



“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 March 9, 2021 at 2:00 PM

Via GoToMeeting

Call to order

Supervisor Jeremy Brown called to order the regular meeting of the Disaster Council Meeting at 2:00pm on March 9, 2021 via GoToMeeting.

1. Welcome and introductions:

The following persons were present: Jeremy Brown, Liz Hamilton, Mike Cottone, Ed Prestley, Marcie Cudziol, Barbara Jelicich, Becca Cooper, Diane Rader, Robert Jackson, Lance Floerke, Robert Goyeneche, Tim Saxon, Jana Reese, Sarah Supahan, Sheri White, Megan Bucey, Brandon Lale, Kristy Anderson, Nami Underwood, Mike Beckstrand, Kim Hunter, Karl Fisher.

- 2. Review of minutes and approval.** The minutes of July 14, 2020 were approved with a correction – under Item #3 (Introductions), Barbara Jelicich noted that the second sentence should read “Red Cross restructured...” – M/ Mike Cottone, S/ Tim Saxon – Approved.

3. Covid -19 Update – Marcie Cudziol

The COVID-19 dashboard is available on our website. We have administered 2,509 doses to date, including Public Health, Trinity Hospital, clinic partners in Weaverville and Hayfork. Vaccines provided by the tribal health clinic are not counted in that total.

The state’s dashboard is available at covid19.ca.gov, and under Vaccines, you will see a map and can click on Trinity County to see how many doses have been administered. The state is showing 12 fewer doses than our numbers reflect. Our count is more accurate. You can see how the doses break out by race and ethnicity. We are targeting those living in poverty, including those in zip codes within the first quartile. We will be purchasing a mobile van to go to those locations to vaccinate those who do not have access. We will ensure that everyone who wants vaccination gets it. Those aged 65+ are eligible, as well as school staff, child care workers, agricultural and emergency services workers. On 3/15, the Governor will open it up to those aged 18-64 with chronic health conditions including cancer, HIV, obesity, smoking, Type II Diabetes. We will not be policing whether a person is eligible. If they

enroll in MyTurn, they are attesting that they meet requirements. We will not vaccinate those who live and work and work outside of Trinity County.

CDC has changed the guidelines for those who have been vaccinated, whether they got the one or two dose vaccine. They don't have to quarantine unless they have symptoms. Can have small gatherings in a household with others who have been vaccinated. Still do not know what impact this will have. In public, the guidelines are to continue to wear a mask.

Question - If they are vaccinated, they do not have to wear masks? When does that start?

Answer – If they are exposed, they don't have to quarantine unless they have symptoms. Masks are still required in the workplace and in public.

Question - Do they need to carry their vaccination card?

Answer – Everyone who gets vaccinated gets a card that has both doses on it. Whether they have to carry the card is not a matter for Public Health.

Question - What is the timeline for the mobile van?

Answer – Hopefully by July, but it depends on ordering.

4. Incident Reviews – All

No incidents reported....

Question - Do you know how many CHP officers want vaccine?

Answer – 10% wanted it, and all who wanted it have gotten it.

5. Grant Updates

a. Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) – Ed

EMPG 2020 – We are purchasing a forklift for heavy equipment. Public Health needed a forklift when they received some large items. We received a couple of conex boxes. Having a forklift will prevent injuries caused by heavy lifting.

b. Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) – Ed

We still have a Command and Control trailer on order for TCSO. We updated our computers in EOC and bought radios for Search and Rescue. We will be purchasing four air sirens, trying to find the best option.

We will purchase one more mobile generator. We were mandated by Department of Homeland Security to earmark money for things we had to purchase, including a 2-factor authentication platform and firewall upgrade, explosive detection equipment for the courthouse, and physical security equipment for the courthouse.

c. Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) - Ed

We received \$153k from this grant. We would like to get ideas from the Disaster Council. We are looking at getting switching circuits for some of our shelter locations. This will allow us to roll up generators to these locations when we lose power, operate HEPA Units for clean air centers, etc. Email Ed if you have ideas on what these funds can be used for.

What are some of the parameters? – Continuity of Government, Community Resource Centers, warming centers where people can get wi-fi, charge their phone, etc.

Ed spoke to Mike Webster at General Services and will get in contact with the contractor to get some ideas.

6. Health Officer Discussion – Dr. Herfindahl

7. Reports and Action Items:

a) Agricultural Commissioner: Joseph Moreo

b) ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service): Karl Fisher, Robert Jackson

We've been working on frontier grant to install emergency communications. We have one radio install at Burnt Ranch school. We also have one installed at Hayfork Fire Department. One is being installed at Hyampom Community Center, and Solid Rock Church in Hayfork. We used the flu clinic at the Solid Rock Church last year to test the use of Amateur Radio for emergency communication. Last Saturday of this month we will participate with 20-something counties to move email traffic to ARC headquarters in Sacramento using HAM. We will use email to send ICS forms, using 2-meter or High Frequency. Good demonstration of being able to move emergency information when internet and power, cell phone and landlines are down.

c) Behavioral Health: Connie Cessna Smith

d) Board of Supervisor's: Jeremy Brown, Dan Frasier

No update.

e) California Tribal TANF Partnership: Jana Reese

We are CTPP. We provide cash aid and supportive services to needy Native American families. We are closed to the public. We will reevaluate on June 1st. Staff are working from home until then. Our numbers have gone down, which is interesting. You would expect... if you hear of people in need, refer them to us. 623-5006. Staff are attending training on returning to the office. We will still follow precautions upon return to the office. Any questions, send me an email at jreese@cttp.net.

f) Cal OES: Mike Beckstrand, Rick Ehlert, Robert Goyeneche, Kim Nielsen, Rob Daugherty

We have transitioned out of COVID largely. Debris removal for Trinity has been pushed to the end of the month. Hwy 236 is a huge obstacle. We have some new staff that we have been training. We need to get some training done in Trinity. Jason Vela was the Emergency Manager in Siskiyou, and now works for us in Sacramento and started a couple weeks ago. Jeremy – If there is anything Trinity County can do leading up to the next fire season, workshops, awareness, etc., please let us know. Robert – Ed has been awesome. We have holding training every year for a few years and you guys do an awesome job when things hit. The recovery side has been a little slow this year because the entire state got hit. Normally, recovery would be well under way, but we are fighting for resources statewide.

g) CAO: Richard Kuhns

h) CHP (California Highway Patrol)

No update.

i) District Attorney Office
No update.

j) DOT: Richard Tippett

k) Environmental Health: Kristy Anderson

Kristy – Phase II has been delayed. We are heading down on Thursday to do a safety meeting with CalOES and the crews due to concerns with areas with criminal activity. Some properties may give permission, but there may be other properties along the access that do not. Looking at algae blooms, looking at water issues. Some properties require crossing rivers, long hikes. Any county agencies – if you believe that you have reimbursable costs and are not already attending the FEMA Public Assistance meetings, get in touch with Lisa McNeely. Only four County agencies are currently claiming for emergency protective measures. We are still working with businesses re COVID. We are getting an extreme number of garbage and sewage complaints this year. We are seeing it end up in creeks, as well as an increase in homeless and illegal camping. We have a meeting with USFS regarding the crisis, dumping, sewage complaints, etc.

l) Faith Based Organizations: Jesse Ragan

m) Fire – Nick Ciapponi

n) HHS - Public Health: Dr. Herfindahl, Marcie Cudziol, Naomi Underwood

Nothing else to add besides what I reported. Everything is COVID right now, but we are here if anything else comes up.

o) HHS - Social Services: Liz Hamilton

No update.

p) HRN: Julie Golston (Sheri White)

Increase in domestic violence and sexual assault calls, pretty dramatically since the beginning of COVID. We have an August Fire fund available if anyone wants to donate. We also have coats for kids. Is there a place for people who are victims of DV/SA to go? Sheri – They can come to HRN. We work closely with the Sheriff's Department on that. We do have a shelter home we can put them in.

q) OES: Ed Prestley, Mike Cottone

Ed Prestley – Testing Update – We have transitioned from Verily and Advanced Clinical to OptumServe – OptumServe is now providing testing on Saturdays in Weaverville from 8AM-4PM. We need a minimum of 105 each week. We went with Saturday to get more participation in testing. Our first event was last Saturday. We had 31 people come out. I think that as word spreads it will be a lot easier for people who work to get tested. We also have teams that will go out to the Salyer Store from 9:00AM to 10:30AM, then to the Junction City Store from 11:30AM to 1:00PM offering the Let's Get Checked kits. Then they bring the kits back so that they can be returned via UPS same day. The other team goes to the store in Trinity Center from 9:00AM to 10:30AM, then drive to Lewiston Moose Lodge and are there from 11:30AM to 1:00PM. This is on the second and fourth Mondays of the month and will continue as we have supplies available. The other site is the Murray Building in Hayfork on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:00AM to

2:00PM. Those are all the testing opportunities we have going on in the county. There were no tests handed out at the Salyer Store. They had a bunch of strange looks. It might take some time to get to where people are not hesitant to get tested. Jeremy – It could be beneficial to reach out to the Wayside Chapel in Salyer. Ed – The other idea that Liz had was for me to pair up with someone and go out to a random place on a random day and try to get people to test, such as at the Ruth Store, or the convent in Wildwood. Marcie – Can you help with getting people vaccinated? Ed – Absolutely, while testing is important, vaccination will save your life.

Mike Cottone – Recovery Update – As Robert and Kristy mentioned, debris removal is being moved to a 3/31 start date. Every week we get FEMA numbers. We had a few additional houses approved for Housing Assistance last week. We continue to have our weekly Long-Term Recovery Team meeting every Thursday. We have had a focus over the last few weeks on unmet needs around water tanks and water lines. Tanks and lines have been purchased and we anticipate seeing more need as debris removal is completed. Our HHS case managers continue to connect with folks on a daily basis, connecting them with services, answering questions. North Valley Catholic Social Services (NVCSS) has been approved to provide Disaster Case Management under a two-year grant. They have appointed a Program Manager and are seeking an Intake and Referral Worker and a Case Manager. Once those staff are in place, HHS will work to transition people over to that new program. We had a meeting last week with representatives from CalOES and FEMA on the first steps toward moving the long Term Recovery Team to an ongoing effort post-recovery.

r) Planning and Building: Kim Hunter, Lisa Lozier

No update.

s) Probation: Lance Floerke, Tim Rogers

No update.

t) Red Cross: Barbara Jelicich, Andrew Bogar

House fire in Salyer. Our ARC partners in Humboldt helped out. We have been getting used to a new computer system, and hiring new staff. Updating shelter contacts and lists. Question - Have you decided on a location for staging supplies? Answer – Not yet. Ed – I gave him Andrew a few options. Barbara – We are in contact with locations and we are looking for an option that is covered (doesn't have to be heated) and locked to put some things here so it doesn't have to come from Eureka or Redding.

u) Region III RDMHS: Patti Carter, Jeff McManus

v) Risk Management: Shelly Nelson, Becca Cooper

No update.

w) Schools: Sarah Supahan, Fabio Robles

No update.

x) Sheriff: Tim Saxon, Brian Ward

Working with Public Health Branch and very soon we will be able to provide vaccination to inmates in the jail who request it. Thanks to Marcie and her staff for working on that. Just got the final paperwork approving our loan to purchase dispatch equipment. Jail construction continues to move forward. We should have building construction completed by the first week or two in May. Then can start on the electronics and wiring projects, including our new dispatch center and a new 911 system installation. Hoping to be operational by middle or end of summer.

Question - Any COVID positive inmates? Answer - Not recently. In December we had four, a couple symptomatic. We had to quarantine one of the cell blocks. None of them were serious. We do test on a regular basis, and none are currently symptomatic.

y) Solid Waste: Diane Rader

No update.

z) Trinity Alps Unified School District:

aa) Trinity County Food Bank: Jeffrey England

bb) Trinity County Life Support: Patricia Wyckoff

cc) Trinity County Public Utility District

dd) Trinity Hospital: Belen Manybanseng, Rebecca Glandon

ee) Trinity Resource Conservation District: Amelia Fleitz

ff) USFS: Brian Fabbri, Glen Tingley

gg) Others

8. Upcoming Training/Exercises – All

We will hold functional area training on 3/26, and tabletop exercises on 4/2 and 4/9. If there are county employees who have taken ICS 300 and 400 who want to attend, let us know.

9. Other Business

10. Next Meeting: May 11 at 2:00pm at the Library Conference Room

11. Schedule: Second Tuesday every other month

2021: May 11, July 13, September 28, November 9

12. Adjourned at 3:01PM