



Coastside Emergency Corps Board Meeting Minutes Mar. 17, 2021 6:00 pm

Presiding: Michael Akana, President

In Attendance:

Kris Thoren – Vice President
Paul Feldman – Treasurer and Newsletter Editor
Harvey Rarback – Board Member
Vic Froelicher – Board Member

Standing Committee Members:

Chris Orman – Red Cross
Steve Stockman
Thomas Hempel

Absent:

April Loui – Secretary (Minutes issued per recorded session)

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm via Zoom

Agenda:

The following agenda was approved to proceed:

1. Approve Agenda
2. Approve February minutes
3. April General Meeting
4. Committee Reports
5. Old Business
6. New Business
7. Adjourn

1) Mar. 2021 Board Meeting Agenda

Unanimously approved to proceed.

2) Feb. 2021 Board Meeting Minutes – Approve

There were no board comments to the Feb. 2021 minutes. Motion to approve Feb. 2021 minutes by K. Thoren, second by V. Froelicher. Minutes unanimously approved.

3) April General Meeting

Board agreed that the format of the meeting will be on process with open discussion. M. Akana will send out meeting announcement that meeting will be held on April 5, 2021.

4) Committee Reports

Kris Thoren – LAEG: Updating SOP based on gathered information and lessons learned from CZU fire and debris flow events. LAEG held initial animal handling training for members at



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Ember Ridge with lectures and discussions. Subsequent training sessions scheduled for this year will include more hands-on training with animals. Full training roster is established for this year. LAEG membership has grown and team is pleased to see community engagement. LAEG has just obtained federal non-profit status and state status is pending. Congratulations!

S. Stockman: We often see spikes in volunteerism after big events, but believes this level of engagement will sustain. LAEG has done an incredible job in support of the recent events.

Mike Akana – Red Cross: Will be begin doing some volunteer with the Red Cross.

Mike Akana – Medical Reserve Corp: There has been good process for the MRC:

1) The team is now recognized as an official medical reserve corp and will receive resources at the federal and state level and will operate in partnership with other recognized corp teams. 2) There will be county involvement and oversight in training and tracking of training.

Next steps for the MRC include:

1) A needs assessment will be performed to ensure community needs are being met.
2) MRC will communicate the to the community how to register and get involved with the team, whether in a medical professional role or support role.

Harvey Rarback – Inquired if anyone has heard of or worked with the Multi-jurisdictional local hazard mitigation committee. Uncertain of direct connections to the coastside.

S. Stockman- Is now a board member for fire district and is on a committee for vegetation management. Indicated that at the SMC fire safety committee meeting, this team reported out on current activities. Jonathan Cox is involved and provides representation for the coastside. S. Stockman will keep CEC updated via his involvement. There is now a lot of crossover with CEAP and CEC. The wildfire situation is now one of the biggest disasters we face. We need to coordinate as a community to make the best use of funding coming through for these efforts.

H. Rarback – Midcoast Community Council: Presentation by Fogel on MCC website, reviewed what a canopy fire would do to Quarry Park. A canopy fire in Quarry Park has potential to impact all of El Granada. A proposal to clear cut the eucalyptus in the park at a cost of \$23M was presented at MCC is a possible solution. The presentation is a start to discussion about possible mitigation plans.

S. Stockman – CEAP: Switching agencies into another will take a year get staff up to speed. Both leaders on OES have background and experience and will be valuable to the team. The community has a responsibility to ensure that coastside concerns are raised and that OES is engaged.

C. Orman – American Red Cross (ARC)/Shelters: Sheltering is largely non-conglomerate (use of hotels, etc.). Red Cross installs fire alarms, but due to Covid ARC, has stopped this



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service. ARC has installed over 500 fire alarms in San Mateo County when the program was active. Program is expected to restart once Covid is over. New program has rolled out, "Sound the Alarm", where ARC will coach individuals virtually for 30 mins in planning for and responding to an emergency. C. Orman will forward the flyer to CEC.

S. Stockman – Jim Holley indicated at the CEAP meeting how essential Puente was in the CZU event. Encouraged continued fostering of relationship and partnership between ARC and Puente to serve south county.

M.Akana – HMB Amateur Radio Club – This team has been very involved in community service and response, but has advised that they are not an official ARES group. They are progressively working towards this credential.

M.Akana – DART – Mariann Harris Apologized for not being able to attend CEC. They have engaged with a helicopter operator from the south bay for response efforts.

5) Old Business

N/A

6) New Business

N/A

7) Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 6:38 pm
