

TRINITY COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES



“To collaboratively pursue the preservation of life, property and the environment in Trinity County. Establish the emergency management organization through Disaster Council partners in county, special districts, non-governmental organizations and others to develop assigned tasks, policies and procedures through a coordination of efforts to better serve and protect the interests of Trinity County.”

Trinity County Disaster Council

Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, November 9th, 2021 at 2:00 PM
Virtual GoToMeeting**

Supervisor Jeremy Brown called to order the regular meeting of the Disaster Council at 2:02pm on November 9th, 2021 in person in the BOS room in the Weaverville Library and via GoToMeeting.

1. Welcome and introductions:

The following people attended: Jeremy Brown, Liz Hamilton, Mike Cottone, Ed Prestley, Marcie Cudziol, Rick Tippett, Barbara Jelicich, Becca Cooper, Diane Rader, Robert Jackson, Sarah Supahan, Rubi Fierro, Jennifer Johnson, Jana Reese, Bryan Ward, Amelia Fleitz, Amy Scribner, Rick Elhert, Jasen Vela, Arina Erwin and Fabio Robles.

2. Review of minutes and approval. Minutes from July 13, 2021 were approved.

3. Presentation: Initial fire season hotwash summary. Having two different fires with such an impact really created a lot of complexity, confusion and uncertainty with residents. Amelia from RCD stated Code Red messaging was confusing at times, especially near the end with evacuation zones being released. Names should be considered from a unique perspective locally understanding other fires could be named the same thing. Sarah stated changing the names of fires during the events didn't help. That sometimes Code Red messages sent out Evacuation Orders but didn't give a place to evacuate to. Fabio stated there was one issue where an evacuation order was given in the field and put online, but hadn't been coordinated through the Sheriff. He had two staff members sleeping on the side of the road up around Trinity Center get told to evacuate. IMT personnel changing out every 2 weeks causes issues with continuity of communications. Bryan stated the SO is working on developing evacuation zones county wide due to the issues with zone mapping during the incidents. Jeremy said maps need to be standardized county wide so all agencies are working from the same one. Bryan stated a lot of the issues with evacuations could be solved with community being educated. Sarah stated it

would be beneficial to educate or remind the public prior to fire season starting every year.

4. Grant Updates

- a. Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) – Ed
Forklift and van on order. Received PPE and AED.
- b. Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) – Ed
FY20 – mobile command trailer for TCSO on order. FY19 – emergency alert sirens on order – being built.
- c. Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) – Ed – Generator for courthouse on order. Jones electric to install transfer switch.

5. Health Officer Discussion – Dr. Herfindahl –

6. Reports and Action Items:

- a) Agricultural Commissioner: Joseph Moreo –
- b) ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service): Karl Fisher, Robert Jackson - no update
- c) Behavioral Health: Connie Cessna Smith –
- d) Board of Supervisors: Jeremy Brown, Dan Frasier - no update
- e) California Tribal TANF Partnership: Jana Reese - no update
- f) Cal OES: Mike Beckstrand, Rick Ehlert, Jasen Vela. Good job communicating with our residents evacuated to other counties. Trying to add River Complex to DR4610. Shifted into Recovery mode. Debris flow in Coffee Creek being considered for help.
- g) CAO: Richard Kuhns - no update
- h) CHP (California Highway Patrol) - no update
- i) District Attorney Office – Joni - Victim Witness Coordinator- purchasing equipment and supplies.
- j) DOT: Richard Tippett
Need funding for generator – any ideas?
Transit is operating on a pre-COVID schedule. We are short on drivers, so service limited in some areas.
- k) Environmental Health: Kristy Anderson
- l) Faith Based Organizations: Jesse Ragan
- m) Fire – Nick Ciapponi
- n) HHS - Public Health: Dr. Herfindahl, Marcie Cudziol, Naomi Underwood
Delta variant is of concern since it is circulating (1 in 5). Pfizer and J&J have some effectiveness against Delta. And to a lesser extent, Moderna. Vaccinated persons do not typically need hospitalization. Expect to see spikes again in Winter among the unvaccinated. Exploring whether a third booster will protect against the variant.
Mobile unit is out in the community.
- o) HHS - Social Services: Liz Hamilton
HHS has transitioned all disaster case management to NVCSS.
- p) HRN: Julie Golston

- q) OES: Ed Prestley, Mike Cottone
- r) Planning and Building: Kim Hunter, Lisa Lozier
- s) Probation: Ruby Fierro reminder that Probation can be used for mutual aid.
- t) Red Cross: Barbara Jelicich, Andrew Bogar
- u) Region III RDMHS: Patti Carter, Jeff McManus - Shasta is at capacity.
- v) Risk Management: Shelly Nelson, Becca Cooper – no update.
- w) Schools: Sarah Supahan, Fabio Robles
School staff are stressed.
- x) Sheriff: Tim Saxon, Brian Ward – SAR radios work good. Mutual aid response meeting this weekend.
- y) Solid Waste: Diane Rader
No update.
- z) Trinity County Food Bank: Jeffrey England
- aa) Trinity County Life Support: Patricia Wyckoff
- bb) Trinity County Public Utility District: Sarah Sheetz
- cc) Trinity Hospital: Belen Manybanseng, Rebecca Glandon
- dd) Trinity Resource Conservation District: Amelia Fleitz
- ee) USFS: Brian Fabbri, Glen Tingley
- ff) Others

7. Upcoming Training/Exercises – All

8. Other Business

9. Next Meeting: January 11th at 2:00pm

10. Schedule: Second Tuesday every other month

January 11th, March 8th, May 10th, July 12th, September 13th, November 8th.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 1549.