



# Stanislaus County Operational Area Council A G E N D A



## Operational Area Council

The OAC coordinates, reviews, and recommends for approval all emergency and disaster response policies, procedures, plans, and other influencing factors or events that would affect the Stanislaus Operational Area. The OAC provides technical review of all disaster plans by any agency or jurisdiction in the County for approval as to form and compliance with ICS, SEMS, NIMS, and HSPD 5 and 8.

### JPA Members

Stanislaus County  
City of Ceres  
City of Hughson  
City of Modesto  
City of Newman  
City of Oakdale  
City of Patterson  
City of Riverbank  
City of Turlock  
City of Waterford

### Participating Agencies

American Red Cross

United Way

CERT

Advancing Vibrant Communities

California Emergency  
Management Agency

Schools

Latino Emergency Council (LEC)

Mountain Valley EMSA

Utilities

Stanislaus County Departments

Private Industry

National Weather Service

Non-Governmental Organizations

July 17, 2014

1:30 p.m.

## Regional Fire Training Center

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Introductions / Roll Call
4. Approval of Minutes from April 17, 2014
5. Introduction of New Projects
6. Task Force/Specialist Group Status Report Updates
  - a) Disaster Council Structure Draft Ordinance
  - b) Agreement for Operational Area Organization
  - c) EOP Revision
7. Informational Items
  - a) National Weather Service Presentation
  - b) HiLink Protocol
  - c) NIMS / TEP
8. Operational Area Discipline Reports
  - a) Law Enforcement
  - b) Public Health
  - c) MVEMSA
  - d) Emergency Management
  - e) Fire
  - f) Cal OES
9. Roundtable/Announcements
  - a) Agency Check In
10. Next Meeting – October 23, 2014
11. Adjourn



# Stanislaus County Operational Area Council



April 17, 2014  
Meeting Notes

## I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm.

## II. Attendance

JPA Members: Stanislaus County, City of Turlock, City of Riverbank, City of Modesto, City of Waterford, City of Ceres, City of Patterson, City of Newman, City of Hughson.

Partner Agencies: Modesto Regional Fire Authority (MRFA), American Red Cross (ARC), Agricultural Commissioner, Mountain Valley EMSA, HSA/Public Health, Community Services Agency, General Services Agency (GSA), CERT, Advancing Vibrant Communities, Gallo, PG&E, Yosemite Community College District, Congressman Denham's Office, National Weather Service Sacramento, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services (BHRS), Stanislaus County Office of Education, Turlock Irrigation District (TID), CSU Stanislaus.

## III. Public Comment

Vance Kennedy discussed the need for automatic shut offs in private homes for gas lines. He expressed concern about potential fires. Cliff Concello with PG&E planned to discuss this with Mr. Kennedy after the meeting.

## IV. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the November 7, 2013 meeting and the January 30, 2014 was made by Chief Lohman and seconded by Norma Torres-Manriquez. Motion passed unanimously.

## V. Introduction of New Projects

No new projects were introduced.

## VI. Task Force/Specialist Group Status Report Updates

- a) Disaster Council Structure Draft Ordinance  
Deb Thrasher presented a power point on the proposed revisions to the Stanislaus Disaster Council Ordinance for the purpose of bringing the Ordinance into compliance with the State of California. A copy of the State Model Ordinance was provided to the City Emergency Managers. The revised ordinance was reviewed by County Counsel as well as the City of Turlock's

Attorney. With Operational Area Council approval, the ordinance will be presented to the Disaster Council at their May 15, 2014 meeting.

A motion to approve the revised Disaster Council Ordinance and forward it to the Disaster Council was made by Chief Steve Hall. It was seconded by Matt Erickson. The motion passed unanimously.

b) Agreement for Operational Area Organization

Deb Thrasher reviewed the history behind the Agreement for Operational Area Organization and submitted the new Agreement, which will replace the current Agreement set to expire in October 2014. The new Agreement is the same as the current agreement and if approved by the Operational Area Council, will be forwarded and presented to the Disaster Council at their May 15, 2014 meeting. Once approved by the Disaster Council, the Operational Area Agreement will be sent to the County and each city for their signature and approval.

Chief Lohman discussed the possibility of bringing at the same time, both the Operational Area Agreement, as well as the Disaster Council Ordinance revision, to their respective City Council's for approval.

A motion to approve the Operational Area Agreement and to forward it to the Disaster Council was made by Chief Lohman. It was seconded by Chief Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

Deb Thrasher briefly discussed the process for the Ordinance and Agreement Approval and noted that the Policy and Procedures Manual would be updated by May 2014 and the Disaster Service Worker Policy would be updated by Fall 2014.

c) Draft Extreme Heat Contingency Plan – 2013-04

Deb Thrasher presented the Draft Extreme Heat Contingency Plan and thanked the Specialist Work Group for their work on the plan. The next steps will include a pre-season meeting and the plan will be submitted to the Disaster Council in May for their approval as to form.

Jim Solano asked about transportation and Deb responded that it was a Logistics function. Chief Lohman noted that the City of Turlock provides free bus passes during extreme heat events. Christy Alman asked about pets and was there a list of cool zones that allowed pets? The difference between cool zone and cooling center was discussed and it was noted that cooling centers must stay open 24 hours.

A motion to approve the Draft Extreme Heat Contingency Plan and forward it to the Disaster Council was made by Matt Erickson. It was seconded by Hugo Patino.

The motion passed unanimously.

## **VII. Informational Items**

### **a) CSU Stanislaus Full-Scale Active Shooter Exercise – October 2013.**

Kellie Marshall reported that it took a year to prepare for this exercise and included the Turlock Fire and Police Departments, AMR, University Police, the University Health Center, the Media Department, and chaplains. Their last full scale exercise was in 2007 and the goals for this exercise were developed from the 2007 After Action Report.

This exercise showed that communication still needed improvement, and more training was needed. They found that they did not have enough University officers to put with the Turlock Police and Fire. Some of the rooms that were used during the exercise were never cleared. There was some confusion between the first responder and the hospital. Kellie noted that they identified a communication breakdown between the Command Post and the EOC and suggested creating a liaison position to go between the two locations.

The After Action Plan has been drafted and Kellie will share the plan with the OAC once she has received authorization to release it. Dave Funk noted that the exercise was very well planned and executed. Kellie noted that they have determined that in four years they will exercise a HazMat incident.

### **b) Drought Update – Chief Skiles noted that the next Drought Task Force Meeting will be held at Harvest Hall on May 8, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. He asked that any information/impacts to the OAC members or partners be sent to us and we will continue to forward this information to the State.**

## **VIII. Operational Area Discipline Reports**

### **a) Law Enforcement** No representative.

### **b) Public Health**

- Jim Ferrera reported that they are working with CSA and the American Red Cross on a Care and Shelter Exercise scheduled for the end of May. This will include the Medical Reserve Corps volunteers.
- On September 12, 2014, the National Guard, Special HazMat Unit, from the Bay Area wants to have an exercise at John Thurman field. It will focus on a dirty bomb and include Public Health, DER, Law Enforcement, and Public Works. IT is a great collaboration.
- The American Red Cross has teamed up with the Medical Reserve Corps for a Fire Stoppers program for high impact areas for house fires. On May 17, they will distribute Fire Awareness, Prevention and Safety Packets inviting them to a Safety Faire the following week. The Safety Faire will provide 7 different stations including CPR and if the participants complete each station, they receive a bag with carbon and smoke detectors, a fire

extinguishers, and other items. They will initially hit 5,000 homes, and would like to reach all of Stanislaus County this year.

- Jim Ferrera also discussed the Strategic National Stockpile Site Pod Plans being developed for 15 locations for emergency medical supply and/or vaccine distribution. All are in high school gymnasiums and Dave Funk has been working on security plans for each location.

c) MVEMSA

Richard Murdock – They are looking at triggers for multi-casualty incidents. They are working on a program for patient tracking with Public Health. Regarding the MHOC, they are working with Dr. Walker and Jim Ferrera to develop a program

Tom Morton – They learned from the Heat Event that surveillance can be difficult. They need real-time data from ambulance dispatch. They want to set triggers for this summer for patients affected by the heat. This includes creating a Geo Fence along the 99 corridor. They will monitor heat/cardiac arrest trend and share with the stakeholders.

d) Emergency Management

- Chief Skiles asked for feedback regarding the Joint OAC/Disaster Council Meeting held in January 2014. Norma Torres-Manriquez from Riverbank felt it was beneficial and a joint meeting once a year shall be held.
- Chief Skiles reported that the Emergency Managers from the Cities met with he and Deb Thrasher to discuss CERT, stating that there was a need for communities who would like to host CERT training. Patterson is graduating 19 people and there are 12 more on the way. If there are any other cities who would like to offer CERT training, we will help to financially support and coordinate.
- We continue to be challenged with Emergency Operations Center staffing levels. Training needs to be brought back, along with ongoing testing. Is it possible to share our personnel in the areas of logistics, finance, and planning?

e) Fire

Chief Skiles reported that we are gearing up for fire season. Cal Fire has stated that they are two months ahead with staffing. We could be in for a long season.

f) Cal OES

Kyle Noderer was unable to attend as he is staffing the REOC due to the drought situation.

## **IX. Roundtable/Announcements**

1. Cliff Concello with PG & E discussed gas hazards and reported a near hit in West Stanislaus and the importance of checking with the PG & E before digging.
2. Cindy Matthews with the National Weather Service reported that Fire Season has started and it is going to stay hot and dry. There is a 66% that we will have EI

Nino conditions next year, but there is no correlation to precipitation for Northern California. El Nino's are dry 54% of the time for Northern California.

3. Michael Douglass with Advancing Vibrant Communities stated they are looking for volunteers to install air conditioners for the elderly for the upcoming dry, hot months.
4. Dan Bernaciak with the Ag Commissioners Office reported that CDFA will meet at the Ag Center regarding funding that is available because of the drought.
5. Calvin Curtin with TID discussed the Don Pedro reservoir level. It currently shows 53% full, however, much of that water must be used for required fish flows and irrigation and when taking into account the dead pool, the reservoir is only 18% full. It is expected that San Francisco will take the entire current watershed and by the end of the season, the reservoir will be effectively dry. They are not expecting any bacteria level issues.
6. Deb Thrasher mentioned that the Office of Emergency Services has been flood planning and working with TID, Don Pedro, La Grange, Waterford and Modesto.
7. Hugo Patino with MRFA stated that Chief Sean Slamon is the new Interim Fire Chief replacing Chief Randy Bradley.
8. Mike Anderson, with Congressman Jeff Denham's Office stated that the Congressman will be in the district next week.
9. Chief Tim Lohman explained how their new EOC functions and explained that their new Public Safety building is very secure with 90% police and 10% Fire.

**X. The next OAC meeting will be July 17, 2014.**

**XI. Meeting Adjourned – 3:20 pm.**