



Coastside Emergency Corps Board Meeting Minutes June 19, 2019, 6:00 p.m. CEOC

Presiding: Jeneen Sommers, President

In Attendance:

Mike Akana – CEC Treasurer

Heather Peters, CEC Secretary and Public Information Officer

Paul Feldman – CEC Board Member and Newsletter Editor

Rita Mancera – CEC Board Member

David Cosgrave – Coastside Fire Protection District Battalion Chief and CEC Advisory Committee member

Absent:

Kris Thoren – CEC Vice President

Approval of Minutes

- May board and general meeting minutes approved

Letter/document regarding OES summit meeting

- Discussion delayed given recent progress on CERT 1&2 sponsorship and ongoing discussions with OES re: Disaster Service Worker “DSW” designation and other topics

Update from –David Cosgrave

- Dave and Cynthia attended a 5-day Statewide CERT conference in San Diego at the invitation of California for All organizers
 - o Governor’s goal is “Resilient Communities”, more than just CERT
 - o Training on “spontaneous volunteers and donation management” stressed the importance of early communication with public to discourage donations of unrequested “stuff” which can go unused and actually cost a lot to dispose of
 - o Monetary donations to reputable charities are always best because they allow responders the flexibility to order exactly what they need and have it delivered when and where they need it.
 - o Conference organizers were unaware of the activation challenges posed when the CERT sponsor is a special district
- \$50K reimbursable grant to CERT 1 & 2 approved, waiting for instructions on disbursements
- Grant funding will include
 - o CERT and LISTOS trainings

- LISTOS is family focused, community gathering style training in Spanish
- One planned LISTOS training will be at Moonridge & Branches 3 & 4 are also doing LISTOS trainings in Pescadero, all will promote CERT training opportunities
- Grant performance indicators will include:
 - Register 100 people to be background checked and provide insurance for them
 - Switching to new helmets and vests with “CA for All” logo to help ID volunteers during deployments
 - Make 2,000 contacts in 2 years
 - Document all trainings
- Trainings will use new “Merit” app to electronically track attendance, performance of specific tasks, certifications, and to ease check-ins during deployments (assuming internet connectivity, paper back up is still important)
- Reviewed complex procedure for swearing in, registering and activating volunteers, as well as proper paperwork needed for workers’ comp claim
- Existing registration form has 9 activities and coverage is only provided for those that are checked, so if someone registers as CERT and later earns other certifications, they are not covered for anything but CERT unless they fill out a new form
- There is no coverage for training unless OES specifically authorizes the training in advance
- Inconsistent procedures and record keeping due to personnel changes may mean that existing volunteers may not have the proper paperwork on file
- Dave is working with OES to try to sort this out, he will create a form for OES to review and will attempt to implement best practices, including the ability for new volunteers to “self-swear”, then will try to get all current volunteers re-sworn and re-registered if needed
- Coastside Fire is providing staff time to support CERT without charge

National Night Out

- Supervisor Horsley’s staff confirmed that the County will provide some number (TBD) of \$100 gift certificates for parties in unincorporated coastside neighborhoods & will waive party permit fees charged by Public Works
- Heather will coordinate with Victor, HMB’s NNO leader, and Cynthia
- Jeneen would like to have a party in Loma Mar and Rita would like to have one in Pescadero

Shelter Ops – no update

Simulated Emergency Tests

- Branches 3 & 4 will have theirs on the 3rd Saturday in October (Pumpkin Festival), will involve ARES, LAEG, CERT
- Will talk about Branches 1 & 2 at next CEC general meeting, they may coordinate with DART in Fall

CERT Classes in Spanish (Puente & LHFB) – see discussion above

Items for next newsletter – Sept/Oct

- Recap of recent trainings
- Celebrate CERT 1 & 2 Sponsorship
- Recap CA for All conference
- Recap Canada Cove event
- Discuss DSW

Items for next general meeting – July 22, 2019

- See above re: SET

Roundtable

- Puente certified 20+ youth in CPR and first aid