



Stanislaus County Disaster Council



January 20, 2011
Meeting Notes
Final

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rick Robinson, Director of Emergency Services, at 1:50 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Disaster Council Members Present:

Chairman Rick Robinson, Director, Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services
Secretary Gary Hinshaw, Assistant Director, Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services
Supervisor Jim De Martini, Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors
Mayor Ramon Bawanan, City of Hughson
Council Member Annette Smith, City of Patterson
Mayor Virginia Madueno, City of Riverbank
Council Member Amy Bublak, City of Turlock
Council Member Murray Day, City of Waterford

Disaster Council Members Absent:

Mayor Jim Ridenour, City of Modesto
Council Member Bret Durossette, City of Ceres
Mayor Ed Katen, City of Newman
Council Member Jason Howard, City of Oakdale

III. Public Input

There was no public input.

IV. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the March 18, 2010 Disaster Council Meeting were approved unanimously.

V. Emergency Volunteer Center Operations Plan

Mike Wilkinson presented an overview of the United Way of Stanislaus County's Emergency Volunteer Center Operations Plan. The plan addresses the processing of

Spontaneous Volunteers in the event of a disaster or emergency. This plan follows ICS/SEMS/NIMS as well as the National Response Framework (NFR). Mike discussed who can activate the Emergency Volunteer Center (EVC), as well as the levels of activation. He also discussed the certifications and Qualifications required to work in the EVC. Mike explained that this plan is designed to incorporate and supplement existing volunteer programs.

Action: Motion by Council Member Amy Bublak, City of Turlock, Second by Mayor Virginia Madueno, City of Riverbank, to approve the Emergency Volunteer Center Operations Plan.

Ayes: Chairman Rick Robinson, Director, Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services
Supervisor Jim De Martini, Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors
Mayor Ramon Bawanon, City of Hughson
Council Member Annette Smith, City of Patterson
Mayor Virginia Madueno, City of Riverbank
Council Member Amy Bublak, City of Turlock
Council Member Murray Day, City of Waterford

Nays: None

Absent: Mayor Jim Ridenour, City of Modesto
Council Member Bret Durossette, City of Ceres
Mayor Ed Katen, City of Newman
Council Member Jason Howard, City of Oakdale

Abstain: None.

VI. Stanislaus County Emergency Functions

Deb Thrasher, with Stanislaus County OES presented a power point on the Emergency Functions and the development process as part of the Emergency Operations Plans for the County and the nine Cities. She explained that the functions correlate to similar functions at the Federal and State level and bring together departments and agencies as well as other stakeholders whose daily operations are crucial to the ability of the County and/pr Cities to mitigate, prepare, respond and recover from any emergency. She requested that the Disaster Council approve as to form the Stanislaus County Emergency Functions. The next step will be to send the completed Stanislaus County Emergency Operations Plan to the Board of Supervisors for their approval. Once approved, the templates for the Emergency Functions that will be provided by the cities will be made available to them as well as any assistance needed to complete them.

Action: Motion by Mayor Virginia Madueno, City of Riverbank, second by Council Member Amy Bublak, City of Turlock, to approve the Emergency Functions for Stanislaus County.

Ayes: Chairman Rick Robinson, Director, Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services
Supervisor Jim De Martini, Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors
Mayor Ramon Bawanon, City of Hughson
Council Member Annette Smith, City of Patterson
Mayor Virginia Madueno, City of Riverbank
Council Member Amy Bublak, City of Turlock
Council Member Murray Day, City of Waterford

Nays: None

Absent: Mayor Jim Ridenour, City of Modesto
Council Member Bret Durossette, City of Ceres
Mayor Ed Katen, City of Newman
Council Member Jason Howard, City of Oakdale

Abstain: None.

VII. Disaster Service Worker Presentation

Chief Gary Hinshaw presented an overview of Disaster Service Workers and discussed the differences between spontaneous and affiliated volunteers. Organizations such as the United Way, Ares, CERT, Medical Reserve Corp, and all government employees are considered Disaster Service Workers and affiliated volunteers. To become an affiliated volunteer, you must take an oath and only authorized individuals, such as the County or City Clerk, or persons they authorize, can swear in Disaster Service Workers. In the event of an emergency or disaster, volunteers must be sworn in as Disaster Service Workers to be eligible for Workers Compensation, should they be injured while volunteering.

The County is currently working on comprehensive Affiliated Volunteers/Disaster Service Worker plan that will address the procedural issues of managing affiliated volunteers which will include registering with an accredited Disaster Council, as well as providing a record keeping system. This plan will also provide a template that the cities can use.

Action: This was an informational item only and will be brought back to the Operational Area Council and the Disaster Council for approval when completed.

VIII. Medical Reserve Corp Training Plan

Renee Cartier presented an overview of the Medical Reserve Corp Training Plan which focuses on recruiting and training medical volunteers for the purpose of strengthening the Public Health infrastructure, improving emergency preparedness and fostering community resiliency. She discussed the training tracks for the volunteers that will ensure effective integration of volunteers into the County's emergency response system and will also provide staffing augmentation and support in the event of a potential Medical/Health emergency.

To date there are 220 Disaster Health Care Volunteers registered in Stanislaus County. Of the 220, 106 have received training and are considered deployable. Part of their training includes ICS Training and background tracks.

Renee distributed a table of courses and their descriptions that are being offered to ensure that Stanislaus County Medical Reserve volunteers are trained and approved to participate in the All Point of Dispensing (POD) training exercises that will take place during the annual seasonal flu clinics and the State of California Golden Guardian exercise in May 2011.

Action: Motion by Mayor Ramon Bawan, City of Hughson, Second by Mayor Virginia Madueno, City of Riverbank, to approve the Medical Reserve Corp Training Plan.

Ayes: Chairman Rick Robinson, Director, Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services
Supervisor Jim De Martini, Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors
Mayor Ramon Bawan, City of Hughson
Council Member Annette Smith, City of Patterson
Mayor Virginia Madueno, City of Riverbank
Council Member Amy Bublak, City of Turlock
Council Member Murray Day, City of Waterford

Nays: None

Absent: Mayor Jim Ridenour, City of Modesto
Council Member Bret Durossette, City of Ceres
Mayor Ed Katen, City of Newman
Council Member Jason Howard, City of Oakdale

Abstain: None.

IX. Ares Training Calendar

Joe Park from ARES presented the training plan and calendar for 2011. He noted that this form of communication is a great back-up if other forms of communication are down. They participate in drills, including bike rides and parades, and they practice with the American Red Cross in their drills. They also offer HAMMCRAMS every three months for anyone interested in getting their license.

Action: A motion by Council Member Murray Day to approve the 2011 ARES Training Calendar was seconded by Council Member Annette Smith.

Ayes: Chairman Rick Robinson, Director, Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services
Supervisor Jim De Martini, Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors
Mayor Ramon Bawanan, City of Hughson
Council Member Annette Smith, City of Patterson
Mayor Virginia Madueno, City of Riverbank
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X. New Business

Chief Gary Hinshaw reported that at the MARAC meeting that the Department of Water Resources reported a concern that the snow pack was at 247% of normal and could impact the San Joaquin River and the cities of Patterson and Newman if we receive a warm rain, or a long warm spring.

In Stanislaus County, if we receive no more snow or rain, we will be at 75% of normal, and just south of us will be at 105%.

Chairman Rick Robinson discussed the issue of quorums. It has been difficult to ensure that we have a quorum and would encourage cities who have not done so, to consider appointing an alternate. We will also offer Disaster Council Training for the primary and alternate members of the Disaster Council one hour prior to the next meeting.

The meeting place will remain at the Ray Simon Training Center.

Chief Hinshaw introduced Dana Owens, from Cal EMA.

XI. Announcements/Reports

None

XII. Schedule Next Meeting

April

XIII. Close Meeting

The Meeting was adjourned at: 2:58 p.m.