“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
Minutes
9/12/23

1. Call to Order at 14:01. Welcome and Introductions: Sign in
   Note: Access via Zoom was not available due to internet outage.

2. Minutes from 7/11/23 Meeting: to read and approve
   Minutes approved.

3. Presentation: None

4. Incident Reviews – All
   No incidents submitted for review.

5. Grant Updates – Mike Cottone, Philip Simi
   a. Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)
   b. Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)
   c. Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS)
      PSPS - Generator project for Weaverville Fire Department. The existing generator will be relocated to another fire hall. PSPS grant will be closed at by end of year.
      HSGP - Soft target / physical security upgrades for the Trinity County Detention Facility, security enhancements for fire halls, bollards for the Weaverville Library.

6. Health Officer Discussion – Dr. Herfindahl
   We are continuing to look for a replacement half-time Health Officer who wants to relocate to Trinity County. Working half-time for Trinity, with 75% remote work, worked well during the pandemic.

7. Reports and Action Items:
   a) Agricultural Commissioner
      Not present.
   b) ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service): Robert Jackson
      Planning to install a ham radio at the Douglas City school this week. Most schools will be getting radios.
   c) Behavioral Health
      Not present.
   d) Board of Supervisors: Jill Cox
      No report.
e) California Tribal TANF Partnership
   Not present.

f) Cal OES: Rick Ehler, Robert Goyeneche
   Still in the hiring process for additional Emergency Services Coordinators (ESCs). The goal is to reduce the County/ESC ratio from 4 counties per ESC to 2 counties per ESC. Expect the transition to happen in October/November.
   In touch with Philip and Mike on the Deep Fire and South Fork Complex.
   The smoke you are seeing is not from the fires in Siskiyou, but from Humboldt and Del Norte fires.
   It has been a good fire season so far. Many of the fires have been in forest areas. There has only been on Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) this year in the valley. Transitioning over to winter preparedness, flood coordination.
   Disaster Ready Summit is being held around the state. Focused on non-profits. There is a session on Friday on Chico, and another session this week in Placerville. NVCSS is participating in Listos to provide Disaster Preparedness education and outreach in Trinity County.
   Native American Day is coming up soon. Should not need to be relocated since the fire camp should be demobilized soon.
   There was an OES Strike Team in town about a week ago.

h) California Highway Patrol: Sgt. Ted Luna
   No report.

i) District Attorney/Victim Witness: Joni Wiley
   DA/VW is recruiting for a new Victim Advocate.

j) DOT
   Not present.

k) Environmental Health: Dr. Herfindahl
   Pesticides, such as carbofuran, have been found on illegal sites. Whereas in the past, containers would be labeled in Spanish, we are starting to see them in Chinese. We have also seen this in Siskiyou County, where responding law enforcement officers have been exposed and become ill. A worker in Trinity County accidentally ingested pesticide and had to be transported out of county for treatment. Symptoms of carbofuran exposure include burning eyes, lips, nose and throat, headaches, weakness, sweating, nausea and vomiting. It can also affect dogs. If you are on a site and see a dead animal, do not touch it, and request a hazmat team to respond. Environmental Health is the lead on these incidents. All of these pesticides are banned in the U.S. These pesticides are sometimes found in 55-gallon drums or in swimming pools.
   It is important that Trinity County officials, elected or appointed, need to cooperate in a respectful manner with appropriate dialogue and input, and without personal attacks.

l) Faith Based Organizations
   Not present.

m) Cal Fire
   Not present.

n) HHS - Public Health: Arina Erwin, Sonni DeMello
Decontamination Exercise in July at the hospital was based on carbofuran exposure and involved multiple agencies including Trinity Hospital, Trinity Life Support, Environmental Health.

There will be two half-day trainings for first responders and hospital staff.

Flu season is here. There will be a free flu vaccine / pandemic exercise event in Hayfork. We are focusing on Hayfork since there are few providers in that area.

o) HHS - Social Services: Mike Cottone
   No report.

p) HRN
   Not present.

q) OES: Philip Simi, Mike Cottone
   OES held a tabletop exercise with the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) to simulate an earthquake and resulting dam failure at Trinity and Lewiston Dam. The exercise involved several departments and about 24 personnel. There was good discussion around the progression of the incident and the injects, and reference to the BOR Emergency Action Plan.
   OES is working with the CAO’s office, Building/Planning, Environmental Health and the state Department of Water Resources (DWR) on an application for technical assistance to complete a Drought Resilience Plan.
   HHS/OES staff recently attended Public Information Officer (PIO) training in Blue Lake to increase capacity to provide information to the public in a disaster.

r) Planning and Building
   Not present.

s) Probation
   Not present.

t) Red Cross
   Not present.

u) Region III RDMHS
   Not present.

v) Risk Management
   Not present.

w) Schools: Fabio Robles
   TCOE is finalizing emergency communications process. Will be bringing to administrators for review, then to Trinity County Sheriff’s Office for input. Then it will go to the Safe Schools Collaborative, which everyone is invited to attend. We invite feedback on how to improve the Collaborative. The Safe Schools Collaborative meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM.

x) Sheriff: Brian Ward
   No report.

y) Solid Waste
   Not present.

z) Trinity County Food Bank
   Not present.

aa) Trinity County Life Support
bb) Trinity County Public Utility District
   Not present.

c) Trinity Hospital
   Not present.

d) Trinity Resource Conservation District: Skyler Fisher

   Deep Fire and South Fork Complex – Have been using the Evacuation Status Viewer to provide
   information to the public. We had a good conversation at the last Fire Safe Council meeting on developing
   a plan for how to use these tools, update them, and make them easier to use.

   Community chipping program will resume. There were 130 properties last Spring. Our goal is to increase
   the number of properties next year. Information about the chipping program is available on the Fire Safe
   Council website and Facebook page.

   There are 14 Fire Wise communities in Trinity County. Community meetings will be held to get feedback
   on what projects the y would like to see. Fire Wise Communities are important for grant funding and
   insurance discounts. Most residents of Trinity County reside in a Fire Wise community.

   Working on Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) update and will have the draft to Philip this week. We have
   been getting input from county departments. Plan to get it to CalOES this month and then a public review
   period prior to adoption by the Board of Supervisors early next year.

e) USFS
   Not present.

ff) Veterans Services
   Not present.

g) Mountain Communities Hospital: Aaron Rodgers

hh) Others:

8. Upcoming Training/Exercises – All
   Flood Fighting training in Blue Lake tomorrow, September 13th.
   Radiation training hosted by RDMHS November 1 for hospital staff and November 2-3 for first responders.

9. Other Business

10. Next Meeting: 11/14/23 at 2:00pm

11. Schedule: Second Tuesday every other month
   2023: January 10th, March 14th, May 9th, July 11th, September 12th, November 14th.

12. Adjourn
   14:34