



Coastside Emergency Corps General Meeting Minutes October 28, 2019, 6:00 p.m. HMB Fire Station

Presiding: Jeneen Sommers, President

In Attendance:

Heather Peters, CEC Secretary and Public Information Officer

Paul Feldman – CEC Board Member and Newsletter Editor

Kris Thoren – CEC Vice President

Mike Akana – CEC Treasurer

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

Absent:

Rita Mancera – CEC Board Member

Brian Molver – OES Coastside Emergency Coordinator and CEC Advisory Committee member

Purpose of the CEC

Nick Gottuso started the CEC so that trained volunteers would have a way to coordinate & train together. CEC also plays an important role to advocate for the volunteer community.

PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoff

- Branch 3 has been running the EOC 24/7, power is still out, good practice to coordinate with Fire
- New HAMs appreciated practice, yesterday was heaviest traffic in years
- KHMB gave good updates on the hour in coordination with HMB Review
- CERT training concluded despite blackout
- Bioenno Lithium Iron Phosphate batteries highly recommended
- CPAP issues require training to turn off heat to extend battery life
- Some oxygen patients didn't have backup
- Comcast internet down, ATT DSL & Coastside.net were up
- Communications problems in Butano Canyon re: fire danger
- Chief Delay reminded everyone NOT to call the fire station during incident, call 911
- HAM Club noted that anyone can own a radio to listen and even use it in an emergency without a license
- Be careful to turn off breakers before power returns to protect appliance control boards
- CEOC not open during shut off, but it would have been a good training exercise, Coastside Emergency Coordinator was unavailable due to medical issue
- RWC EOC was open and giving hourly updates on HAM
- County Health System said the first outage resulted in 2.5X medical emergencies
- Prescriptions could not be filled on the Coast, remember to keep enough on hand

Standing Committee Updates

- Medical Reserve Corps relaunched with \$75K admin support from County with vision of network
 - o Will focus solely on emergency response, no more first aid at events
 - o Will recruit patient serving medical professionals, including mental health and social workers
 - o Next step: 12/11 6:00 community meeting at CEOC, HMB Review will promote
- DART very successful multi-airport exercise
 - o 125 ground volunteers, 45 pilots, 66 flights, 21 passengers, food & other cargo
 - o Partners in various locations included OES, Red Cross, Sheriff, CERT, CalFire, ARES, Civil Air Patrol, Marine Mammal Rescue (and mock seal pup)
- LAEG 29 new sign-ups in Woodside
 - o Proactive evac in South during fire, will recruit more there
- Shelter Operations Red Cross remains on standby to assist with Kincaid Fire
 - o Reviewing "candidate shelters" and doing site visits to assess by June/July
 - o Will update trailers this Summer

- Meeting with school districts, County and City to create MOUs
- Offering 3-4 hr. shelter training class if approx. 15-20 people interested, CEC will find dates and recruit with a focus on general public, general preparedness & advanced classes also available
- PHS now has 8 volunteers including a vet tech, several recruited during National Night Out
 - Working with Shelter Ops to ID suitable animal + human shelters
 - Will work on MOUs and recruiting more volunteers, especially in South
- CERT very successful implementation of “Hub & Spoke” strategy focused on training and neighborhood organizing
 - 826 members, 164 CERTs, 86 HAMs with 375 on waiting list for CERT training and 97 for HAM training
 - 25 neighborhood meetings with 400 attendees
 - Identified opportunities for vertical integration of volunteer groups
 - Upcoming events include 11/9 Preparedness Day at El Granada Fire & practical HAM class for beginners

Guest Speakers from USGS

- Andrew Michael from Earthquake Science Center
- Stephanie Ross from Tsunami Pacific Coastal & Marine Science Center