



Coastside Emergency Corps Quarterly General Meeting Minutes April 5, 2021 6:00 pm

Presiding: Michael Akana, President

In Attendance:

CEC BOD:

Paul Feldman – Treasurer and Newsletter Editor

April Loui – Secretary

Vic Froelicher – Board Member

Harvey Rarback – Board Member

CEC BOD Absent: Kris Thoren, Vice President

Attendees:

Allison Akana	Lisa Harris
Bob Smith	Margaret Gossett
Brian Marshall	Michelle (?)
Carrie Tillie	Mike McKeon
Casey (PMAC)	Peter Wanger
CCCA and COPE	Robin Camozzi
Chris Orman	Russell Bissonnette
EJ Dieterle	Shannon Webb
Frank Adams	Wendy Wardell
Harvey Rarback	Will Norris
Juli Barr	William Goebner
Lee Copeland	

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm via Zoom

Agenda:

- 1) Greetings and Welcome
- 2) Agenda Review
- 3) Approval of January Minutes
- 4) Committee/Agency Reports
- 5) Priorities and Direction for 2021

1. GREETINGS AND WELCOME

2. AGENDA REVIEW – Agenda approved to proceed

3. APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES

Motion to approve Jan. 2021 General Meeting by Paul Feldman, Second by Harvey Rarback

4. COMMITTEE/AGENCY REPORTS



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a) Julie Barr- Peninsula Humane Society Disaster Response Group

Peninsula Humane Society Disaster Response Group is doing well and holds monthly radio test drills among members on coastside and San Mateo County. Drills have been successful. PHS is using somewhat outdated, but effective flip-phone technology. The other activity recently supported was the potential evacuation of animals from the CZU fire zone and the associated debris flows. Team was ready but not activated. The disaster team continues to host quarterly trainings related to disaster preparedness and animal evacuations.

Michael Akana: For PHS, what is the biggest need from the community, other teams or from us?

Juli Barr: Something that applies to all teams is having a pre-existing system in place to facilitate communication between organizations and not just within organizations. The siloed approach leaves us vulnerable. Please reach out to Brian Probst and Katie Dinneen at PHS and ask if there is anything CEC can do to facilitate communication during a disaster response.

b) Juli Barr - Medical Reserve Corp (Slides):

Historically there was an MRC chapter on the coast that was active and robust but dissolved due to lack of infrastructure and support. The CEC, Michael Akana, Charise McHugh and I have been working with Harrison Stein and others at the Health Department who in the last few years have acknowledged a need for a county-wide MRC. The coastside had the most sophisticated model and were asked to assist the effort. In the last 6-9 months, have made tremendous progress.

The team is meeting monthly to move MRC forward. The vision is to develop community chapters throughout San Mateo County. The county would provide infrastructure to the chapters to enable success. MRC members would be healthcare providers, not limited to doctors and nurses, but also to include pharmacists, pharmacists, mental health workers, social workers, etc. Members need to be pre-screened and undergo core competency training.

The county has created web portal to apply online at "Image Trend" which creates an applicant profile and manages background checks. The platform allows for organized deployment of training and tracking completion of modules. Once accepted into MRC, members can leverage the platform to quickly find and register for emergency preparedness, response, and public health courses.

None of this would have been possible without the County's success in applying for and becoming recognized as an MRC Chapter by the National MRC. Once recognized, then the training resources become available. The County has databases of current volunteers.

MRC Train was developed by the National platform.

The team is putting together a survey for a countywide needs assessment. Different communities have different needs in a disaster.



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Working with County to apply for grant funding to expand trailer fleet to restock and expand the MRC trailers.

Regarding the liability insurance issue, the County is working on a solution.

c) Chris Orman – American Red Cross

ARC is continuing to monitor the wildfire situation. ARC provided >1000 hotel rooms for CZU fire last year. We now have largely non-congregate shelters (use of hotels), with some congregate shelters with adequate spacing.

New inundation maps and tsunami maps have been updated are being distributed. There is concern that some of the shelters and related routes are in the inundation zone and ARC is evaluating next steps.

ARC provided 30 volunteers at vaccine centers supporting registration and monitoring. Continuing “Sound the Alarm” program, originally initiated to install fire alarms in the county (nearly 800 installed in SMC) Provides free fire alarms. This was modified during covid to provide a virtual Sound the Alarm program which supports individuals plan/prepare for fire or emergency. Calls are about 30 mins by phone or video call. Once covid clears, we will resume fire alarm installation. Nationwide, the project has saved 800 families from fire destruction in the last few months.

ARC is continuing to finalize the list of available shelters (about 15 on the coastside), agreements have been signed by the County and ARC for their use as congregate shelters.

d) Mike McKeon – San Mateo County OES

County OES is continuing mass vaccination sites as there has been a drop off of State provided vaccines. Team is pivoting to a community-based vaccination strategy to target vulnerable populations.

OES also in the process of awarding a contract for disaster debris plan annexes. This is relevant for coastside incorporated areas.

The team is working to wrap up from the CZU complex fires and clearing debris from properties in partnership with the State program and Cal OES.

e) Robin Camozzi- Large Animal Evacuation Group

LAEG received their 501C3 in December which is very good news!

The team is Holding 1-2 monthly trainings and is preparing for the SOP and animal handling training. Will have some of the PHS members joining the training. The team has delivered 4 presentations to different groups (Pony Clubbers, Woodside Fire, CERT and HAM Radio teams). LAEG has performed walk throughs for 5 facilities in the last 2 months to enable plans and ensure preparedness. Received scholarships from Halter Projects (part of a national animal rescue group, Code 3). About 15 LAEG



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members attended fire land training and received certification. Decontamination certifications completed by 3 members. There are 2 additional animal handling trainings coming up. HAM radio training coming up as well.

It would be helpful to have cross functional awareness of and the ability to cross train with other organizations.

LAEG has purchased 2 trailers, one for staging and one for holding. Outfitting with ham radios, antennas, etc.

Juli Barr: Reminder to please participate in Coastside Gives day, May 6. Last year's event was a big success and brought in over \$1M.

f) Lee Copeland-ARES

Efforts underway to re-energize the ARES group to formalized group. Getting volunteers to sign up for specific training to provide qualified communicators for disaster support. Working with the team to get organized and will be connecting with Brian Marsh regarding activation processes.

g) Michael Akana - Coastside Cert

The team will host another hybrid training (partially online then in person on 4/10)

h) Michael Akana -DART

Marion Harris indicated they were involved in state-wide training. M. Akana asked if they might provide that content at a future CEC meeting.

i) Harvey Rarback – City of Half Moon Bay

Staff is working diligently on the emergency operations plan. It applies to the entire coastside. The City wants to ensure volunteer organizations are integrated into the plan when EOC is activated. City just had a priority setting session and 1 of the 4 priorities is emergency preparedness (Health and Safety). The City will define an action plan regarding how the City can help with emergency preparedness, coming in May 2021.

j) General Discussion:

Mike Akana: Meeting at 6:30pm <https://twitter.com/CALFIRECZU/status/1377646421105549313>

Proposal to hold next General Meeting on July 12, 2021 – No objections.

Requesting feedback from attendees regarding what went well/what could be improved.



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April Loui: In the last few meetings there has been a desire for increased communication between teams. Have any of the teams brainstormed how we might best accomplish that? It appears to be one of our biggest needs. C. Orman: A period before meetings just to meet people is very helpful to build relationships. Casey: Are you thinking tactical approach? Or strategic planning? A.Loui: Yes to both. tactically, how do we accomplish that? What platform? And also consider creating informal opportunities to get to know each other better.

Vic Froelicher– Any concerns about a 4th surge in Covid? Mike McKeon: County OES is monitoring daily and trying to stay ahead of the curve. Since moving to orange tier, have not observed large increase in cases. At the worst, R0 was 1.3-1.4, last 3.5 weeks, it has been below 1.0, which is what is needed to prevent exponential growth. Vic Froelicher: What about variants? Mike McKeon: Moderna and Pfizer vaccines effective at least 6 months out (based on available data) and against variants.

Margaret Gossett: Is there adequate testing in our county? Mike McKeon: There has been a drop in testing. As vaccination rate has increased, testing has decreased. There is a robust testing strategy in place.

5. PRIORITIES AND DIRECTION FOR 2021

Relevant topics discussed in Section 4 above.

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:06pm