



*“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 May 11, 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 May 11, 2021 via GoToMeeting.

### **1. Welcome and introductions:**

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

### **2. Review of minutes and approval.** The minutes of March 9th, 2021 were approved.

### **3. Presentation – Code Red given by OES Manager Ed Prestley. Need to continue spreading the word to get folks signed up.**

### **4. Incident Reviews – All.**

Small fires in recent weeks. SPI land fires under investigation for arson.

### **5. Grant Updates**

- a. Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) – Ed  
EMPG 2020 – Forklift on order.  
EMPG 2019 – Closed out.
- b. Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) – Ed  
HSGP 18 – Search and Rescue trailer on order.  
HSGP 19 – Completing bid process on 4 emergency sirens.
- c. Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) - Ed

Looking at upgrading the courthouse electrical system and installing a generator for the Information Technology department so we won't lose county servers during a power outage.

**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**

Before COVID hit, we were working with the county to run a Ham radio class, and on grant to install Ham radios throughout the county. The class was paused due to COVID. Trying to begin this back. We are in need of additional Ham radio operators in the county. We have been installing radios in public buildings. We had a statewide training with American Red Cross on passing messages over Ham radio in remote areas. We had four Hams... (connection lost).

Behavioral Health: Connie Cessna Smith - No update.

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

No update.

**d) California Tribal TANF Partnership: Jana Reese - No update.**

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

With COVID slowing down, CalOES is transitioning out of COVID. We are focusing on training. Working with Ed to get training up here. Yesterday the Governor declared a drought emergency for many counties, including Trinity. If you start having water problems, keep Ed aware of that. Recognize the issues you are having with getting help out here. This is difficult given all of the activities glowing on in the state.

Liz – Anything we need to bring to BOS re the drought emergency? Robert – Not at this time. Probably too early to ask for CDAA since there has been no damage yet. If you start seeing road or other damage, that is when we would have that discussion. Might be a USDA authorization for Trinity that could provide assistance for farmers and ranchers, but no specific information yet.

**f) CAO: Richard Kuhns - No update**

**g) CHP (California Highway Patrol)**

No update.

**h) District Attorney Office -**

Megan and Joni from Victim-Witness – Has a grant program to provide response to mass casualty events. Our services include help with filing claims, advocacy. Looking to purchase a trailer to help us respond to mass casualty events more quickly. We are working on our Facebook page that should be up soon.

**i) DOT: Richard Tippett –**

Jail is almost complete.

We have had difficulty keeping up with legacy projects due to fires. We have \$6M in projects waiting. \$8M from 2017 storms. \$2M in 2019, AUG – new equations for road damage. 89 miles of county road in fire footprint. 200' easements on those roads. \$101M in tree removal costs estimated. We are asking the state for help, including contract administration, engineering assistance, and help with trees. We have 10 RFPs we have to get out now. State does not have any contract administration help to provide. Tree removal is beyond the scope of what we can do. Working with CalOES to escalate this request. We flew a deputy director position for emergency extra help to help with this work, but recruitment is challenging due to the complexity of the work.

**j) Environmental Health: Kristy Anderson**

All of the major watersheds in the fire area (S. Fork of Trinity, Van Duzen, Mad River, N. Fork of the Eel) have been impacted by Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs). We are monitoring toxin levels. Mostly impacts local livestock and dogs drinking from those mats. Can also impact recreational use. Getting lots of calls from citizens outside of the burn area. Every time we check new areas, we are seeking low water levels but not HABs. Wondering whether if we get harmful toxin levels, would CodeRED be effective in getting notifications to those areas. Seeing low low creek and well levels and a lot of water hauling. Shoutout to Jeremy Brown for organizing teams to address illegal dumping. Also USFS LE Officer Logan Brown helping to organize a cleanup. Seeing increase in homelessness and illegal camping. Fire cleanup is going well.

**k) Faith Based Organizations: Jesse Ragan – No update**

**l) Fire – Nick Ciapponi – no update**

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

Issam El Bariki is the new Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for the Public Health team.

Focus on increasing vaccination rates. Demobilizing vaccination PODs and bringing vaccines to areas with little to no services, also to those 12-15 years old. Looking at sites in outlying areas (Hayfork, Hyampom). If you know of community leaders who are interested in having a vaccination site in their area, please let Arina know.

Sarah – TCOE would be interested in having vaccination sites at the schools.

**n) HHS - Social Services: Liz Hamilton**

No update.

HRN: Julie Golston (Sheri White) - No update.

**o) OES: Ed Prestley, Mike Cottone**

HHS is working with ARC to schedule shelter training for staff.

52 properties cleaned to date. Adding a 4<sup>th</sup> crew this week and a 5<sup>th</sup> crew next week.

In the process of transitioning case management to NVCSS.

Identified 10 staff members at HHS who will attend Ham Radio training to prepare them to take the technician test.

Robert Goyeneche and Ed training new staff for the EOC.

**p) Planning and Building: Kim Hunter, Lisa Lozier**

No update.

**q) Probation: Lance Floerke, Tim Rogers**

No update.

Red Cross: Barbara Jelicich, Andrew Bogar - No update.

Region III RDMHS: Patti Carter, Jeff McManus - No update.

**r) Risk Management: Shelly Nelson, Becca Cooper**

No update.

**s) Schools: Sarah Supahan, Fabio Robles**

We connected our superintendents with Andrew Bogar with American Red Cross on how to set up shelters in their schools. Also trying to work with schools to get more Red Cross volunteers. Also, school districts working with local fire departments on how to improve their fire prevention efforts, what to clear, decking, etc. We also put in backup generators 1.5-2 years ago for our office, so if anyone gets stuck and needs to get connected, let us know.

**t) Sheriff: Tim Saxon, Brian Ward**

No update.

**u) Solid Waste: Diane Rader**

No update.

**v) Trinity Alps Unified School District:**

**w) Trinity County Food Bank: Jeffrey England**

**x) Trinity County Life Support: Patricia Wyckoff**

**y) Trinity County Public Utility District**

We have two upcoming planned power outages – Hayfork and parts of Douglas City on 5/16 from 6PM to 5AM for crews to work on lines from Douglas City and Hayfork. Big Bar/Big Flat on 5/24 from 7AM to 7PM at request of PG&E.

**z)** Trinity Hospital: Belen Manybanseng, Rebecca Glandon

Trinity Resource Conservation District: Amelia Fleitz - No update.

**aa)** USFS: Brian Fabbri, Glen Tingley

No update.

**bb)**Others

**8.** Upcoming Training/Exercises – All

Ed – We had our EOC training. We also have EMMA training coming up. Robert will come out and train Ed and Mike, as well as a couple other staff. We have already conducted our exercises.

Other Business

**9.** Next Meeting: July 13th at 2:00pm at the Library Conference Room/virtual

**10.** Schedule: Second Tuesday every other month

2021: July 13, September 28, November 9

**11.** Adjourned at 3:00 PM