



**MARIN OPERATIONAL AREA  
DISASTER & CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL**  
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**Marin Operational Area  
Disaster and CitizenCorps Council Minutes  
September 10, 2015**

The Regular meeting of the Marin Operational Area Disaster and Citizen Corps Council (DC3) was held Thursday, September 10, 2015.

**Council Members Present:** Judy Arnold, Frank Cox, Steve Tulsy, Anne Sands, Ed Schulze, Jason Weber, Angel Bernal, Mike Grant, Miles Julihn, Garry Lion, Amy Van Doren, and Crystal Silva. **Council Members Excused:** Katie Rice, Bill Tyler, Heather Ravani, Eric Steger, David Weinssoff, and Henry LaRoche.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Marin County Supervisor Judy Arnold (“Chair”)** called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. The meeting was held in the Marin County Sheriff’s Assembly Room, located at 1600 Los Gamos Drive in San Rafael, California, Suite 200, second floor. A quorum was present. The Chair advised that since the last council meeting in June, Ray Dunaway has moved away and is no longer representing Supervisorial District #3 so the seat is vacant. She advised that Michael Frank has stepped down as the representative to the Manager’s Association seat. Also the Chair welcomed back to the council **Henry LaRoche** (not present today) as the representative to the Access and Functional Needs Populations seat.

**2. APPROVAL OF June 11, 2015 MINUTES**

*The Chair asked for a Motion to Approve the June 11, 2015 minutes as submitted to the Council with one correction made by **Garry Lion**: to page 2, fourth paragraph, strike out last sentence, “Gary advised that he will be presenting a proposal to the Board of Supervisors soon.” As corrected, the Minutes were adopted.*

**Motion: Schulze / Second: Bernal. Proposed and passed.**

**3. CHANGES TO AGENDA:** None submitted.

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

**Marin OES Mutual Aid Response to Lake County “Rocky” Wildfire, August 2015**

**Chris Reilly** reported that over one hundred Marin Fire personnel, a County PIO, and several Marin OES staff (including the OES intern) at various times responded to the Rocky Fire in Lake County. The Lake County Emergency Services office set up an EOC at the Konocti Vista Casino outside of Lakeport, California, and coordinated with the CAL FIRE Incident Command Post (ICP) at the Lake County Fairgrounds. Thousands of residents were evacuated from these fires, and multiple official and localized shelters were set up as well as a Local Assistance Center (LAC). Chris feels that one very positive action that Lake County took was to hold a series of Town Halls. Overall, the Mutual Aid effort was well

*These minutes were approved as submitted at the December 10, 2015 Disaster Council Meeting.*

coordinated, and emergency managers reported that the Marin staff did a great job contributing to this effort.

Chris also showed a three-minute video from the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), entitled, "Rocky Fire – Disaster in Lake County." Located online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s-doEY226oU>, this video underscores the collaborative effort by many agencies throughout California that successfully worked together at the Rocky Fire. The video featured commentary from both Chris Reilly and **Woody Baker-Cohn** of Marin OES.

**Steve Tulsy** asked if there were any lessons learned from the fires that would benefit Marin. Chris said that Marin's new impressive Emergency Operations Facility (EOF) equips Marin far better than the facilities available to Lake County. As evidenced by the county's May 2015 functional EOC exercise with wildfire scenario, "Burning Marin", and its follow up tabletop exercise, Marin's EOC staff is robust and demonstrates strong relationships and good communication between law, fire, and medical.

### **National Preparedness Month – September 2015 – Marin Activities**

**Chris Reilly** said that September is National Preparedness Month, and Marin residents are encouraged to visit <http://www.ready.gov/september>. This year's theme is "Don't Wait, Communicate – Make your Emergency Plan Today." Residents will want to sign up for NIXLE alerts posted by Marin County Sheriff (<https://local.nixle.com/marin-county-sheriffs-office/>). Marin residents can register for NIXLE free alerts simply by texting any zip code to 888777 to receive real-time alerts and advisories directly from local police department and other local agencies.

Marin County will again participate in the *Great California Shakeout* earthquake drill, scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am. Participants are invited to register online at <http://www.shakeout.org/california/dropcoverholdon/> and to "Drop, Cover and Hold" wherever they might be at 10:15 am, as an annual reminder of what to do when a quake hits.

**Chris Reilly** also reported that the County's new vendor, **Everbridge**, will go live with an upgrade to the AlertMarin / mass notification system on Tuesday, September 15. He outlined all the benefits of this more robust system including the multiple paths that it can take through social media, mobile phone, text, email, NIXLE, and others.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

### **Implementation of the Marin Business Readiness (M'BER) Program**

**Garry Lion** from the Marin Economic Forum, talked through key points in support of the M'BER program from his repeated PowerPoint presentation, which was delivered to the Disaster Council on June 11, 2015 (*for a copy of Garry's presentation, or to obtain the June 11<sup>th</sup> minutes, please contact OES at [oes@marinsheriff.org](mailto:oes@marinsheriff.org)*).

Garry has been unsuccessful, to date, acquiring seed money essential to initiate the M'BER proposal. The County Community Fund, for example, requires at least 50% non-County funds to apply for a \$10,000 County grant. DHS supported grants, including the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP), require authorized agencies or nonprofits to fully front grant supported activities, and seek reimbursement after funds have been expended. Various suggestions for funding from sources such as Chambers of Commerce, business users of M'BER, and others, have been explored, without success, to date. However, continued efforts for initial seed funding will be made. Garry is seeking approval from the Disaster Council to proceed.

*The Chair asked for a Motion to Approve the Implementation of the Marin Business Readiness (M'BER) program.*

**Motion: Sands / Second: Bernal. Proposed and passed.**

**Members and Alternates for the State Homeland Security Grant Program Approval Authority Board**

Chris Reilly proposed to the council that the Grant Approval Board be augmented to permit substitution representatives for the voting members, including:

- for the County Sheriff, ***the Undersheriff***,
- for the County Fire Chief, ***the Deputy County Fire Chief***,
- for the County Public Health Officer, ***the Emergency Medical Services Administrator***,
- for the President of the Fire Chiefs Association, ***the Association Board member designated by the President***,
- for the President of the Police Chiefs Association, ***the Association Board member designated by the President***.

*The Chair asked for a Motion to Approve the Appointment of Substitution Representatives for voting members of the State Homeland Security Grant Program Approval Authority Board.*

***Motion: Lion / Second: Schulze. Proposed and passed.***

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

**Status of OES Grants (Margaret Speaker Yuan)**

Email OES at [oes@marinsheriff.org](mailto:oes@marinsheriff.org) for a copy of Margaret Speaker Yuan's report, which she shared with the council during her presentation.

**7. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Public Disaster Education & Preparedness (PDE&P)**

PDE&P Committee Co-Chair, Frank Cox, outlined some of the recent committee efforts, pointing out the committee minutes distributed to all DC3 members detail recent presentations by Michael Grant, MCOE, CERT and neighborhood preparedness representatives, reports on preparing Persons with Access and Functional Needs (AFN), and more.

Frank asked members to review a DC3 meeting handout taken from County of Marin Proposed Budget 2015-2016 (<http://www.marincounty.org/~media/files/departments/ad/management-and-budget/budget/budgetbook1516.pdf?la=en>) (pages 217-219) that outlined work done, and planned by, DC3, County OES, and the PDEP committee.

This document identifies the strategic goals approved by DC3 and County OES, including emergency preparedness programs, plans, and projects. Included in those goals is the development of a mandatory County Disaster Service Worker training for all government employees, which may also serve as a model for Marin Cities and Towns, and structured mandatory training for EOC level staff.

Frank pointed out that proposal, some two years old, continues in a planning stage. For example, Frank teaches the new employee Emergency/Disaster Awareness, Preparedness & Readiness (EDAPR) class, that the County had identified as mandatory for all new hires. At the recent August class, some sixty persons registered for the class, but about forty attended. The question of who must attend "mandatory" training, and other elements of the DC3 strategic proposal, are worth discussing. Frank recommended, and the Chair agreed, that a review of the DC3 strategic proposals be put on the December 2015 meeting agenda.

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS / COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS / PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Anne Sands (West Marin).** Advised that West Marin will host two days of CERT training in October. A Teen CERT class is planned for November at Tamalpais High School in Mill Valley; this class could become a model for Teen CERT at Tomales High.

**Mike Grant (MCOE).** Advised that last year about 35,000 people participated in the County Schools Great California Shakeout exercise. He encouraged all to participate again this year.

**Miles Julihn (County EMS).** Advised that County Emergency Medical Services is working with Fire Chief Jason Weber and others in a Health and Human Services exercise planned this fall, and leading to a full-scale two-day exercise in April 2016.

**Crystal Silva (American Red Cross).** Advised that the Red Cross has installed about 115 smoke alarms in low income residential units since January.

**Jim Wickham, Safety Specialist for PG&E.** PG&E has scheduled a Public Safety Liaison Meeting to be held at the Emergency Operations Facility on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and will have displays of how PG&E responds to disasters. The public is invited to view these displays from 10:30am to 12:30pm on that day.

**9. ADJOURN**

*Being no further business, the Chair asked for a Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 4:30PM.*

***Motion: Tulsky/ Second: Lion. Proposed and passed.***

***Next meeting: Thursday, December 10, 2015, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.,*** 1600 Los Gamos Drive, San Rafael, California 94903, in the Marin County Sheriff's Assembly Room, Suite 200, Second Floor (park on Hwy 101 side of building and enter through Lobby A).