



# Stanislaus County Disaster Council October 23, 2019 Minutes



## 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jody Hayes, Director of Emergency Services, at 8:40 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  
Council Member Doug Ridenour, City of Modesto  
Council Member Murray Day, City of Newman  
City Manager Bryan Whitemyer, City of Oakdale  
Mayor Deborah M. Novelli, City of Patterson  
Council Member Darlene Barber-Martinez, City of Riverbank

### **Disaster Council Members Absent:**

Council Member Chris Vierra, City of Ceres  
Mayor Amy Bublak, City of Turlock  
Council Member Joseph Ewing, III, City of Waterford

## 3. Public Comment Period

There was no public comment.

## 4. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2018, was made by Council Member Bud Hill and seconded by Council Member Murray Day. The motion passed unanimously.

## 5. Agenda Items

### 5.1 Approval of the Revised Stanislaus County emergency Operations Plan and Emergency Support Functions.

Richard Murdock, Assistant Director of OES presented a Power Point presentation reviewing the Stanislaus EOP, its purpose, and the revisions being made.

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. Council member Doug Ridenour, City of Modesto asked about the responsibility of Turlock Irrigation District and Modesto Irrigation District regarding floods. Richard Murdock responded that they work with OES and have flood management plans. Supervisor DeMartini asked why Animal Services had been removed as a separate Emergency Support Function. Melba Hibbard responded that OES has aligned our ESFs to the State and Federal ESFs and that Animal Services was a supporting agency to several of the ESFs including Care and Shelter and Law Enforcement.

Council Member Doug Ridenour, Modesto moved to approve the Emergency Operations Plan and Emergency Support Functions and Council Member Bud Hill, Hughson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### 5.2 Approval as to Form the Operational Area Agreement and Forward to the Cities and Board of Supervisors for Final Approval.

Council Member Bud Hill, Hughson moved to approve the Operational Agreement and Forward to the Cities and Board of Supervisors for Final Approval and Council Member Murray Day, Newman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### 5.3 Approval to Accept Team Rubicon as an Officer of Emergency Services (OES) Affiliated Disaster Service Worker Volunteer Group in Stanislaus County.

Richard Murdock, Assistant Director of OES explained that Team Rubicon is an organization that utilizes veterans to volunteer to help in disasters and recovery. Approval by the Disaster Council will ensure that they are eligible for Worker's Compensation through the State of California as they are recognized as Affiliated Disaster Service Workers.

Council Member Murray Day, City of Newman moved and Mayor Deborah M. Novelli, City of Patterson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## 6. Presentations

### 6.1 Office of Emergency Service Reports

- Winter Weather Outlook

This year is predicted to be a neutral year in terms of precipitation. Past neutral years have yielded more dry winter seasons than normal or wet ones,

but past conditions do not guarantee a future outcome. Reservoirs are at or above historical levels. Any one storm can produce flooding.

- PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoff

OES was notified by PG&E on Sunday evening, October 6, regarding a potential PSPS event taking place in Stanislaus County. On Monday, October 7 and Tuesday, October 8, OES staff participated on phone call briefings with PG&E EOC three times daily. OES held daily phone conference calls with Operational Area members. The information from PG&E was fractured and the data provided did not match the maps created by PG&E. On Wednesday, October 9, at 0815 hrs OES activated the EOC at level 3. A Community Resource Center was opened on the west side of the county by PG&E and a CRC was opened in Oakdale by Stanislaus County partner American Red Cross. OES worked with Public Health to get information on medically fragile residents who might be affected by the shutoff. Data from PG&E and from Public Health showed we had people affected in the east part of the county. It is important that we remain prepared as we anticipate it happening again.

Dr. Vaishampayan noted that Public Health has a data base for emergencies of patients that have medical equipment paid for by Medicare. They were able to pull the data and send it to PG&E. Small children, however, needing devices for life support, were not included. Individuals can sign up for medical baseline with PG&E if needed and PG&E will notify you of possible power shut offs.

Bryan Whitemyer, City Manager with the City of Oakdale was frustrated with the entire event. He received reports about how many customers would be affected but was not told where. He was not sure if they were in city limits, schools, nursing homes. He scrambled for a day and a half trying to notify those who might be affected. And in the end of the day, there was no power shut off in Oakdale. He felt this was a failure on PG&E's part and it needs to change.

Jody Hayes, Stanislaus County CEO, noted that PG&E had a great website but it crashed early because too many people were trying to access it. He noted that the County did try to head this process early.

Richard Murdock, Assistant Director of Emergency Services reported that County ITC was very helpful with providing GIS maps and they were able to get the needed information to build the maps so that Public Works was able to see which traffic lights might be affected. The Office of Emergency Services prepared an After-Action Report with what worked well, and what needs improvement. This will help with future event.

- Stanislaus County Resource Deployments – 2019

Chief Richard Murdock presented information outlining the Stanislaus county Resource Deployments so far for 2019. Resources have been sent to the Rock Fire (Santa Clara County), McDonald Fire (Lassen County), Rushing Fire (Tuolumne County), Walk Fire (Plumas National Forest), Briceburg Fire (Mariposa County), and Southern California Preposition.

- OES Restructure  
Chief Murdock gave a brief overview of the restructure of the County's Office of Emergency Services and presented an Organizational Chart highlighting changes and addition of two new Emergency Management Coordinators.
- Affiliated DSW Reports/Training - ARES, MRC, CERT  
Chief Murdock reported that ARES has 48 active members, the Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) has 390 active volunteers, and CERT (Westside Regional CERT) has 36 active members.
- Training Through OES  
Chief Murdock reported that ICS 300 – Intermediate Incident Command System is being offered November 12-14 and ICS 402 – Incident Overview for Elected Officials will be offered in early 2020.

## 6.2 Public Health Report

Dr. Julie Vaishampayan reported that they are working on the Public Health Designation for all of the Cities. All of the cities except Modesto have adopted and Modesto is pending.

West Nile Virus is still present with 14 cases of WNV this season.

Flu Season is hard to predict. Australia had a tough season, and that can predict our season, or not. Vaccines are different. Dr. V recommended everyone get the flu shot early as Flu season starts here in October.

## 6.3 City Reports

- City of Ceres – No representative present.
- City of Hughson – Council Member Bud Hill had nothing to report.
- City of Modesto – Council Member Doug Ridenour had nothing to report.
- City of Newman- Council Member Murray Day had nothing new to report.
- City of Oakdale – Participated in the recent New Melones Exercise with OES and Riverbank. It was a good learning experience and very helpful. They learned a lot.

- City of Patterson – Mayor Deborah Novelli reported their CERT program is going very well.
- City of Riverbank – Council Member Darlene Barber-Martinez noted that the recent New Melones Exercise went really well and involved their first responders and city staff.
- City of Turlock – No representative present.
- City of Waterford – No representative present.
- County of Stanislaus

Melba Hibbard, Emergency Services Manager noted that the Point in Time (PIT) Count will be happening January 22 and 23, 2020 in the County and the cities. Those in homeless shelters will be counted on January 22 and those not on January 23.

Jody Hayes, CEO, acknowledged a significant one-time funding amount of \$12 million received from the State with Assemblyman Heath Flora leading the request. The funds will be used to upgrade fire service radio equipment and improve radio communication infrastructure countywide. Stanislaus County OES will oversee the administration of the project.

## 7. **Announcements**

### 7.1. Meeting Schedules

- The next meeting will be held April 22, 2020, 3705 Oakdale Road, Modesto, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

## 8. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at: 10:46 a.m.

Respectively submitted by Christine Holmer.