



**MARIN OPERATIONAL AREA
DISASTER & CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL**
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**Marin Operational Area
Disaster and Citizen Corps Council Minutes
July 10, 2014**

The Regular meeting of the Marin Operational Area Disaster and Citizen Corps Council (DC3) was held Thursday, July 10, 2014.

Council Members Present: Judy Arnold, Frank Cox, Steve Tulsy, Ray Dunaway, Anne Sands, Ed Schulze, Bill Tyler, Heather Ravani, Eric Steger, David Weinsoff, Rob Braulik, Angel Bernal, Carol Freedman, Garry Lion, Amy Van Doren, Henry La Roche.

Council Members Excused: Susan Adams, Jason Weber, and Miles Julihn.

Council Members Present who are Pending Confirmation by BOS: Mike Grant for Marin County Office of Education and Andrew McClelland for American Red Cross.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Judy Arnold (“Chair”) called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. in the Sheriff’s Assembly Room, located at the new headquarters of the Marin County Sheriff, 1600 Los Gamos Drive, Suite 200, San Rafael, CA 94903. A quorum was present. The Chair introduced new DC3 Member, **Ray Dunaway** (District 3), to the council and audience.

2. APPROVAL OF March 13, 2014 MINUTES

The Chair asked for a Motion to Approve the March 13, 2014 minutes as submitted to the Council with no corrections or additions.

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

3. CHANGES TO AGENDA

None requested.

4. PRESENTATIONS

Mill Valley Backyard Campout for Emergency Preparedness

Mill Valley Fire Chief Jeff Davidson presented the results of the June 7, 2014 City of Mill Valley’s Backyard Campout event for Emergency Preparedness. Mill Valley Fire planned the event this year as a substitution for their regularly scheduled annual community evacuation drill. They decided to use the concept of the Great California Earthquake Shakeout Drill and apply the model here for the “Great Mill Valley Backyard Campout.” Participants were asked to camp overnight either in their back yards or at the Mill Valley Recreation Center along with neighbors and friends to learn about the skills they would need to survive a natural disaster. Planners developed a logo, marketing materials, a web page, and a post card for students. Social Media (Twitter) was used to help recruit participants (registration filled up quickly). The event had an incident commander, Logistics and Planning Chiefs. The event simulated an

earthquake scenario and combined some fun with what is normally a serious natural disaster. Activities included the Emergency Kit Cook-Off challenge, Sidewalk CPR, a Fire Safety House, preparedness courses, game playing with teams, arts & crafts, magic, campfire entertainment, and food (including s'mores). Jeff showed the council a news video from Channel 2 News. Jeff thanked Marin CERT Coordinator **Maggie Lang**, Battalion Chief **Tom Welch**, the Mill Valley Parks & Recreation staff, and Mill Valley councilperson, **Garry Lion** for their hard work and support to make this a highly successful first event.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) Update Process Review – Tom Jordan

Emergency Services Coordinator, **Tom Jordan**, told the council that the LHMP team made up of county representatives from Sheriff, Fire, Community Development, and Public Works, holds quarterly meetings to update the plan. They are currently focusing on the Community Rating System (CRS) points through FEMA.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Marin Op Area Mass Care and Sheltering Annex: Motion to Approve and Forward to BOS for Resolution – Tom Jordan

After a very brief discussion led by **Tom Jordan**, the Chair did the following:

The Chair asked for a Motion to Approve the Marin County Operational Area Mass Care and Sheltering Annex and forward to the Board of Supervisors for Adoption (Resolution).

Motion: Schulze / Second: Sands. Proposed and passed.

OES Drought Status – Chris Reilly

Chris Reilly reported the following information to the Council:

Marin County is faring well with the drought in comparison with the rest of the State. According to the Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD), current water storage is 90% of average for this date. MMWD is continuing its voluntary 25% cutback and has not moved into mandatory restrictions. The State has activated its State Operations Center (SOC) with key positions and is monitoring the situation. Marin OES participates in weekly conference calls with the State. A "Drought Monitor" report and map can be viewed from the Cal OES website. Chief Jeff Davidson added that, while there may be good news about Marin's reservoir storage, from a wildfire perspective, there is no good news. The rains that poured this year (in some parts over 21 inches) created much more fuel than normal. Currently, Marin is at fire conditions six to eight weeks ahead of schedule. The fuel will burn harder and longer. Also since January 1st of this year, CAL FIRE has responded to almost 3,000 wildfires.

Disaster Service Worker (DSW) Training Program Update – Chris Reilly

The county is moving ahead to put together a draft plan to serve as a model for the cities, towns and special districts to provide disaster service worker training to their employees. It will include videos, online training, and classroom training, considering there are many modes of training. Some of it is budget driven.

Report on New County Emergency Operations Facility (EOF) – Chris Reilly

Limited discussion about the new EOF occurred before the topic turned to the Marin Emergency Radio

Authority (MERA). Retired Novato Police Captain, Dave Jeffries, answered a question from the audience about MERA's plans to put a measure on the ballot this year. Twenty agencies endorsed a parcel tax, which would pay for "Generation 2" of the MERA system. MERA is owned and operated by a Joint Powers Authority (JPA); the county is one of 25 members. A new system needs to be in place by 2018, which would provide some new service areas. Even with the improvement in service, there is no expectation of 100% coverage throughout the county due to the terrain in some areas.

OES Grants Update – Chris Reilly

See Handout provided by Margaret Speaker-Yuan for details. Marin OES has learned from the state that it has been allocated \$334,000 for 2014 State Homeland Security grant funding. Also Margaret sent a request to the state for reimbursement in the amount of \$42,000 for the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). Finally, Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant funding continues to benefit this county. One example of this is through their emergency management-based training classes, which Marin OES has been able to host many of at no cost to Marin agencies.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Disaster Education & Preparedness (PDE&P)

Bill Tyler (Chair PDEP) told the council that the PDE&P Committee met three times since the March 2014 DC3 meeting. Recent departures from this committee have opened up membership. He announced the following new members: Henri LaRoche (Marin Center for Independent Living), David Peery (Marin Municipal Water District), Laurie Nilsen (Tiburon/Belvedere Emergency Services Coordinator), and Jim Wickham (PG&E). Bill noted that Jim Wickham is the member of record, but when he cannot attend a meeting, he is supported by alternate PG&E member, Mark Van Gorder. The PD&P committee is most grateful to PG&E for their support of the committee's effort.

The PDE&P committee continues to advocate for countywide Disaster Service Worker (DSW) training for government workers with the county leading the way and influencing and helping the local agencies to implement their own training programs. *See Old Business for a discussion led by Chris Reilly on this topic.*

The PDE&P is also looking at re-invigorating the Get Ready 5th Grade program for schools. PDE&P additionally would like to see the City of Novato get a Business Resiliency program started (based on Mill Valley's pilot program); Bill has made such a request to the City.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS / COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

Anne Sands. Coordinates the West Marin Disaster Council (WMDC), which meets quarterly and has grown to fifty-one members, including National Park Service, State Parks, and Coast Guard. Tom Jordan from Marin OES attends these meetings. Anne also coordinates with Carol Freedman from the Red Cross. Next WMDC meeting will be held August 14, 2014 at the firehouse in Point Reyes Station at 1:00PM.

Major Christopher Angle, California Army National Guard. Visiting council meeting today is Deputy Commander of the 95th Civil Support Team. He wanted to introduce himself and his team as a resource to first responder agencies for the Marin Operational Area. The twenty-two full-time service member Civil Support Team (assigned to 22 counties) was originally created to counter Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) threats, but can do much more when called to respond to incidents anywhere in Northern California. Local incident commanders can request their support through Cal OES (they do need a mission number). Team members are Level A Hazardous Materials (Hazmat) specialists and specialize in the primary functional areas of

command, operations, communications decontamination/logistics, medical, science and survey. They can rapidly respond to chemical, biological, and radiological threats, and can provide a number of capabilities, including detection, identification, analysis, communication support, expert medical advice, and decontamination of personnel. The team is equipped to transport its assets by ground and air. Major Angle delighted the council when he added that his Civil Support Team just shows up and supports the locals, but does not take charge of anything. There are 57 such teams from across the United States.

9. ADJOURN

Being no further business the *Chair asked for a Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 4:10 PM.*

Motion: Lion/ Second: Tulskey. Proposed and passed.

Next meeting: Thursday, September 11, 2014, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., 1600 Los Gamos Drive, San Rafael, California 94903, **in Room 385, Floor 3-R (enter through Lobby B and proceed to the 3-R Floor.)**