



# Stanislaus County Operational Area Council



July 28, 2016  
Meeting Notes

## **I. Call to Order**

Chief Holly called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm and thanked the City of Turlock for hosting the OAC meeting. He discussed the idea of moving the locations of future OAC meetings so that different agencies could share their Emergency Operations Centers.

## **II. Public Comment**

None

## **III. Roll Call/Introductions**

JPA Members: Stanislaus County, City of Turlock, City of Riverbank, City of Modesto, City of Waterford.

Partner Agencies: Turlock Irrigation District (TID), Health Services Agency/Public Health, Stanislaus County General Services Agency (GSA), Stanislaus Animal Services Agency, Advancing Vibrant Communities, Latino Emergency Council (LEC), Congressman Denham's Office, United Way, E & J Gallo, Salvation Army, California State University Stanislaus, Cal OES Law Enforcement.

## **IV. Approval of Minutes**

The approval of the January 21, 2016 minutes was postponed to the next OAC meeting due to the lack of a quorum.

## **V. Presentations**

- a.) Turlock City Emergency Operations Center  
Chief Carlson, with the Turlock Fire Department, gave a presentation on the Turlock EOC and how the room is set up to accommodate the functions of the EOC.

## **VI. Agenda Items**

No Action Items noted.

## **VII. Informational Items – Office of Emergency Services**

- a) Annual NIMS Assessment:  
Melba Hibbard reported that NIMSCAST is Operational Area wide and includes the County, cities and special districts. Completing the NIMSCAST allows us to receive grant funding from the government for emergencies.

We can also be eligible for funding from FEMA. We have been doing this for 10 years. Cal OES has not received the information yet, but expects to pass on the survey to the County by September 16. It is due back to the State by September 30. Fire Chiefs may have received an email. They can hold on to that and wait until the State sends the Survey and they can then do their own report directly, or they can send it to Melba.

b) Temporary Water Assistance program:

Melba Hibbard reported that the County has continued the State of Emergency Proclamation which ensures our eligibility for CDAA funding. We continue to partner with Self Help Enterprises (SHE), which can install a water tank in three days. Since inception of the water tank program, we have installed 54 tanks with 22 already removed. Well drillers are back logged three to six months. The Office of Emergency Services is not receiving nearly as many applications for water tanks; only about one per week. Our water tank program is modeled after Tulare's program. For homes that are rentals, the owners pay for the tanks, but we provide the water. Chief Holly mentioned that Melba has talked to each person applying and noted that if we ran the program, we would only be eligible, as a government agency, to receive 75% reimbursement. As a non-profit, Self Help Enterprises is reimbursed 100%.

c) EOC Management Team Upcoming Training:

Chief Holly discussed the upcoming EOC Management Team Training and noted that the topic was Communications. The dates for the training are September 6, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and September 21, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The training will be held at the Office of Emergency Services, 3705 Oakdale Road, Modesto. Chief Holly also discussed the new Everbridge program and asked Chief Gary Carlson from Turlock Fire Department to discuss how they have used the program.

d) City Emergency Operations Plans:

Chris Holmer with Stanislaus County OES provided an update on the progress the cities were making with the revision of their Emergency Operations Plans.

## **VIII. Discussion Items**

a) Training Needs and Wants

Chief Holly gave an update on the training and classes being offered as well as ICS classes being updated. He noted there was no need to retake classes that have been revised. We will be adding position specific classes and continuing to offer the Executive Course for Elected Officials one a year. OES can take it to the cities. An RFP is going out in September for trainers and teachers for the classes. Jim Solano, with GSA, suggested we have meetings at locations, such as for Logistics, meet at Safeway and view the ice trucks and refrigerated trucks available. Know what is out there. Also have Gallo and Foster Farms host an OAC meeting. Look at our lists of who we contract with and provide logistics training.

Melba Hibbard noted that we have submitted a Grant request for a Large Scale Exercise for next year.

Jim Ferrera, with Public Health, noted that table top exercises and scenarios are helpful for specific and general incidents, such as active shooters. He suggested that maybe one of the hospitals may be able to open up.

Dan Daily, with Cal OES Law Enforcement, reported that they provide table top and full scale exercises and might be able to help us.

b) Op Area Council Meeting Improvements

Chief Holly asked the OAC members and partners for suggestions to improve our Op Area Council Meetings. Do we like the seating in a square or roundtable? Is there a preferable time? Jim Solano suggested we have the meetings at 2:00 p.m. It was also suggested that we schedule subject-matter experts for presentations such as weather updates with the National Weather Service, Water with TID, and FEMA for information for non-profits regarding Recovery. Regarding location, it was suggested that we move it around and have all of the members of the EOC Management Team host the meeting at their locations.

## **IX. Operational Area Discipline Reports**

a) Public Health

Jim Ferrera reported that there are 100 cases of the Zika virus in California. All were travelers. There are a few cases in Stanislaus County. The concern is with mosquito transmission in Florida. The type of mosquito that can transmit the virus has been found in Madera. The Zika virus is expected to be here in California in the next couple of years. It is important that we are diligent about draining standing water and using mosquito repellent such as DEET when outside.

b) Fire

Chief Holly reported that even with the heat, we still have a good overnight recovery. We have been participating in conference calls with Merced County. Both counties are promoting cooling zones.

Statewide there are two large fires which are 65% contained. Region IV is sending in Strike Teams. There is a lot of overhead going out. There have been a few vegetation and structure fires in the County.

c) Law Enforcement

Dan Dailey reported that there are seven Assistant Chiefs assigned throughout the State. They are responsible for assisting with L.E. Mutual Aid. They work with the Stanislaus County Sheriff and can assist with Search and Rescue Coordination or Coroners Mass Fatality Mutual Aid. If we have questions, we can call the Warning Center or call him with questions during regular hours.

d) Agricultural Commissioner

Not present.

e) Animal Services

Steven Fielder reported that there are no problems with animals and heat at this time. Chief Holly noted that the Agricultural Commissioner has a network and has contacted Santa Barbara County for their information on animals and heat.

f) Public Works  
Not present.

g) Cal OES  
Dan Dailey reported that the Law Enforcement Division has a lot of resources available, such as radios and water caches. He noted that Cal OES is working with Cal Fire on the tree mortality.

## **X. Roundtable**

Chief Holly reported that OES is working on a Transportation Plan for cooling locations as well as for other emergencies.

Dale Butler, President of the Latino Emergency Council, noted that the LEC celebrated their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on July 8. The event was sponsored by Modesto City Schools. They awarded four Presidential Awards: 1 to CEO Stan Risen; 2 to Modesto Fire Fighter Captains for providing Spanish Speaking CERT Training for which there were 182 individuals who graduated; and 1 to the Office of Emergency Services, who has worked with the LEC since 2006 and was recognized for providing many resources. Dale also noted that Mike Anderson from Congressman Denham's Office is a consistent participant and supporter of the LEC.

Amanda Toledo, with the United Way Emergency Volunteer Center, had nothing new to report.

Jason Carkeet, with Turlock Irrigation District, reported that they have just been approved for Grant Funding to develop an improved website and provide web services for agencies to pull data from their server. Also, Upper Dry Creek will become a forecast spot for California. He noted that if we receive 130% precipitation, it translates to 95% runoff. In addition, TID has extended the irrigation season.

Jason Hicks, with Turlock Irrigation District, reported that on May 25, a structure at Don Pedro was burned down. The cause was listed as unknown or accidental.

Norma Torres-Manriquez, with the City of Riverbank, thanked the OES team for assisting with their EOP.

Melba Hibbard reported that the Emergency Services Coordinator Position for the Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services was open and would close tomorrow. This position will work on training and plans. She also encouraged everyone to go to the Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services Webpage [www.stanoes.com](http://www.stanoes.com) and click on the Stan Aware icon and self-register for Everbridge.

Laura Rodriguez-Mascorro, with Stanislaus State, reported that they are planning a Full-Scale Exercise for the fall of 2018. The exercise will focus on HAZMAT/

Chemical Terrorism. They are looking at continuity plans and will have a workgroup meeting soon.

Jim Fererra, Public Health, noted that they are working on a Full Scale, Mass Casualty Exercise which will include a pediatric surge and a school bus. They have a Homeland Security Grant for updating their Emergency Plans and provide a gap analysis.

Mike Anderson, Congressman Denham's Office, had nothing new to report.

Chief Payton, City of Modesto Fire Department, had nothing new to report.

Bob Bradley, Salvation Army, reported that their Mobile Kitchen is ready for use.

Rev. Michael Douglass, Advancing Vibrant Communities (AVC), reported that they just celebrated their 15<sup>th</sup> year connecting volunteers with Faith-based opportunities to serve. Chief Holly thanked Rev. Douglass for being the voice for our Disaster Service Worker Training video.

Matt Erickson, City of Waterford, had nothing new to report.

Chief Gary Carlson, Turlock Fire Department, reported that August 2 was National Night Out. Last week, at the Captain's Block Party, there were 45 blocks participating. Also, the Stanislaus County Fair went well.

## **XI. Announcements**

The next meeting will be October 20, 3:00 p.m. Location TBD.

## **XII. Meeting Adjourned – 4:40 pm.**

**Respectfully Submitted by:**  
**Chris Holmer**