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**Santa Barbara County Operational Area
Emergency Services Council Quarterly Meeting
Wednesday, November 18, 2020
8:00 – 9:00 am
Remote Virtual Participation Only
(see below for participation information)**

Emergency Services Council:

Mona Miyasato, CEO, Santa Barbara County – Chair

Dave Durlinger, City Manager, City of Carpinteria

Jason Stilwell, City Manager, City of Santa Maria

Jim Throop, City Manager, City of Lompoc

Michelle Greene, City Manager, City of Goleta

Paul Casey, City Manager, City of Santa Barbara

Scott Wolfe, City Manager, City of Buellton

Todd Bodem, City Manager, City of Guadalupe

Xenia Bradford, City Manager/Administrative Services Director, City of Solvang

Staff: Kelly Hubbard, Director, Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Management (OEM)

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT – This is an opportunity for members of the public to speak on items that are not on the agenda. Please submit your item per the instructions at the bottom of this agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of August 12, 2020 Minutes – Attachment A
2. Approval of 2021 Calendar:
 - February 10, 2021
 - May 12, 2021
 - August 11, 2021
 - November 10, 2021

DISCUSSION ITEMS (Staff will provide a verbal report on items for the Council to discuss.)

3. Receive and file report on COVID-19 Coordination, as follows:
 - a. Public Health Department Update; and
 - b. Compliance and Enforcement Coordination.
4. Receive and file report on Draft Multi-County Transportation Emergency Preparedness Plan
 - a. Draft plan available at <http://www.cleansairexpress.com/tepp.html>
5. Receive and file report on Draft Santa Barbara County Public Alerting Tiers
6. Receive and file Grants Update
 - a. 2020 Homeland Security Grant Allocation
 - b. Community Power Resiliency Allocation
 - c. Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant

CLOSING COMMENTS OF THE CHAIRPERSON OR COUNCIL MEMBERS

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to February 10, 2021.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Based on guidance from the California Department of Public Health and the California Governor's Stay at Home Executive Order N-33-20 issued on March 19, 2020 to protect the health and well-being of all Californians and to establish consistency across the state in order to slow the spread of COVID-19, the Santa Barbara County Emergency Services Council meetings will not provide in-person participation until further noticed.

Persons may address the Santa Barbara County Operational Area Emergency Services Council on any matter listed on the agenda by the alternative methods of participation noted below. Matters not listed on the agenda and within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Santa Barbara County Operational Area Emergency Services Council may be addressed during the public comment period through those same methods. Persons requiring a disability-related modification or accommodation in order to participate in the meeting may make a request for a disability-related modification or accommodation by contacting the Office of Emergency Management at 805-681-5526 by 4:00 p.m. on the Monday before the meeting. Written materials relating to an item on this Agenda that are distributed to the Council less than 72 hours prior to the meeting will be made available for public inspection at the 105 East Anapamu Street, Room 407, Santa Barbara, CA 93101 during normal business hours. These public records will also be made available on the Office of Emergency Management's website, accessible at www.countyofsb.org/ceo/oem.sbc.

Alternative methods for participation:

1. You may observe the live stream of the Santa Barbara County Operational Area Emergency Services Council meetings by joining a Zoom Meeting via the following methods:

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81836678696>

Or Telephone:

Dial: (669) 900-9128

Webinar ID: 818 3667 8696

2. If you wish to make a general public comment or to comment on a specific agenda item, the following methods are available:
 - a. **Read into the record at the meeting** - Submit your comment via email prior to the close of an agenda item, limited to 250 words or less, to the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Duty Officer at uem@sbcoem.org. Please state in your email that you would like this "read into the record." Every effort will be made to read your comment into the record, but some comments may not be read due to time limitations. Comments timely received on an agenda item will be placed into the record and distributed accordingly.
 - b. **By phone** - If you would like to make a comment by phone, please call (805) 681-5526 and state your name, your phone number and which item you would like to speak on and an OEM Staff Member will call you at the appropriate time. Please make every effort to be available and mute all streaming devices once it is your turn to speak.



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Meeting Minutes

Location: Remote participation via Zoom Webinar.

Called to Order: 8:06 a.m.

Roll Call:

Emergency Services Council:

Present:

Mona Miyasato, CEO, County of Santa Barbara – Chair
Dave Durlinger, City Manager, City of Carpinteria
Michelle Greene, City Manager, City of Goleta
Scott Wolfe, City Manager, City of Buellton
Paul Casey, City Manager, City of Santa Barbara
Jason Stilwell, City Manager, City of Santa Maria
Jim Throop, City Manager, City of Lompoc

Absent:

Todd Bodem, City Manager, City of Guadalupe
Xenia Bradford, City Manager, City of Solvang

Guests:

Presenters:

Kelly Hubbard, Director, Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Management
Jan Koegler, Disaster Preparedness Manager, Santa Barbara County Public Health Department
Kyle Slattery, Chief Deputy Controller, County of Santa Barbara Auditor-Controller
Stacy Silva, Emergency Manager, Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Management
J.D. Saucedo, Emergency Manager, Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Management

Attendees:

Barney Melekian, Assistant CEO, County of Santa Barbara
Yaneris Muñiz, Emergency Manager, Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Management
Marjie Kim, Executive Director, SBCAG

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1) Approval of the May 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes:
Ms. Greene moved, Mr. Casey seconded. Upon vote, the motion was passed and approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 2) Receive and file a report on COVID-19 Coordination, as follows:

- a. Public Health Department (PHD) Update

Ms. Koegler provided an update of the PHD's continuing work, including the expansion of testing, expansion of contact tracing for identified positive cases and the Housing for Harvest program. Testing was expanded to include three PHD-operated sites, in addition to the OptumServe community-based testing sites (Earl Warren Showgrounds in Santa Barbara, American Medical Response (AMR) offices in Buellton, and the Santa Maria Fairpark.) Ms. Koegler reported that COVID-19 related hospitalizations are down and at manageable numbers for the hospitals. It was noted that 2-4 patients were accepted from Imperial County due to high hospitalization rates in that area. Local hospitals have since stopped taking patients from outside the county. A state program called Housing for the Harvest is expected to be implemented by the end of the month, which provides funding for hotel rooms for domestic and migrant agricultural workers in need of a safe location to isolate or quarantine if they are exposed to or are confirmed to be COVID-19 positive.

Mr. Casey referenced community frustrations with the status of testing and asked about the validity of the private testing sites in Ventura. Ms. Greene asked how long testing will stay at the Santa Barbara Earl Warren Showgrounds given the county has expressed interested in moving to the Goleta Valley Community Center (GVCC). Ms. Koegler explained that testing frustrations, the Ventura location and SBC locations are be discuss by PHD and the EOC, and that solutions will be shared.

- b. Emergency Operations Center Coordination

Ms. Hubbard reported the Joint Information Center and County Call Center continue to be operational. The County Call Center receives about 50-100 calls a day with call influxes when new information is released, especially from the state. Calls tend to be related to how to get testing, reopening of business sectors, and general concerns and questions on community support resources. Ms. Miyasato asked if the County Call Center tracks where the person is calling from. Ms. Hubbard stated the call takers do not ask where the person is calling from, but do track the callers' concerns and where they are calling from if this information is shared. The EOC continues to have a liaison to PHD and an operational area (OA) liaison to member agencies. The Joint Decision-Making Authority (JDA) reviews incident activities and policy issues prior to presenting information to Ms. Miyasato.

- c. Disaster Reimbursement Concepts – Kyle Slattery

Mr. Slattery provided a brief cost recovery update. The county received CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act funding, which has more flexibility for the scope of eligible costs than Stafford Act reimbursements. The county's Stafford Act reimbursement strategy recognizes that it is critical to submit an RPA (Request for Public Assistance) through the FEMA grants portal expeditiously. Agencies should also decide if applying for an expedited application makes sense for their jurisdiction. In these cases, FEMA will advance 50% of costs. Due to the uncertainty of the costs and scope of the activities, the decision was

made not to pursue expedited funding for the county. To assist agencies seeking reimbursement, FEMA created streamline projects, which puts a lot of control into hands of the agency. FEMA is encouraging agencies to submit for an incident period and submit new projects on a monthly or quarterly basis as the incident continues. At this time, the county plans to submit streamlined projects for county employee overtime, EOC and non-congregate shelter costs for isolation and quarantine services, and other incident costs. Initial projects run from March 12 (in line with the date the county proclaimed an emergency) through June 30. Additional projects will be submitted on a quarterly basis.

For CARES Act funding, broad categories have been outlined for funding allocation, including PHD response cost, vulnerable population supports and services, technology, direct employee costs, telecommuting costs, impact on county facilities, certain outreach programs and rental assistance, and business relief programs.

d. Compliance and Enforcement Coordination – Stacy Silva

Ms. Silva provided an update on efforts taking place in code compliance and enforcement. The Reopening in a Safe Environment (RISE) Ambassador Program was created to assist business owners with the reopening process. The JDA approved hiring a Program Lead (Kurt Russell) and up to 17 Ambassadors. The Program Lead will facilitate the county Ambassador efforts, but also work with the cities on their own programs and support needs. County Ambassadors will be available to assist cities with their outreach efforts. Ambassador training will cover current Health Officer Orders and the use of SmartSheet to track community contacts. Ms. Silva requested that each city identify a contact to work with Mr. Russell to build an Ambassador Program in their city and assist with training.

Ms. Silva discussed the efforts of the Code Compliance and Enforcement Task Force. The task force is comprised of city representatives, code compliance specialists, Environmental Health Services, district attorneys, County Counsel, and OEM, amongst others. An Online Complaint Form was added to RecoverySBC.org for residents to file complaints. Complaints received are forwarded to the appropriate jurisdiction for response. The group recently drafted several letters and support templates for cities to consider in their outreach efforts. If there are other tools the cities may need, such as additional letters or talking points, contact Ms. Silva or Ms. Hubbard for assistance.

Mr. Casey provided an overview of the City of Santa Barbara's efforts. Personnel from the city attorney's office are assigned to approach businesses and people directly. There's an ongoing struggle with gyms and the city is working with them to let them use city parks for proper spacing. Last night, the Santa Barbara City Council voted to extend hours to 12:30 AM for the use of public right-of-way. Mr. Casey indicated a need for nighttime visits to ensure businesses are following attestations. Ms. Silva remarked that evening hours were listed in the Ambassador position announcement and Ambassadors can assist with business spot-checking once hired.

Mr. Stilwell remarked that a more targeted, proactive approach to help bring businesses into compliance is best. The city of Santa Maria's compliance and enforcement team has made efforts to inform businesses on attestation processes. Mr. Stilwell indicated that it would be helpful to know about what outreach Environmental Health Services is working on in Santa Maria to ensure a coordinated city and county response.

Mr. Durflinger shared that he was aware of a potential update of the Health Officer Order with a clarification on gathering. One of the areas getting a considerable number of complaints is outdoor worship services. Mr. Durflinger asked if a boilerplate information letter could be created to clarify standards to the churches. Ms. Hubbard said yes, and that Joint Information Center (JIC) liaison Suzanne Grimesey and others are working on church outreach. The current Health Officer Order 2020-12.5 is set to expire today and PHD is working to extend and include clarification on gatherings. Ms. Miyasato asked if there would be changes to definitions. Mr. Melekian explained that two areas are currently under discussion, the first being a clearer definition of what a gathering is, and second is guidance on equestrian events. Ms. Miyasato shared that PHD Health Officer Dr. Henning Ansorg had recently spoken with the state regarding group mixing as the most pressing contributor to spread.

Mr. Casey announced that the Santa Barbara City Council decided to close beaches for the upcoming Labor Day weekend (Friday night through Monday night). Active recreation such as walking and jogging will be allowed only. Main beach parking lots will be closed. Mr. Melekian indicated the county is on track to do a similar closure, but a final decision had not been made. Mr. Durflinger commented on the importance of making the announcement so that cities could message this out and state parks can make notifications to individuals with reservations. Ms. Greene stated the need for advance notice to ensure enough time to notify the Coastal Commission. Ms. Hubbard shared that the county is already talking to state parks about closures and will reconvene the OA parks group soon.

Motion to file the report – moved by Mr. Casey, seconded by Mr. Throop. Motion passed.

3) Receive and file an update on OEM emergency planning efforts as follows:

- a. Update on current Operational Area efforts to prepare for concurrent events during the COVID-19 Pandemic, including but not limited to Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events and fires.

Ms. Hubbard provided an update on the County's PSPS planning and coordination efforts. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) ruled that utilities are to provide Medical Baseline lists to local jurisdictions. OEM is in the process of requesting this from power utility companies. Southern California Edison (SCE) disagrees with the interpretation of the CPUC ruling. Having access to the Medical Baseline customer list allows for additional outreach to medically vulnerable residents. Ms. Hubbard also shared coordination efforts with the county's Election Division to prepare for potential power outages that could impact the upcoming 2020 Election. Ms. Hubbard shared that the county is reducing voting sites from 80 to about 25-26 locations and the importance of mitigating outage problems at these sites.

SCE and Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) are reaching out to OEM and other agencies for recommendations on potential sites that can host PSPS Community Resource Centers (CRC). PG&E is looking mostly at private locations, such as hotels. Mr. Casey shared that SCE had reached out to the city of Santa Barbara regarding CRCs. Ms. Hubbard advised that cities can choose to engage the power companies directly or provide OEM information on potential CRC sites and OEM will forward.

Mr. Saucedo stated that American Red Cross and the County Department of Social Services hosted a Temporary Evacuation Point (TEP) field-based exercise at the Goleta Valley Community Center. TEPs are intended as initial locations for evacuees to receive information about the incident and be screened (both for COVID-19 and support needs) to determine the most appropriate sheltering to meet their needs. The exercise was successful and offered various lessons on coordination of TEPs in a COVID-19 environment.

Ms. Hubbard discussed the Pre-Fire Season Evacuation Meeting held in late July 2020. The purpose of the meeting was to review emergency response processes in the event of a wildfire incident and support collaboration across agencies. Participating agencies included OEM, County Fire, National Weather Service, Sheriff's Office and Dispatch Center, Independent Living Resource Center (ILRC), Animal Services, and American Red Cross.

Motion to file the update – moved by Mr. Stilwell, seconded by Ms. Durlinger. Motion passed.

- 4) Receive and file a Homeland Security Grant Update:
Ms. Hubbard shared the deadline for Homeland Security Grant proposal was extended to October 2020. Cities are encouraged to reach out to OEM with any proposal ideas.
- 5) Receive and filed the Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Management 2019 Annual Report:
Ms. Hubbard requested that cities review the Annual Report and provide any comments or feedback to OEM.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Miyasato adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Next Meeting: November 18, 2020