



Stanislaus County Operational Area Council



October 19, 2017
Meeting Notes

I. Call to Order

Chief Skiles called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm.

II. Public Comment

None

III. Roll Call/Introductions

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

Partner Agencies: Stanislaus County Community Services Agency, Catholic Charities, CSU Stanislaus, Turlock Irrigation District, Stanislaus Animal Services Agency, PG& E, Stanislaus County Probation Department, Stanislaus County Sheriff, Stanislaus County Agricultural Commissioner, Stanislaus County General Services Agency, Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services, Mountain Valley EMS Agency (MVEMSA), United Way, E & J Gallo, National Weather Service, Latino Emergency Council (LEC), Advancing Vibrant Communities, Stanislaus County Public Works, Stanislaus County Public Health, Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources, California Highway Patrol, Stanislaus County Health Services Agency,

IV. Approval of Minutes

Chief Ernst, City of Modesto moved and Chief Christianson, Stanislaus County seconded approving the January 19, 2017, and the July 20, 2017 Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Presentations

- a) Michelle Mead with the National Weather Service in Sacramento presented a Power Point presentation reviewing last year's weather and providing a winter weather update for 2017/2018. Last year there were 49 atmospheric rivers, 4 presidential disaster declarations and the State's flood ops center was activated for 145 days (144 in a row). Michelle reviewed where the State's dam capacity is currently compared to last year stating that they are higher than any year since 2011. This winter the prediction is for an increasing chance for a La Nina. Past La Nina and neutral years have resulted in a wide distribution of outcomes from very dry to normal to very wet for Northern California. California's wet season is typically mid-October through February. Michelle can be reached for questions at michelle.meat@noaa.gov, or (916) 979-3041 x223. A forecaster can be reached at (916) 979-3045 (24/7).

- b) Northern CA Catastrophic Flood Response Plan (NCCFRP) presentation by Lynne Olsen, Senior Emergency Services Coordinator, Planning and Preparedness Branch, Cal OES was cancelled.

VI. Agenda Items

- a) Accept and Forward the Extreme Cold & Freeze Plan to the Disaster Council for Approval.

Melba Hibbard with Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services presented the Extreme Cold & Freeze Plan and requested that the Operational Area Council accept the plan and forward it to the Disaster Council for approval. Sheriff Christianson moved to accept the plan, and Norma Torres-Manriquez seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Melba will make the plan available to Operational Area Council members and partners.

- b) Approval to Create a Transportation Plan Task Force Led by the Office of Emergency Services to Develop a Regional Emergency Transportation Plan in 2018.

Melba Hibbard with the Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services requested approval to create a transportation plan and asked for anyone interested in being on the Task Force to contact her. Sheriff Christianson moved to approve the creation of a Transportation Plan Task Force and Sam Rush from the City of Hughson seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

VII. Informational Items – Office of Emergency Services

- a) 2016 -17 Winter Recovery Update

Chief Skiles reported that as of September 27, according to the Cal OES Director regarding recovery and reimbursement from last winter, FEMA started with \$8 Billion and they had drained the coffers. Counties that had requested reimbursement may take a while but can count on getting it. The hope to expedite California claims before we get into winter. They are expecting another wet winter.

- b) Flood Season Resources

Chief Skiles noted that information was provided on the back table listing contact information and websites for the 2017 Flood Season Resources. For additional information, Patricia Clark, with the California Department of Water Resources can be contacted at Patricia.Clark@water.ca.gov.

- c) Homeland Security Grants Update

Chief Skiles reported that there are changes with the auditing requirements and shortened times associated with the Homeland Security Grants. He noted that not as many modifications were being allowed and they are looking at bi-annual reporting. The Grant cycle is faster with a

shorter time to apply. Fiscal Year 2017 will be coming in the next 30 days for the Board of Supervisors approval in December or January. Site visits could occur for the Fiscal Year 14 Grants. They will want to know where the purchase is, is it operational and are their people to operate it. We need to make sure that the inventory is accurate.

d) TID Load Curtailment Procedure

Jason Hicks with TID reviewed TID's Load Curtailment Procedure manual. TID manages an independent power grid. They have to be able to generate enough power to meet their load but they are still required to have a Load Curtailment Plan. Part of the plan addresses providing Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services real time information. Regarding medical needs, TID tracks certain feeders that track life dependent services and medical rate programs for medical equipment. They recommend a back-up source of power for unplanned outages. Tom Reeves, with PG&E, noted that PG&E has the ability for the same process. Dave Funk discusses what happened with the rotating blackouts in the 90s. Chief Skiles noted that if OES is notified, they will notify the affected Community Departments.

VIII. Operational Area Discipline Reports

a) Cities:

Riverbank: Working to update their EOC.

Turlock: Working on their Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Modesto: Updating their Emergency Operations Plan. Used a TAG/MAC successfully for the emergency at the building on 9th Street.

Hughson: Adopted their EOP. Working on their Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. Planning an exercise to test their EOP.

County: Melba and Chief Skiles discussed EMMA (Emergency Management Mutual Aid) resources during the recent fires and how the event may rewrite our mutual aid plan. Resources from out County that responded via mutual aid included Public Health and Animal Control. The Mutual Aid requesting system is web-based and was used more than ever before. Shelters in emergencies are no small task. CSA serves as our Care & Shelter Branch for our EOC. We will also have training coming in December for a Functional Access Service Team (FAST). The remodel at 3705 Oakdale road is taking place. If we had to activate the County EOC we would do so at the Alternate EOC located at the Sheriff's Office. The County is also looking at other areas for an Alternate EOC, possibly Harvest Hall.

b) Cal OES representative was not present.

c) Agricultural Commissioner: Dan Bernaciak noted that the fly they caught was a sterile male, which had been released by the thousands to help eradicate in areas where there is a Med Fly find.

- d) Fire: Brian White noted that Turlock is hosting a Designated Infection Control Officer (DICO) course on November 6, 7 and 8. The cost is \$475 and is limited to 35 students. Federal law requires all first responder agency employers appoint a Designated Infection Control Officer to manage and coordinate the response to occupational employee exposures to infectious substances.
- e) Law Enforcement: Chief Christianson had nothing new to add.
- f) Public Health: Dr. Vaishampayan recommended that everyone get a flu shot. She noted that the West Nile/Encephalitis investigation is winding down. Invasive mosquitos are expected in Merced. Jim Ferrera discussed the belated hotwash for the floods. Issues to work on include opening a DOC. Also, 4 nurses from the Medical Reserve Corps were sent to Sonoma Sunday night. There is plenty of work to be done. They had to evacuate up to 800 patients. Stanislaus County was to receive 80 patients.
- g) Public Works: David Leamon reported that the County is stocked on flood products for normal flooding
- h) Utilities –Jason Hicks with TID reported that the Tuolumne River is higher because of the salmon run. PG&E had nothing else to report.
- i) Other Agencies:
Laura Rodriquez-Mascorro reported that four people from CSU Stanislaus went to Sonoma State University on Saturday and Sunday looking at creating a Mutual Aid Agreement. Plans for 2018 include working on a HazMat Team with Turlock Fire.

Simona Rios with Catholic Charities noted that they offer the Ombudsman Program and a Transportation Program.

Dale Butler, with the Latino Emergency Council (LEC), noted that they have at meeting tomorrow at 8:15 with the Assistant Chief of Police for Modesto, 1514 H. Street, Modesto.

Chief Skiles noted that Donations Management is a huge component of or Emergency Planning and recommended that anyone interested go to californiavolunteers.gov.

Troy Lute with Gallo, reported that Gallo fared well during the fires but the entire region is working with Emergency Services.

Cities are requested to let the Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services know of any changes or new appointments to the Disaster Council.

IX. Announcements

a) 2018 Op Area Council Meetings – January 18, April 19 (Joint Meeting with Disaster Council), July 19, and October 18. All meetings begin at 1:30 p.m. at Harvest Hall.

X. Meeting Adjourned – 3:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Chris Holmer