



# TRINITY COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

## Trinity County Disaster Council Minutes Weaverville Library Board Room Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 2:00 PM

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Persons present:

Mike Beckstrand – California Office of Emergency Services  
 Mike Cottone – Trinity County Office of Emergency Services  
 Keith Groves – Trinity County Board of Supervisors  
 Bryan Ward – Trinity County Sheriff's Office  
 Amelia Fleitz – Trinity County Resource Conservation District  
 Joni Wiley – Trinity County District Attorney – Victim Witness  
 Jessica Tillinghast – Trinity County District Attorney – Victim Witness  
 Sarah Supahan – Trinity County Office of Education  
 Robert Goyeneche – California Office of Emergency Services  
 Robert Jackson – Trinity County Amateur Radio Emergency Services  
 Brandon Lale – California Highway Patrol  
 Amy Scribner – Trinity County Health and Human Services  
 Marcie Cudziol – Trinity County Public Health  
 Andrew Bogar – American Red Cross  
 Belen Manybanseng – Trinity Hospital  
 Tim Dobbs – Trinity County Probation

### 2. Incident Reviews – All

### 3. Presentation - None

### 4. Grant Updates – Mike Cottone

#### a. Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)

Forklift for OES received and forklift training conducted by TrinDel in February

Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) purchased for Environmental Health. UTV trailer ordered and is being picked up today.

Purchase of laptop and meeting owl camera for Weaverville Fire Department is pending.

#### b. Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)

Four sirens – Delivery to Burnt Ranch, Mad River, and Weaverville is complete. Still need to identify a site for the Trinity Center siren. Then will put out an RFP for installation. Once installed, they will be connected with TCSO's new dispatch system.

Ballistic Helmets for TCSO on order – delayed due to situation in Ukraine – ETA is September.

Gas masks for TCSO pending order.

Licenses for IT for Multi-Factor Authorization (MFA) have been ordered. This is to enhance network security VPN (remote) users and possibly OWA users.

c. Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS)

Courthouse generator and transfer switch - Vendor shipped the wrong generator and transfer switch. Pending shipment of the correct items. This is a common issue amongst northstate counties. ETA is July.

5. Health Officer Discussion – Dr. Herfindahl

Marcie reports that Dr. Herfindahl will be here in Trinity County on June 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>.

6. Reports and Action Items:

a) Agricultural Commissioner: Joseph Moreo

b) ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service): Robert Jackson

Held a radio group test session and got some new members. FCC is now charging \$50 for radio licenses. More of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) radios should be getting installed. HHS/OES will look at whether there are funding sources for the cost of licensing. There was a group of HHS staff who were meeting to study for the license exam, but that was put off due to COVID-19. Will look at whether there are still staff interested in participating and getting their license.

c) Behavioral Health: Connie Cessna Smith

d) Board of Supervisors: Keith Groves, Dan Frazier

Ed Prestley moved to Cannabis. There are staffing issues county-wide, especially at the Sheriff's Office. Issues driving this include pay, housing, etc. There is a nationwide shortage of workers resulting in a competitive labor market. The county is in good financial shape relative to prior years. External debts will be paid off by 2024. There is potential cannabis revenue, although this is stalled due to environmental processes.

Discussion of staffing challenges in the Sheriff's Office, including corrections being down seven staff, patrol down three staff. Four new recruits in police academy that will take 13 weeks for field training when they graduate. Redding Police Department and other agencies are offering up to \$40k hiring bonuses, which is resulting in sworn staff leaving agencies such as Trinity, Siskiyou and others. This is an issue statewide.

Dr. Kuhns (CAO) is leaving at the end of May. Letty Garza, former HHS Director, has been appointed Interim CAO.

Keith attended the state task force meeting on wildland safety. Goal is to build up prescribed burns to reduce fuel loads.

e) California Tribal TANF Partnership: Jana Reese

Marcie reports that Public Health is participating in a monthly Native American Equity meeting, where they meet with tribal leaders and health providers to look at access issues. The meeting started to address access issues related to COVID-19 vaccinations. Includes non-federally-recognized tribes.

f) Cal OES: Mike Beckstrand, Rick Ehlert, Robert Goyeneche

CalOES is down three positions, including one in Region 3. Ramping up for fire season. Conducted training and exercises for Trinity County EOC, and will be conducting trainings and exercises for Modoc and Siskiyou.

g) CAO: Richard Kuhns

h) CHP: Brandon Lale

There is an RV off the highway at mile marker 66. CHP has authority to impound and store motor homes, but the MOU with the county requires following the vehicle abatement process. That program has been dormant due to retirement of the staff person who coordinated it. Need to find a way to cover the cost of abatement, which is \$3,800.

Amelia also mentioned that RCD is working with USFS on abating about 100 vehicles, but the funds to cover abatement will come out of their federal and state funding sources.

Luke, School Bus Driver, will be receiving an award for School Bus Driver of the Year. There will be a BBQ lunch at the DMV/CHP building in Weaverville on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 1130 to present the award.

i) District Attorney – Victim Witness – Joni Wiley, Jessica Tillinghast

DA Victim Witness is now fully staffed with the addition of Jessica. There will be a workshop by Northern CA Coalition – Advocates who work to identify victims of human trafficking. This Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00 – 2:30 at the Courthouse. Talk to Joni if interested in attending.

j) DOT: David Colbeck

Keith reports that the new Director of Transportation starts next week.

k) Environmental Health: Kristy Anderson

l) Faith Based Organizations: Jesse Ragan

m) Fire – Nick Ciapponi

n) HHS - Public Health: Dr. Herfindahl, Marcie Cudziol, Arina Erwin

Marcie reports that we have had a slight reprieve from COVID-19. Testing and vaccination is still available via the SNAP Nurse Team. Over-the-counter tests can be distributed to business, and another source with lab waiver for professional use.

Slight uptick in COVID-19 cases in the county, as well as statewide. We are developing PODs for distribution of Flu and COVID-19 vaccines. The Governor pulled back on the school mask mandate and will revisit in 2023.

Arina has taken on PHEP. We have six applicants for Health Program Coordinator for the PHEP program.

Healthcare Preparedness Partners (HPP) meetings will resume starting May 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30.

Chempack training will be held next year.

ICS 300/400 training will be coming up - Jun 22-24 (ICS 300) and July 26-27 (ICS 400).

Because of COVID-19 grants, we were able to build upon public health infrastructure, but although we have the funding, recruiting is a challenge. We need to promote our community. This is why equity is so important. We have been focusing on growing our own staff by getting people in on the ground floor then training and promoting them. There are issues around pay not being commensurate with duties. Housing is also an issue. Virtual interviews do not allow candidates to see the beauty of our county. We had two interns from the high school and will be working on continuing the internship program.

Looking at disinfection units for schools. They cost about \$12k each.

o) HHS - Social Services: Liz Hamilton, Mike Cottone

Shelter walkthrough with American Red Cross at the First Baptist Church on April 29<sup>th</sup>. We had seven staff attend from HHS/OES.

p) HRN: Julie Golston, Sheri White

q) OES: Mike Cottone

Ed Prestley has been appointed Interim Deputy Director of Building and Planning. We are looking at recruiting for a new Emergency Operations Manager to fill the position. For now, Mike Cottone will be the point of contact for OES.

EOC training held during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of April, and EOC exercises were held during the last week of April. There was a good turnout from various departments. Thanks to departments who sent staff, and to Robert and Mike from CalOES for conducting the training.

Recovery – CA HCD is working with jurisdictions on developing an Action Plan for allocation of \$213M in CDBG-DR funds for DR-4558. The funds are to support disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure and housing, economic revitalization, and mitigation, in the most impacted and distressed areas. Looking at finalizing the Action Plan by the Fall. An email announcing the public comment period went out today. The 30-day public comment period runs from 05.06 – 06.06.22.

The 2020 CDBG-DR Draft Action Plan is available for a 30-day public review and comment period from May 6th, 2022, through June 6th, 2022 at <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/.../hcd-2020-action-plan-public...>

Comments can be submitted to HCD during the public comment period via the following methods:

- Electronic mail to (DisasterRecovery@hcd.ca.gov); and/or
- Post mail to Disaster Recovery and Response Unit, Attn: Mona Akbar, HCD, 2020 West El Camino Avenue, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95833.

For more information, please visit Community Development Block Grant Program - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) - 2020 Disasters at <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/.../cdbg-dr-2020/index.shtml...>

Public webinars in English and Spanish:

5/18/22 (English) - Wednesday 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/98042108042>

5/19/22 (Spanish) - Thursday 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/98042108042>

NVCSS has the contract for the Crisis Counseling Program and DCMP for DR-4610.

Debris Removal for 2021 Fires is 80% complete, with 42% of properties having Final Sign Off (FSO) or “Returned to County”. Tree removal at 54% overall.

Keith added that the slide in Coffee Creek has been cleared up to allow access.

r) Planning and Building: Ed Prestley

s) Probation: Ruby Fierro, Lance Floerke; Tim Dobbs

t) Red Cross: Andrew Bogar

Held a shelter walkthrough on April 29<sup>th</sup>, with six ARC volunteers and seven HHS staff. ARC in Trinity is bringing on a second nurse volunteer. Practiced using the new trailer and Mobile Emergency Response Vehicle (MERV).

Volunteers got to practice at the high school to see how it is set up as a shelter. Have to account for the need for additional blankets to go under the cots and protect the flooring.

Will conduct shelter training in Humboldt for shelter supervisors in order to get our teams up to a higher level of performance.

We are working volunteers to be able train in schools on disaster preparedness. Pillow Case (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades), Pedro (K-2<sup>nd</sup> grades), and Red Cross Ready, with a focus on informing first.

Participated in the Wildfire Preparedness Day event in Weaverville on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

We also use our Home Fire Campaign as an opportunity to talk about preparedness topics.

u) Region III RDMHS: Patti Carter, Jeff McManus, Jennifer Johnson

v) Risk Management: Shelly Nelson, Becca Cooper

w) Schools: Sarah Supahan, Fabio Robles

Status of Hazard Mitigation Plan? – Mike – OES is working on preparing the current draft for public comment. RCD has a grant to work on the rewrite of the Hazard Mitigation Plan starting next year.

TCOE is also working with Trinity Together Cradle to Career.

x) Sheriff: Tim Saxon, Brian Ward

TCSO has a group bringing Active Shooter training to the county on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Fire, medical, and schools will participate. The incident command trailer is currently being decaled, then will need to have monitors, radio installed and should be ready for use by Summer.

Working with RCD on evacuation zones, have gotten recommendations from the fire chiefs, as well as input from deputies familiar with the areas. Will work with Steve Renten to get the zones loaded into CodeRed. Butte is also on CodeRed and is assisting.

If ICS 300/400 are available for other agencies to attend, would like to send records/admin staff to get them trained to assist.

Fire Safe Council has 2,000 go bags – 1,000 for humans and 1,000 for pets. Will send some to fire stations for distribute under evacuation warnings.

RCD has also had Trinity Cradle to career interns and has used them in IT and GIS.

Keith reported that he spoke to Tara Jones at USFS and there are currently not enough staff to man the Mule Creek station. Tara has a plan to staff the station by using staff from Redding who can commute to the station. No word yet on Junction City.

y) Solid Waste: Diane Rader

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

The hospital is still under CPOVID-19 regulations for testing and masking. We are testing people coming into the hospital, depending on vaccination status.

This week is nurse's week and hospital week.

We have been able to review and update non-COVID policies.

Hospital is experiencing retention issues. Some are leaving for other employers. Travel wages are coming down. Direct nursing, radiology, and labs are impacted.

Vaccination at clinics has scaled back due to demand, but are still available. We are requesting vaccines as needed.

Hospital is working on merging with Trinity County Life Support (TCLS) to help with finances and build up staffing, competitive wages.

Hospital also has high school students, including as Nurse's Aides, with opportunities to get become Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA). Will have a CAN class coming up.

Rebecca Glandon has taken over or Jeanne Silver, and can be removed from the agenda.

Marcie – Public Health has been meeting with TCLS and Southern Trinity Area Rescue (STAR) to look at how much funding they get from Health Realignment. STAR is requesting additional funding. If TCLS is able get additional funding from hospital, maybe PH can give more funding to STAR. TCLS cannot get Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) funds on their own because they do not have the upfront funding to contribute.

dd) Trinity Resource Conservation District: Amelia Fleitz

RCD has been working with TCSO on the evacuation zones. One more review session scheduled. We have a draft brochure, so please review and provide feedback to Amelia. This brochure will go out in June to all PO boxes in the county. The evac zone map will also be available on SARTOPO.

Working on identifying Local Area Advisors (LAA) – We have had six applications, with two ready to go to BOS for appointment (Hyampom, Cedar Flat). Still working on recruiting LAAs for other communities. Fire chiefs want people who have a fire background.

Wildfire Preparedness Day last Saturday was a good event.

Some upcoming events include a Wildfire Preparedness Day in Trinity Center on 5/14 from 10-12. Focus is on home hardening. A 2021 in Review event in Willow Creek on 5/14 from 12-3. A meeting in Coffee Creek on 5/16 at the Bonanza King to discuss Fire Safe Council and the Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

Seeking funds for the 2024 update of the CWPP to be finalized in 2025.

Kudos to Andrew and American Red Cross for their very good participation in local events.

Fire Safe

ee) USFS: Brian Fabbri, Glen Tingley

ff) Others

7. Upcoming Training/Exercises - All
8. Other Business
9. Next Meeting: July 12th at 2:00pm

Mike will contact Suzie Hawkins for a Zoom link for the next meeting.

10. Schedule: Second Tuesday every other month

2022: January 11, March 8, May 10, July 12, September 13, November 8

11. Adjourn

Adjourned at 15:25