MINUTES OF THE JUNE 8, 2017 MEETING

The Regular meeting of the Marin Operational Area Disaster and Citizen Corps Council (DC3) was held Thursday, June 8, 2017.

Council Members Present: Judy Arnold, Frank Cox, Steve Tulsky, Anne Sands, Ed Schulze, Bill Tyler, Heather Ravani, Catherine Way, Joe Chinn, Jason Weber, Denis O'Leary, Mike Grant, Garry Lion, and Amy Van Doren. Council Members Excused: Katie Rice, Keith Kennedy, Eric Steger, Miles Julihn, and Debbie Yee.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Marin County Supervisor Judy Arnold ("Chair") called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. The meeting was held on the Main Floor of the County’s Emergency Operations Center, located in the Marin County Sheriff’s Headquarters, 1600 Los Gamos Drive, Suite 301, Third Floor, San Rafael, California. A quorum was present. The Chair announced that this is Amy Van Doren’s final meeting representing Marin Transit. Starting at the September meeting, Mohamed Osman will take her place. The Chair also introduced the County Human Resources Director, Mary Hao, who was present in the audience.

2. APPROVAL OF MARCH 9, 2017 MINUTES

The Chair asked for a Motion to Approve the March 9, 2017 minutes. As submitted to the Council, with no corrections or additions, the Minutes were adopted.

Motion: Schulze / Second: Sands

AYES: ALL

3. CHANGES TO AGENDA: None submitted.

4. PRESENTATIONS: None

5. NEW BUSINESS

Post-Disaster Temporary Uses Ordinance – Motion to Request Approval (Handouts)

Ben Berto (Marin Community Development). Requested the council to review a draft Post-Disaster Temporary Uses (PDTU) Ordinance, to suggest any amendments deemed appropriate, and to recommend that it go to the Planning Commission for their review and ultimately to the Board of Supervisors. The proposed Code would allow Individual Temporary Housing or Large-Scale Temporary Housing (residential and commercial) within “the Operational Area of non-coastal zoned unincorporated Marin County.” The purpose and objective of the ordinance is to establish temporary regulations in the event of a proclaimed or declared emergency by which the County can take extraordinary actions to protect the public health, safety, and welfare in assisting citizens, businesses, and community
organizations, including Access and Functional Needs Populations, facilitating the speed and effectiveness of disaster operations and recovery, and providing pre-event planning to implement the Post-Disaster Housing Annex and Marin Operational Area Recovery Plan. According to Ben, the ordinance’s provisions would cease to be applicable to an area two years following the date of the emergency declaration, or as stipulated in an individual Temporary Use Approval issued by the Community Development Agency Director. The Director may designate conditions of approval (e.g., restrictions) and may approve individual temporary housing on properties which contain a “red placard” or “yellow placard” resulting from a damage report. In a major disaster such as a Great Quake, predictions state that around 250,000 houses would become uninhabitable in the Bay Area. A conservative estimate for Marin homes is between 2,000 and 3,000. The speed at which businesses recover will be critical. This ordinance could allow the Planning Department to suspend normal requirements by businesses. Initial requests for housing such as tent cities or for debris management would go through the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). But, later, this could transfer to the Planning Director. Who has authority is still a hazy area so Ben recommends that decision makers plan this out ahead of time. Ben added that this ordinance would tie into plans already created, such as the Post-Disaster Housing Annex and Recovery Plan.

Disaster Council members pointed out some inconsistencies in the draft ordinance and made some suggestions, too. One such, from Frank Cox, was to make sure that language was added pertaining to Access and Functional Needs, for example, Assisted Living Facilities. Catherine Way asked whether this ordinance could be taken to the cities and towns as a model, to which Ben replied yes. Bill Tyler drew attention to the newer concept of “Whole Community Planning” and what that entails. Ben Berto appreciated the comments and asked that any more be directed to his email at bberto@marincounty.org.

The Chair asked for a Motion to Approve the Draft Post-Disaster Temporary Uses Ordinance with consideration to amendments recommended by the council, and to forward to the Planning Commission for their review, and then to the Board of Supervisors for Resolution.

_Motion: Schulze / Second: Van Doren. Proposed and passed._

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

**Status of Grants Administered by Marin County OES**

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.

**Response to PDE&P Letter, dated May 4, 2017**

Jason Weber, reported that he met with Frank Cox and Bill Tyler (PDE&P Co-chairs) regarding their letter to Supervisor Judy Arnold, dated May 4, 2017. In light of the County’s current fiscal year budget surplus, the PDE&P Committee’s letter made three requests:

- Revive the Get Ready Program countywide
- Renew the CERT Coordinator program, which may run out of funding December 2017
- Create a County Preparedness Coordinator Position

PDE&P requested that at this meeting a discussion focus on whether the Disaster Council should actively encourage the Board of Supervisors to allocate some of its surplus funds to financially support the programs listed above.

Jason said that the Get Ready program was initially funded by the UASI grant to get it off the ground. It remains a good and contemporary program today because the fundamentals have not changed. The “wheels don’t need reinventing. As far as CERT, the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP)
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traditionally funded it, but it was determined that the SHSGP was not the appropriate mechanism for long term. Rather, the fire service was responsible. The Fire Chiefs got involved, and the County stepped up and provided $30,000 annually as seed money. Regarding the preparedness coordinator position, Jason said there are many competing interests for funding, for example, the need for additional firefighter positions and other resources (such as rebuilt fire stations). In Jason’s view, “it speaks volumes” how much Marin has already invested financially in disaster preparedness, especially in comparison to other counties. One example he gave is the investment that went into creating Marin’s new “hot” Emergency Operations Center (EOC) (hot means already set up and ready to activate immediately). Contrast Marin to Napa County whose primary EOC could not function after the earthquake several years ago.

Tom Jordan (OES) wanted to add that the County Administrator’s Office and County Human Resources have partnered to develop another Disaster Service Worker (DSW) initiative, which will be web based DSW training. Currently, county employees are required to take live DSW training (3 hour class taught by Frank Cox). Eventually, the web based tool will be offered to the municipalities to adapt to their jurisdictions.

The Chair asked that a subcommittee be formed to look more closely at PDE&P’s requests and prioritize them, and asked that Jason Weber chair it. Dr. Tom Cromwell (MMRC), Mike Grant (MCOE), Garry Lion (Economic Forum), Frank Cox (Cons. Dist. 1), Bill Tyler (At Large), and Lori Schifrin (public) volunteered to serve on this subcommittee.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Committee Co-Chair, Bill Tyler, addressed the council and said that since April 9, 2017, the PDE&P Committee met three times. New members have joined, namely Dr. Tom Cromwell (MMRC) and Keith Kennedy (DC3 Cons. Dist. 3). Tom Roberts (AFN) resigned. The next monthly meeting will be in August (July is off). Minutes are posted online on the marinsheriff.org website.

For more information about this committee’s activities and copies of the handouts, please email OES at oes@marinsheriff.org.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS / COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tom Jordan (OES). Said Sheriff’s new media campaign (Summer Success 2017) has been launched on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram. The aim is to recognize youth in our community for doing good deeds this summer. Participants should post a pic on Instagram of the child doing something good and tag @SROJosie on Twitter using the hashtag, #SummerSuccess2017.

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

Anne described the many activities in West Marin since the last council meeting.

- West Marin Disaster Council has now expanded their radio communications system substantially by installing a base radio at Woodacre, which allows Marin Fire to monitor WMDC radio communications in a disaster.
- West Marin’s nine neighborhood disaster councils continue to share expertise and conduct joint disaster simulation drills.
- In response to Bolinas Fire Department, National Park Service / Pt. Reyes National Seashore has established a program to actively manage the vastly increased visitor use at Palomarin Trail Head by using parking controls, “lot full” signs on Highway One, and trained volunteers to monitor trail access.
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to Alamere Falls and emergency radio communications. The trail has become quite dangerous with
people even falling off the cliff.
✓ Recent Marin County and West Marin grants are being used to purchase radios, medical supplies,
storage trailers, and an ATV for use in search and rescue. North Marin Water District has offered
financial assistance. Supervisor Dennis Rodoni is arranging for two used County trailers to be
renovated and donated to the disaster councils in Muir Beach and Tomales.
✓ 31 graduated from the last CERT class in Nicasio, 11 being West Marin residents. West Marin now
has around 200 active CERTS. Next CERT training will be on October 14 and 21, 2017.
✓ The next WMDC meeting will be on August 17, 2017 at 1:00pm at the Red Barn Classroom at Point
Reyes National Seashore.

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council at this meeting.

Jason Weber (Fire Chiefs). New MERA implementation is going as planned and should be done
sometime in mid-2018 by Motorola.

Catherine Way (MCMCC). Marin Mayors and Council members’ organization is looking to form a
new disaster preparedness committee. They currently have ad hoc committees on sea level rise
and homelessness. With Maggie Lang’s leadership, local disaster councils get together every three
months to share best practices. They have met twice and the third will be on July 13. Catherine
participated in the recent SMART Train evacuation drill, which provided a good example of multiple
agency response. You can watch a related nine-minute video on YouTube.

Mike Grant (Schools). Thanked Woody Baker-Cohn (OES Coordinator) for setting the School
District up with WebEOC and for helping them get through the winter storms. Five high schools
have committed to doing a pilot program next year with County Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
where CPR will be a high school graduation requirement.

9. ADJOURN

Being no further business, the Chair asked for a Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 4:16 PM.
Motion: Grant / Second: Schulze. Proposed and passed.

Next meeting: Thursday, September 14, 2017, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., 1600 Los Gamos Drive, Suite
301, Third Floor, San Rafael, California, in the Emergency Operations Center’s Main Room.
Enter the building through Lobby A and go to third floor.

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 June 8, 2017.

Eva Denegri Baker, Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services

September 14, 2017