



Stanislaus County Disaster Council May 18, 2017 Minutes



1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stan Risen, Director of Emergency Services, at 3:11 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Disaster Council Members Present:

Chairman Stan Risen, Chairman, Stanislaus County
Secretary Dale Skiles, Secretary, Stanislaus County
Council Member Harold “Bud” Hill, City of Hughson
Council Member Murray Day, City of Newman
Mayor Deborah M. Novelli, City of Patterson
Council Member Darlene Barber-Martinez, City of Riverbank
Mayor Gary Soiseth, City of Turlock
Chief Robert Talloni, City of Turlock (Alternate)

Disaster Council Members Absent:

Supervisor Jim DeMartini
Council Member Chris Vierra, City of Ceres
Council Member Tom Dunlap, City of Oakdale
Council Member Doug Ridenour, City of Modesto
Council Member Joshua Whitfield, City of Waterford

3. **Public Input**

None.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes from the May 26, 2016 Joint Disaster Council/Operational Area Council meeting was made by Council Member Harold (Bud) Hill, and seconded by Chief Robert Talloni. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Operational Area Presentations and Reports**

Chairman Stan Risen gave a brief overview of the role of the Stanislaus County/City Disaster Council, including citing the California Code requiring Cities and Counties to have Disaster Council. He reviewed the Disaster Council's role in approving training and emergency plans in preparation for a disaster and noted that they do not have an operational role in a disaster.

5.1 Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services

- **Floods of '17**

Chief Dale Skiles reviewed the Operational Area's response to the Floods of '17 and he presented maps of the rivers and areas of flooding as well as areas of possible inundation. He discussed the activation of the Emergency Operational Center (EOC) and noted that there is an After Action Report that is available for anyone who would like a copy. He explained the benefit of having a unified approach as the major rivers flow through many of the cities in the County.

Chief Skiles also gave a National Weather Service Winter Review Power Point and a spring flood outlook. He noted that we are coming out of a 5 year drought and that all of California, except for a few areas in Southern California, are out of the drought. Some of our rivers had the highest stages since 2006. The spring flood outlook brings the possibility of flooding. AS of May, there was a 122% snow pack, similar to 2011. The Dams are filling up and the Stanislaus River is at channel capacity. Temperatures for the summer are predicted to be higher than normal.

- **Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) Update Process**

Chief Skiles explained that the EOP was used as a guideline for responding to the recent floods. Having standardized plans throughout the County made it easier. Chief Skiles noted that the review process for the EOPs has gone from every five years to every three years. The County will be taking their EOP to the Board of Supervisors in 2018.

- **Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Process**

Chief Skiles explained that in 2010, the County submitted a Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. This year, the County submitted a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and each City, as well as Special Districts, can use the County Plan as a template for their own plan.

- **Emergency Plans for Stanislaus County**

Chief Skiles gave an overview of the handout listing all of the Stanislaus County Emergency Supporting Plans within the County, as well as through our Partner Agencies.

- Elected Officials Guide
Chief Skiles noted that there were copies of the Elected Officials' Guide for everyone to take and share with their Councils and department heads.
- Information Sharing
Chief Skiles noted the various methods for obtaining emergency information throughout the County:
 - Stanoes.com
 - Stanemergency.com
 - StanAWARE.com – Self Registration for notification of emergencies for County residents.
 - National Weather Service *HeatRisk* - a new experimental website being offered to the public highlighting potential heat risks for humans and pets.

5.2 Public Health Update

- New Public Health Officer
Dr. Walker, retired Public Health Officer, introduced the new Public Health Officer, Dr. Julie Vaishampayan and noted that she was a great fit as her specialty is in infectious diseases and has worked for the California Public Health Department in the area of Emergency Preparedness.
- Vector Control Plan
Dr. Walker reported that vector control abates or prepares for diseases caused by mosquitos or rodents. The bad news is that our county has an endemic of West Nile Virus and it probably will not go away. Last year there were 34 cases. The West Nile Virus Task for has already met twice as the recent flooding has created an environment that mosquitos like starting last March. Abatement Districts are already responding.
The mosquitos responsible for the Zika virus are different – they like to live in homes and urban areas, where the ones carrying West Nile are more rural and usually appear late in the season.
The good news is that our County has not had any originating cases of Zika virus - all cases have been from people who have traveled out of our area. It has been as bad on American soil and containment has been prompt. The Zika mosquito doesn't travel far and it isn't here yet. The threat is relatively low.

5.3. Cal OES Update

Elsy Votino noted that the Fire season has begun and there was an Emergency Management Mutual Aid meeting today to discuss the Mutual Aid Plan between Fire and Law Enforcement. She reported that the Joint Field Operation Office was available for public access for requests from the February floods. She also noted that Yolo County has reports of a Norovirus outbreak that is spreading to

Sacramento County. San Joaquin County has also reported cases and there have been a few school reporting cases in Stanislaus County. Last week Stanislaus County hosted a Cyber Security Seminar and there are upcoming classes scheduled that are available to the cities. Anyone interested should contact Stanislaus County OES.

5.4 City Reports

- City of Ceres – No representative.
- City of Hughson – Their EOP and Local Hazard Mitigation Plan are scheduled to go to their Council on June 12.
- City of Modesto –No representative.
- City of Newman – Newman’s EOP is almost complete.
- City of Oakdale – No representative.
- City of Patterson – Their EOP is being reviewed by the departments and is almost complete.
- City of Riverbank – Their EOP has been adopted.
- City of Turlock – Their EOP has been adopted.
- City of Waterford – Their EOP has been adopted.

6. **Agenda Items**

No Action Items Noted.

7. **Announcements**

7.1 Tour of Stanislaus Regional 9-11 and the Emergency Operations Center immediately following this meeting.

7.1 Meeting Schedules

- The 2017 Operational Area Council meetings will be held July 20 and October 19, 2017, 1:30 p.m. at Harvest Hall.
- The next Disaster Council meeting will be held April 2018 (date to be determined).

8. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at: 4:07 p.m.

Respectively submitted by Christine Holmer.