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DISASTER & CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL**
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**Marin Operational Area
Disaster and CitizenCorps Council Minutes
March 12, 2015**

The Regular meeting of the Marin Operational Area Disaster and Citizen Corps Council (DC3) was held Thursday, March 12, 2015.

Council Members Present: Judy Arnold, Frank Cox, Steve Tulsy, Anne Sands, Ed Schulze, Bill Tyler, Eric Steger, David Weinsoff, Angel Bernal, Carol Freedman, Mike Grant, Miles Julihn, Garry Lion, Amy Van Doren, and Crystal Silva. **Council Members Excused:** Katie Rice, Ray Dunaway, Rob Braulik, Jason Weber, and Henry La Roche.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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, Second Floor, Suite 200, 1600 Los Gamos Drive, San Rafael, CA 94903. A quorum was present. The Chair asked for introductions of council members around the table and then welcomed new council member, Crystal Silva, representing the American Red Cross.

2. APPROVAL OF September 11, 2014 MINUTES

The Chair asked for a Motion to Approve the September 11, 2014 minutes as submitted to the Council with no corrections or additions.

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

3. CHANGES TO AGENDA: None submitted.

4. PRESENTATIONS

Napa Earthquake – Lessons Learned

Emergency Services Coordinator, **Tom Jordan**, told the Council about a forum which was held in Marin this week led by Napa County emergency management staff and presented to the Marin County Department heads. Napa shared with Marin the lessons they learned from the recent earthquake. Notes will be available. *Contact Tom Jordan at tjordan@marinsheriff.org for more information.*

5. NEW BUSINESS

Tsunami Annex to the Marin Operational Area Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)

Emergency Services Coordinator, **Ursula Hanks**, presented an updated draft of the Tsunami Annex to the council and asked for its approval. She thanked **Anne Sands** and **Bill Tyler** for their suggestions to improve the plan.

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

Motion: Cox / Second: Van Doren. Proposed and passed.

Report on 11/20/2014 Statewide Medical/Health Exercise

Emergency Medical Services Director, **Miles Julihn**, gave a report on the 2014 annual Statewide Medical/Health Exercise held November 20, 2014. The exercise involved Marin Health and Human Services staff; Kristen Seatavakin from Public Health Preparedness was the exercise director. Anthrax release was the scenario for this exercise, which was their most complex scenario to date, according to Miles. This was a full scale exercise, including activation of the Medical/Health branch of the EOC and field operations in the form of Point of Dispensing (POD) sites. The PODs were staffed by Marin Medical Reserve Corps (MMRC) members. Bay Area Health Officers also convened a Multi Agency Coordination (MAC) group on October 9, 2014 to discuss prioritization of the distribution of antibiotics. Miles said that it was fascinating to use the WebEOC system for this exercise. H&HS staff received excellent support by OES staff, particularly Woody Baker-Cohn (WebEOC).

6. OLD BUSINESS

Update on Old Special Needs Annex to Marin EOP

Miles Julihn reported that a subcommittee of DC3 members met (Miles, Bill Tyler, Henry La Roche, and Chris Reilly) to discuss the status of the County's *Special Needs Populations Annex*, which had been adopted by the Board in April 2009. Miles told the council that as a result of 2010 litigation from the City of Oakland, Health & Human Services and Social Services did a re-write of the annex, and in September 2011 came up with a guidance document for Access and Functional Needs (AFN) Planning. Both the old annex and the newer guidance document were handouts to the DC3 for reference. Miles made the recommendation that the 2009 Special Needs Populations Annex be rescinded and that the guidance document be made official. Heather Ravani further explained that rather than using a standalone plan on the subject of AFN (i.e., the old annex), the creators of the guidance document thought it would be more useful to have something to guide planners by infusing AFN concerns into all county plans both going forward and looking back. Because the planning guidance is not an annex to the EOP, it does not have to be approved by the BOS.

The Chair asked the Disaster Council for a Motion to Approve the September 2011 Access and Functional Needs Planning Guidance, and to forward the 2009 Special Needs Populations Annex to the EOP to the Board of Supervisors for rescindment.

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

Status of OES Grants – Margaret Speaker-Yuan

Email Eva Denegri Baker at OES (ebaker@marinsheriff.org) for a copy of Margaret Speaker Yuan's report, which was included in the handouts at this Disaster Council meeting.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Disaster Education & Preparedness (PDE&P)

Bill Tyler (Chair PDEP) told the council that the PDE&P Committee met six times since the September 2014 Disaster Council meeting. The Committee recruited five new members: David Peery (MMWD), Terry Scussel (Whistlestop), Jim Wickham (PG&E), Jon Bruckbauer (City of San Rafael), and Philippa Lockwood (American Red Cross). **Garry Lion** from PDEP told the council that

Mill Valley's pilot program, Essential Business Disaster Resilience (EBDR) has been renamed Marin Business Emergency Resilience (M'BER). They used the American Red Cross "Ready Rating" program, which gives them a scorecard with numerical rankings. This allows them to improve their rating over time. A template was made so that businesses can complete a form to create a business emergency plan. Mill Valley focused on *essential* businesses, such as banks, grocery stores, gas stations, hotels, pet stores, etc. They received high participation by these businesses – 22 out of 26 invited businesses completed the whole program. Garry will make a more in depth presentation at the next quarterly Disaster Council meeting on June 11, 2015.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS / COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

Anne Sands (West Marin). Said that West Marin councils are all very active. There are now eight repeaters for West Marin Disaster Council radios. They conduct regular communication drills. CERT class will be offered on May 16 in Nicasio. The National Park Service, County OES, Muir Beach Fire, and the Muir Beach disaster group have been doing a great job partnering to explore options for purchasing an emergency alert siren for Muir Beach.

David Weinsoff (MCCMC). In light of the Napa earthquake, David has been in discussions with his colleagues from other cities and towns about how to recover and rebuild following a devastating earthquake. The Chair asked David to report more about this to the council later.

Carol Freedman (MIDC). MIDC is sponsoring a workshop on disaster resiliency for congregations on March 18, 2015. Congregations are typically the first to go into action following a big event, for example, by becoming instant evacuation centers, and also by providing a wide range of services, including, solace, meals, and housing. Twenty Marin congregations have registered for the workshop. The 2015 annual conference of the MIDC this spring/summer will focus on disaster recovery, reimbursement, and business continuity.

Frank Cox. Referenced a recently published USGS report (see www.wqcep.org) on California's rupture forecast. The SF Bay Area is interconnected to all of California by a series of faults. Bigger events are forecast to arrive sooner than previously expected and will affect every Bay Area resident, every government, and every non-governmental organization (NGO). A 2008 study estimated that damages would cost the Bay Area 200 billion dollars; today, the amount would double to 400 billion dollars. Frank reminded everyone that all government employees are disaster service workers (DSW).

Maggie Lang. Invited all to offer feedback on the countywide website, www.readymarin.org. Marin CERT is partnering with the Marin Medical Reserve Corps (MMRC) to offer First Aid classes to CERTS in San Rafael. On May 2, 2015, CERTS will participate in a simulated disaster exercise in the Dominican.

Bill Tyler. Encouraged the Chair and Chris Reilly (OES) to secure a speaker from Napa OES to present to the next DC3 meeting about the Lessons Napa Learned from their earthquake experience.

Supervisor Judy Arnold. The Chair introduced her Aide, Tanya Albert, to the audience. She also announced that former DC3 Chair Susan Adams is the head of nursing at UC Davis.

9. ADJOURN: *Being no further business, the Chair asked for a Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 4:01 PM. Motion: Tulsky/ Second: Lion. Proposed and passed.*

Next meeting: Thursday, June 11, 2015, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., 1600 Los Gamos Drive, San Rafael, California 94903, in the Sheriff's Assembly Room, Suite 200, Second Floor (park on Hwy 101 side of building and enter through Lobby A).