



Stanislaus County Disaster Council



May 9, 2013
Meeting Notes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Monica Nino, Director of Emergency Services, at 1:32 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Disaster Council Members Present:

Chairman Monica Nino, 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

Council Member David Geer, City of Modesto

Council Member Stephanie Burnside (Alternate), City of Modesto

Council Member Harold Hill, City of Hughson

Council Member Don Hutchins, City of Newman

Council Member Tom Dunlap, City of Oakdale

Council Member Dotty Nygard, City of Riverbank

Council Member Janine Tucker (Alternate), City of Riverbank

Council Member Murray Day, City of Waterford

Disaster Council Members Absent:

Council Member Bret Durossette, City of Ceres

Council Member Annette Smith, City of Patterson

Council Member Mayor John Lazar, City of Turlock

Chairperson Monica Nino recognized the following City Managers and expressed her appreciation for their attendance:

Roy Wasden, City of Turlock

Brian Whitemyer, City of Oakdale

Tim Ogden, City of Waterford

Jill Anderson, City of Riverbank

Greg Nyhoff, City of Modesto

Rod Butler, City of Patterson

III. **Public Input**

There was no public input.

IV. **Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes from the November 1, 2012 Disaster Council meeting was made by Council Member Donald Hutchins and was seconded by Council Member Murray Day. The motion passed unanimously.

V. **Disaster Council Overview**

Chief Hinshaw, Secretary, presented an overview of the role and authorities of the Disaster Council including a brief history, the California Emergency Act, SEMS and ICS. He discussed the thirteen Emergency Proclamations made by the County for various disasters in the past ten years. He also discussed the Grant process and NIMS/SEMS/ICS training available for the Operational Area. He discussed training and exercises and preparing for scenarios involving an active shooter.

Action: Informational Item only.

VI. **Disaster Service Worker Presentation**

Deborah Thrasher, with MRFA/Stanslaus County OES, presented a power point on the Disaster Service Worker Program and the findings of the Specialist Group authorized by the Disaster Council last November. She outlined the history and the purpose of the program to provide affiliated volunteers with Workers' Compensation through the State, should they be injured while volunteering during an emergency or disaster. Deborah reported that the Specialist Group met four times between December 2012, and April, 2013 and developed two documents: The Disaster Service Worker Policy Template, and the Disaster Service Worker Volunteer Program Procedures. Both documents were submitted to the Operational Area Council on April 18, 2013, and both were approved by the Operational Area Council as to form.

Donald Hutchins from the City of Newman asked about how the appropriate level of background checks was determined for specific affiliated volunteers. Deborah responded that the level of background checks is determined by individual volunteer programs and that each was responsible for the background checks as well as the cost.

Deborah also noted that most of the volunteer programs operating in the individual cities are covered under the cities' Workers' Compensation program.

Deborah also explained that the Disaster Service Worker Policy Template would be provided to each city and each city can use it and make modifications as needed.

Questions cities might need to address include who is authorized to swear in Disaster Service Workers, and who would be deputized to allow that person to swear in Disaster Service Workers.

Chairperson Monica Nino discussed the Disaster Service Worker Oath and asked the question as to how many employees know what it is and what it means to be a Disaster Service Workers. She noted that the County will provide any information they have regarding their employee oath to the nine cities.

Donald Hutchins from the City of Newman asked about the reference to training and that it must be supervised by the Disaster Council. Deborah responded that training and exercise plans from agencies with Affiliated Volunteers are submitted to the Disaster Council or designated authority.

Dotty Nygard, City of Riverbank, asked about outside groups such as nurses who are part of agencies that sends groups into a disaster – would they be considered Disaster Service Workers? Deborah responded that if they were not affiliated with our jurisdiction, they would be treated as Spontaneous Volunteers. However, these programs may already provide Workers' Compensation for their volunteers, or they could be affiliated with the State.

Deborah continued her presentation with the proposed Section 6 of the Disaster Council/Operational Area Council Policies and Procedures Manual. This section details the Purpose, Definitions, Delegated Authority, and Responsibilities of the Disaster Service Worker Volunteer Program. Deborah reported that the Specialist Group appointed by the Disaster Council recommended that the Disaster Council delegate its authority for the oversight of the Disaster Service Worker Volunteer Program to the Operational Area Council. She noted that the Operational Area Council approved this recommendation on April 18, 2013.

Chairman Nino requested a motion to approve the delegation of authority to oversee the Disaster Service Worker Volunteer Program from the Disaster Council to the Operational Area Council.

Action: Motion by Council Member Don Hutchins, City of Newman, second by Council Member Murray Day, City of Waterford, to approve the appointment of a Specialist Group.

Ayes: Supervisor Jim De Martini, Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors
Council Members David Geer and Stephanie Burnside, City of Modesto
Council Members Don Hutchins, City of Newman
Council Member Tom Dunlap, City of Oakdale
Council Member Harold Hill, City of Hughson
Council Member Dotty Nygard and Janine Tucker City of Riverbank
Council Member Murray Day, City of Waterford

Nays: None

Absent: Council Member Bret Durossette, City of Ceres
Council Member Annette Smith, City of Patterson
Council Member Mayor John Lazar, City of Turlock

Abstain: None.

VII. Stanislaus County Medical Response Corps (MRC) Training Program

Aaron Wilson from Public Health provided a Power Point and overview of their Medical Response Corps (MRC) Training Program. He discussed their Training Tracks and progression of courses as they pertain to Behavioral Health, EMS, Clinical, Supportive/Non-Clinical, and Management. He also highlighted the Training Tiers and their Mission-Focused Training Progression. Aaron discussed record keeping methods for the program and he provided the 2013 Exercise Schedule. The goal is to integrate and train volunteers into the Stanislaus County response system.

Deborah mentioned that Aaron Wilson presents the MRC Training and Exercise Program annually to the Disaster Council.

Action: Motion by Council Member Murray Day, City of Waterford, second by Council Member Dotty Nygard, City of Riverbank, to approve the Stanislaus County Medical Response Corps (MRC) Training Program.

Ayes: Supervisor Jim De Martini, Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors
Council Members David Geer and Stephanie Burnside, City of Modesto
Council Member Harold Hill, City of Hughson
Council Members Don Hutchins, City of Newman
Council Member Tom Dunlap, City of Oakdale
Council Member Dotty Nygard and Janine Tucker, City of Riverbank
Council Member Murray Day, City of Waterford

Nays: None

Absent: Council Member Bret Durossette, City of Ceres
Council Member Annette Smith, City of Patterson
Council Member Mayor John Lazar, City of Turlock

Abstain: None.

VIII. New Business

There was no new business.

IX. Announcements/Reports

None

X. Schedule Next Meeting

Joint Meeting with the Operational Area Council – Fall 2013.

XI. Close Meeting

The Meeting was adjourned at: 3:05 p.m.