



# Stanislaus County Disaster Council Operational Area Council



Joint Meeting  
April 16, 2015

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stan Risen, Director of Emergency Services, at 1:39 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

**Disaster Council Members Present:**

Chairman Stan Risen, Chairman, Stanislaus County  
Secretary Dale Skiles, Secretary, Stanislaus County  
Supervisor Jim DeMartini, Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors  
Council Member Chris Vierra, City of Ceres  
Council Member Jill Silva, City of Hughson  
City Manager Michael Holland, City of Newman  
Council Member Luis Molina, City of Patterson  
Council Member Jeanine Tucker, City of Riverbank  
Chief Tim Loman, City of Turlock  
Council Member Joshua Whitfield, City of Waterford

**Disaster Council Members Absent:**

Council Member, Tony Madrigal, City of Modesto  
Council Member Tom Dunlap, City of Oakdale

**Operational Area Council Members Present:**

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

Partner Agencies: Modesto Junior College, PG & E, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office, Stanislaus County Animal Services, Probation, United Way, Gallo, Advancing Vibrant Communities, Mountain Valley EMSA, Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District, East Side Mosquito District, Stanislaus County CEO, Health Services Agency/Public Health, Turlock Irrigation District, Yosemite Community College District (YCCD), Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services/Fire Warden, Ag Commissioner, Turlock Mosquito Abatement District, Stanislaus County General Services Agency.

**3. Public Input**

None.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2014 Disaster Council meeting was made by Council Member Jill Silva and was seconded by Council Member Luis Modina. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. Operational Area Reports**

5.1 American Red Cross Presentation

There was no one present from American Red Cross.

5.2 Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services

- Disaster Council Ordinance  
Secretary Chief Skiles reported that the new Disaster Council Ordinance now covers Disaster Services Workers as well allowing for alternates to be designated for the Disaster Council. All cities are encouraged to adopt a revised Disaster Council Ordinance. The reason for the Joint Disaster Council is to provide a collective effort in planning for emergencies. Emergencies do not know boundaries. It is more efficient to have one joint Disaster Council.
- Operational Area Agreement  
Secretary Chief Skiles provided an update on the Operational Area Agreement. All nine cities and the County have signed the Agreement. This Agreement allows us to develop similar plans and provide mutual aid to each other throughout the county.
- 2015 Water Shortage Strategy  
Secretary Chief Skiles reported that OES was directed by the County Board of Supervisors last year in 2014 to develop a Water Shortage Contingency Plan for small communities. OES is working to revise and update that plan so that it is available if needed.
- NIMS/SEMS Training  
Secretary Chief Skiles reported that a list of available training courses is distributed electronically. Additional courses as well as exercises are being added. These training courses are available to everyone in the Disaster Council as well as the Operational Area Council. Information on upcoming training opportunities will continue to be sent to the Emergency Managers as well as the Operational Area Council Members.

- EOC Management Team  
Secretary Chief Skiles provided an update on the EOC Management Team. Through attrition, we are limited on people to staff and EOC and/or DOC. We are looking at collaborating to develop a team. Dave Funk is working to develop the EOC Management Team. If we train and play together, when an emergency or disaster happens, we will be able to provide emergency management from the EOC better. A program will be presented at the next Operational Area Council Meeting in July.

### 5.3. Public Health

Dr. Walker with Public Health discussed the Extreme Heat Contingency Plan. He explained that it was not if, but when we activate our EOC for extreme heat this year. He wants to make sure that information is available that cities can use. Cal OES automatically activates the State's plan on May 1 at level 1. We have concerns, but we have a plan that was developed by a multi-disciplinary team. It is important to speak with one voice and communicate risk.

Dr. Walker also discussed the importance of addressing West Nile Virus as it pertains to the heat and drought. Last year, 2014, was the largest impact of West Nile Virus since the state started experiencing it in 2004. It was the second highest for our county. Part of the assessment by the biologists at the State Department is that last year was significantly higher because of the drought. Because agriculture land is not being used, mosquitos may be migrating to more populated areas. Also, there is the foreclosure crisis. Pools that have been abandoned create breeding grounds for mosquitos. There needs to be ordinances passed for abatement managers to treat untreated pools. Even though are past the foreclosure crisis, the problem still exists. The abatement districts need the authority to take action. Another challenge is that we are located in the pacific flyway. We have one federal wild life refuge in our county that is designed to be a hotel for migrating birds, and they bring the virus with them. We don't have the authority to treat on those federal lands. Our mosquito district representatives have been working to remedy that, however our efforts to treat them have been partially restricted. The forecast is challenging for 2015. We have a County West Nile Virus task force that will begin meeting in a couple of weeks.

Dr. Walker also reviewed our planning efforts for Ebola preparedness. We are very pre-emptive with this process. We created a Threat Assessment Group (TAG) last August and decided to create a planning group to develop a plan with OES. Containment in the US has been phenomenally successful. We still have 30-60 returning travelers coming back to California at any given time. All returning travelers are being screened by the CDC. The quarantine branch has been working with all major airline carriers coming from affected areas. They can only enter through six locations on the east coast if coming from those areas.

State Departments and local counties are notified and returning travelers will be monitored. We haven't had to do that here yet. We have established protocol for how we will handle that and have an internal table top scheduled for next to exercise that process. There is a policy issue that elected officials should be aware of. There is a disagreement regarding personal protective equipment. Cal OSHA requires higher requirements that make it much more expensive and there is a shortage for this equipment. Policy makers need to be aware that this is an ongoing issue. Our County does continue to prepare should we have an affected returning traveler, even though the risk is low.

**6. Agenda Items**

**6.1 Consideration and Approval as to Form of the Stanislaus County Emergency Operations Plan**

Chairman Stan Risen introduced the Emergency Operations Plan to be approved as to form by the Disaster Council and the Operational Area Council. He noted that the previous EOP was approved by the County in 2010. Once this EOP has been approved by the Disaster Council and the Operational Area Council, it will go to the County Board of Supervisors for approval.

Secretary Chief Skiles reported that the plan has the same format but includes updates and new ordinances. NIMS/SEMS requires that we have a formal document that points to how we respond to an emergency. We need to adopt an Emergency Operations Plan to be able to receive funding. Some changes in this plan include introducing Cybersecurity, changing the language regarding Disaster Services workers and expanding the plan in the area of Access and Functional Needs.

**Action: Operational Area Council**

Motion by Chief Steve Hall, seconded by Matt Erickson. Motion passed unanimously.

**Action: Disaster Council**

Motion by Council Member Luis Molia, City of Patterson, second by Council Member Chris Vierra, City of Ceres, to approve as to form the Stanislaus County Emergency Operations Plan.

**Ayes:** Supervisor Jim DeMartini, Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors  
Council Member Chris Vierra, City of Ceres  
Council Member Jill Silva, City of Hughson  
City Manager Michael Holland, City of Newman  
Council Member Luis Molina, City of Patterson

Council Member Jeanine Tucker, City of Riverbank  
Chief Tim Loman, City of Turlock  
Council Member Joshua Whitfield, City of Waterford

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Council Member, Tony Madrigal, City of Modesto  
Council Member Tom Dunlap, City of Oakdale

**Abstain:** None.

**7. Announcements**

7.1 Meeting Schedules

- The 2015 Operational Area Council meetings will be held July 16 and October 15, 1:30 pm. at Harvest Hall.
- The next Disaster Council Meeting will be held April 2016 (date to be determined).

Chairman Stan Risen asked each person in attendance to introduce themselves to three people they do not know.

**8. Close Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at: 2:17 p.m.

Respectively submitted by Christine Holmer.