These Minutes were approved as presented on December 8, 2016 by the Disaster Council.

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Minutes of the September 8, 2016 Meeting

The Regular meeting of the Marin Operational Area Disaster and Citizen Corps Council (DC3) was held Thursday, September 8, 2016.


1. CALL TO ORDER

Marin County Supervisor Judy Arnold (“Chair”) called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. The meeting was held in the Assembly Room of the Marin County Sheriff’s Department, located at the County’s Emergency Operations Facility, 1600 Los Gamos Drive, San Rafael, California. A quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF June 9, 2016 MINUTES

The Chair asked for a Motion to Approve the June 9, 2016 minutes. As submitted to the Council, with no corrections or additions, the Minutes were adopted.

Motion: Schulze / Second: Lion
AYES: ALL

3. CHANGES TO AGENDA: None submitted.

4. PRESENTATIONS:

Community Wildfire Protection Plan Draft (FIRESafe Marin) - Handout

Marin County Fire Battalion Chief Christie Neill and FIRESafe Marin Coordinator, Todd Lando, presented to the council about the current draft of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for Marin County. The plan was funded by the 2015 CAL FIRE SRA (State Responsibility Area) Fire Prevention Fee Grant. $123,200 went to FIRESafe Marin who contracted with a Petaluma engineering company, Sonoma Technology, Inc. (STI), which did the fire modeling and hazard analyses. Marin’s previous CWPP was updated in 2005. Four public meetings contributed to the analyses over one year’s time.

A CWPP is a written plan describing wildfire hazards and mitigation measures for a community. The purpose of a CWPP is to “reduce wildfire risk to communities, municipal water supplies, and other at-risk land through a collaborative process of planning, prioritizing, and implementing hazardous fuels reduction projects.” The CWPP offers residents the opportunity to take a prominent role in reducing the wildfire threat to their communities. The Marin County CWPP is a community plan, not a government agency plan, and is developed with active community involvement where government agencies are
partners in the process. The CWPP process permits communities to develop plans to fit local, social, and ecological contexts, at a scale where they can make something happen. The Marin County CWPP is a "countywide" document that will primarily address hazards and risks at a "landscape" scale, and local communities are encouraged to undertake the implementation more focused, community or neighbourhood scale CWPPs. There are many benefits to having a CWPP, but one of the most important is that fuel-reduction projects that are identified in a CWPP are to receive priority for funding and implementation by federal agencies. Sonoma Technology, Inc. (STI) collaborated with state and federal agencies to design and develop a new web based application, which will help Fire and Land Managers to evaluate potential fuel reduction projects using computer modelling.

More information about the CWPP can be found on the homepage of firesafemarin.org.

Marin County Airport Gnoss Field Overview of Operations

Dan Jensen, Marin County Airport Manager, gave a presentation to the council. The Marin County Airport, known as Gnoss Field, is operated by the County Department of Public Works. Gnoss Field occupies 120 acres just north of Novato, and is for residents, visitors, businesses and local government agencies needing personal air transportation. The Airport is open 24/7 and is home to about 230 aircraft and an average of 86,000 operations per year, plus ten businesses, including full service mechanics and fuel. It serves as a reliever airport to the greater SF Bay Area, shifting air traffic congestion away from larger airports with commercial flights. There are hangars on the field that are dedicated for Marin County Sheriff's Air Patrol, Marin County Urban Search & Rescue (USAR), and the Civil Air Patrol. The Airport has the capacity for 275 tenants, including 92 tie downs. It has 147 T hangars and 37 corporate hangers. After an Earthquake, Gnoss Field could help to bring in bigger supplies needed for disaster recovery. Dan said that they are still working on getting the runway extension project through, and are also planning to repave and level out the runway. The longer the runway, the more weight it could handle, which would be very helpful during emergencies. The Helipad and ramp area could be a strategic asset for emergency response agencies such as the CHP, Coast Guard, and Reach Life Flights. Should Marin’s road systems become impassable, Gnoss Field could play a critical role in maintaining mobility. For example, up to 25 rescue helicopters can fit on the ramp at once. Gnoss could also act as a Staging Area because it has two large vehicle parking lots, fenced perimeters, secure hangar storage and paved apron areas, and airport and runway lighting.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Donations Management Annex to Marin County Operational Area Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) - Handout

Emergency Services Coordinator, Ursula Hanks, presented a draft of the Donations Management Annex to the EOP and asked for its approval. She introduced and thanked Margaret Melsh who was her partner and "the force behind the plan." Plan writing was a two year process and involved stakeholder meetings. This plan is based on a large catastrophic event, and incorporates planning for Access and Functional Needs populations, by addressing issues such as language barriers, access to donated goods, and allocating resources to those who need it most. Donations management following a disaster is a costly and labor intensive process due to the high volume of unsolicited goods and spontaneous volunteers showing up wanting to help. The biggest resources needed in a disaster are Human Resources (working hands, volunteers) and cash or solicited goods. Both need to be handled by the non-governmental organizations (NGOs), at the leadership of the Marin Center for Volunteer & Nonprofit Leadership (CVNL). To support this process, OES has added three positions to the County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for both Donations Management and the MIDC (Marin Interagency Disaster Coalition). Bill Tyler complimented the plan and said that Appendix A especially contains very interesting projections, for example, how much potable water would be needed following a catastrophic
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earthquake. These projections demonstrate the enormity of the scale. Ursula added that the plan is scalable to any size event.

The Chair asked for a Motion to Approve the Donations Management Annex to the Marin County Operational Area Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), and to forward it to the Board of Supervisors for Adoption (Resolution).

Motion: Tyler / Second: Way. Proposed and passed.

Please email OES at oes@marinsheriff.org for a copy of the approved Draft of the Donations Management Annex, which was shared with the council at this meeting.

PDE&P Committee Request for DC3 Member Fall Survey - Handout

Bill Tyler told the Council that the Public Disaster, Education and Preparedness Committee drafted a short survey inviting Disaster Council members to comment on the current state of disaster preparedness in the County, any gaps that should be filled, and suggestions for next steps. Bill asked for 100% participation by September 30, 2016.

Post Disaster Recovery Ordinance (Community Development Agency)

Ben Berto, Principal Planner for the Marin Community Development Agency (CDA), spoke to the Council about plans to rekindle efforts to create a Post-Disaster Recovery Ordinance, which would address temporary housing needs after a disaster. They plan to create a technical advisory committee and to meet with OES, too. When an ordinance is drafted, Ben will bring it to this council for approval, and then to the Board of Supervisors. Garry Lion suggested that the ordinance also be brought to the local jurisdictions.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Status of OES Grants

Please email OES at oes@marinsheriff.org for a copy of Margaret Speaker Yuan's report, which was shared with the council at this meeting.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Disaster Education & Preparedness (PDE&P) - Handouts

Please email OES at oes@marinsheriff.org for a copy of the minutes of the May 2, 2016 and July 11, 2016 PDE&P Committee meetings and a handout titled, PDEP Recent History, for more information about this committee’s activities.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS / COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

Anne Sands (Consumer Rep. Dist. 4) - Handouts.

Anne described the activities in West Marin from June 7 to September 8, 2016. Included is news that the West Marin Disaster Council now has nine community Disaster Councils, nine WMDC radio repeaters and very active CERTS throughout the region. Also neighborhood radio systems are up and running and coordinated with the local fire departments. And, Green Gulch Zen Center, Blue
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Mountain Meditation Center, and Spirit Rock have joined the WMDC; their facilities with kitchens, conference rooms, and generators will be extremely important in potential use as shelters. Please email OES at oes@marinsheriff.org for a copy of the May 26, 2016 minutes of the West Marin Disaster Council quarterly meeting, which was shared at this meeting.

Mike Grant (Schools). MCOE has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with MERA to allocate new hand held radios to all schools in the County. Ursula Hanks of OES provided great representation today at the Schools Preparedness meeting. Mike met with OES Emergency Coordinator, Woody Baker-Cohn and Ursula Hanks about the schools utilizing WebEOC as a resource.

Jason Weber (Fire Chiefs Association). Reported that the Board of Supervisors has allocated some funding to keep the CERT program alive. CERT is now a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization.

Amy Van Doren (Marin Transit). Learned today that Marin Transit was awarded funding for an Operations Maintenance facility. Amy also told the council about the Transportation / Evacuation workshop, which she and Ursula Hanks put on in the EOC.

Chris Reilly (OES). Presented Supervisor Judy Arnold with a shirt boasting the brand new Marin Sheriff’s OES insignia, which was designed by OES intern, Spencer Robert.

9. ADJOURN

Being no further business, the Chair asked for a Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 4:20 PM. Motion: Tulsky/ Second: Schulze. Proposed and passed.

Next meeting: Thursday, December 8, 2016, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., 1600 Los Gamos Drive, Suite 200, San Rafael, California, in the Sheriff’s Assembly Room at the County Public Safety Building.

10. CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Marin Operational Area Disaster and Citizen Corps Council meeting, held on September 8, 2016.

December 8, 2016

Eva Denegri Baker, Sheriff’s Office of Emergency Services  Date