
- Public Works
  - NRP
- Utilities
  - NRP
- Central Valley Regional VOAD
  - NSTR
- Other Agencies
  - NRP

## 7. Announcements

7.1 Meeting Schedule

- Next Operational Area Council meeting: **TBD**

## 8. Adjournment

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NSTR = Nothing Significant to Report

NRP = No Report Provided

