



Stanislaus County Operational Area Council



January 19, 2017
Meeting Notes

I. Call to Order

Chief Holly called the meeting to order at 1335.

II. Public Comment

None

III. Roll Call/Introductions

JPA Members: Stanislaus County, City of Hughson, City of Turlock, City of Oakdale, City of Waterford, and City of Riverbank.

Partner Agencies: Congressman Jeff Denham, Stanislaus County Chief Executives Office (CEO), Stanislaus County Health Services Agency/Public Health, Stanislaus County General Services Agency (GSA), Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources (DER), Stanislaus County Ag Commissioner, Stanislaus County Animal Services, Stanislaus County Farm Bureau, Stanislaus County Libraries, Stanislaus County Behavioral Health and Recovery (BHRS), Stanislaus County Public Works, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office (S/O), Stanislaus Regional 911 (SR911), Stanislaus Consolidated Fire District, Advancing Vibrant Communities, Denair Fire, Modesto Fire Department, Turlock Fire Department, California Highway Patrol (CHP), Turlock Irrigation District (TID), Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E), Latino Emergency Council (LEC), United Way, The Salvation Army, E & J Gallo, California State University Stanislaus, Yosemite Community College District, Mountain Valley EMS Agency (MVEMSA).

IV. Approval of Minutes

The approval of the January 21, 2016, July 28, 2016, and October 20, 2016 minutes was motioned by Norma Torres-Manriquez with the City of Riverbank and Chief Payton of Modesto Fire seconds. Minutes reviewed and approved without revisions.

V. Presentations

- a) EverBridge Mass Notification System – Chad Homme provided an overview of the County mass notifications system and its features for County department use. EverBridge was not used as part of the messaging for the storms last week but was discussed as part of the response for future uses. EverBridge is used in many counties throughout California and allows for unlimited messaging to users. Specifically used for County employees, first responders, and law enforcement. There is a feature for opt-in newsletters for registered users. The system is not

used as a reverse 911 system. This system replaced the HipLink system that was confusing and cumbersome to activate. The EverBridge system allows citizens to self-register and receive notifications at any number and for up to five addresses. Chad noted that accounts and passwords do not expire and users can log into their account at any time and update their information. It is the goal of OES to get the word out to all cities and districts for residents to register. OES is looking to do something to reach out to the public to increase registration. OES should create a handout to distribute to community partners to assist with registering citizens at events and to customers. Navigate to www.StanAware.com to register.

VI. Agenda Items

No Action Items noted.

VII. Informational Items – Office of Emergency Services

- a) 2017 January Winter Storms- Chief Holly provided a presentation on the 2017 January Winter Storms. OES is tracking the river levels so that we can create a historical record of what the river looks like at certain CFS levels.
- b) Training Courses- Shannon Williams discussed the new NIMS training schedule posted in the OES training website. It was noted that the ICS 100/700/200 courses will not be offered in-person through OES this year. It was advised to have staff navigate to FEMA online to complete these courses.
- c) Local Hazard Mitigation Plan- Melba Hibbard noted that the plan has been forwarded to the State and returned with recommendations for changes. Once it is finalized with the State it will be sent out to the cities for individual adaptation and use.
- d) City Emergency Operation Plans- Melba Hibbard noted that if the cities are still working or need assistance Chris Holmer from OES will be available to assist. It is almost time for the annual review of the county EOP and OES will be looking to invite partners to review it soon.

VIII. Discussion Items

- a) Project Priorities/Open Forum-
 - i. Upcoming weather- Chief Holly reviewed the presentation for the upcoming weather from the CalOES daily situation report. The Sunday-Monday storm may be a little bit stronger than predicted. Winds created a lot of work for the cities and counties with down trees. The county received 102 calls from downed trees just from the 1/18/2017 winds.
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IX. Operational Area Discipline Reports

- a) Public Health - Jim Ferrera reported that the flood conference call using Blue Jeans was a great way to communicate with the OP Area on ongoing response efforts. Public Health used the storms last week as an opportunity to ramp up DOC

operations. California is in the middle of a flu epidemic and all healthcare facilities are feeling the impact of high emergency room volumes. Jim noted that the messages that should be sent to the public are it's not too late to get a flu shot and wash your hands. Jim Whitworth from MVEMSA noted that EMS delays are not being seen at this time.

- b) Fire - Appreciated the communication during the storms with the conference calls. Swift water rescue teams are ready to go.
- c) Law Enforcement – Jim Gordon from the S/O reports that there were lots of busy calls with road closures and wet weather related incidents. CHP reports that collisions are up 33% from last year.
- d) Agricultural Commissioner – Nothing to report. Thankful for the rain.
- e) Public Works – Del Puerto Canyon had about 36 calls last night with the wind storm and had multiple road closures. Estimated that 7500-8000 sandbags were issued last week. There was a good mudslide on Rodden Rd. CHP has been assisting with the wet weather road closures.
- f) Utilities –TID reported that Don Pedro is about 35% encroached on flood control space. With allowed releases it could be another 20 days before they are out of the flood control space. The National Weather Service shows upwards of 8" of rain in the next 7 days which is ¼ of the annual rainfall for the upwards Tuolumne basin. For the remainder of this storm we will see increased flows for the Dry Creek and Tuolumne River. During the last series of storms the boom gave way and with this storm the boom was caught and managed before any damage occurred. There is almost 30 acres of debris that have accumulated as a result of the storms last week. Jason Carkeet explained why TID is releasing so much and it was noted that these releases are necessary to maintain the flood control space. Rivers and creeks will be running high for a while so fire and law enforcement agencies should be aware to notify homeless encampments. PG & E is watching earth movement closely for sink holes in areas around utility lines.
- g) Cal OES – Not present. Stanislaus County OES will stay in Duty Officer Status and can be reached at 552-2474.

X. Roundtable

- a) David Jones noted that StanEmergency.com is a great resource to send people for information on the current local conditions. Please direct the public to this resource for answers and updates.
- b) Melba Hibbard offered the daily OES Report and NWS reports those members that would like to sign up.

XI. Announcements

- a) 2017 Op Area Council Meetings – July 20 & October 19, 1:30 p.m.,

- Harvest Hall
- b) 2017 Disaster Council Meeting and Tour of the EOC – May 18, 3:00 p.m., 3705 Oakdale Rd.

XII. Meeting Adjourned – 2:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by: Shannon Williams