

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 Minutes Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 2:00 PM

1. Welcome and Introductions: Sign in
2. Minutes from July 12, 2022 Meeting: to read and approve

M/ Kristy Anderson

S/ Amy Scribner

A/ Amelia Fleitz

Minutes approved.

3. Presentation: None
4. Incident Reviews – All

Mike Cottone - Six Rivers Lightning Complex - The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated at 0900 on 08/05/22 to support the response to the Six Rivers Complex fires in Trinity County. Due to full containment of the fire, the EOC was deactivated effective 09/09/22 at 0800. OES continues to monitor needs in the area, and to track costs for potential CDAA request to the state. Initial cost estimates - \$40k for TCO, \$150k for DOT (road damage), \$7k for OES. Pending updated cost estimates from depts.

Reminder to send in Incident Reporting Forms for incidents you would like to discuss at next meeting.

Kristy Anderson – Received report of dead birds (including ducks and geese). Testing revealed that the birds were positive for Avian Influenza. The Central Valley is also seeing birds with Avian Influenza. Working with Animal Control and the Agriculture Dept to get information out to farms on how to report and what to do. Seeing more ethanol labs in the county. Concerned that fire units won't know how to respond in these settings.

5. Grant Updates – Mike, Philip

- a. Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)

Recent modification to EMPG21 – additional funding for CodeRed and CrisisTrack to support OES and county departments in getting messaging out to the community and to support disaster management and damage assessments.

- b. Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)

HSGP22 – Starts this month. Awaiting award letter. Projects include CodeRed, SCHMRT, Emergency Alert Sirens, equipment upgrades for the TCSO Mobile Command Trailer, IT infrastructure.

- c. Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS)

Generator and transfer switch for the courthouse are in. Working on final details as to how the generator will be placed (permanent vs. temporary).

- d. Humboldt Area Foundation

Awarded \$30k grant from HAF to purchase fire shelters for TCSO and Probation.

6. **Health Officer Discussion – Dr. Herfindahl**

CDPH is rescinding COVID orders effective 9/17. Testing is no longer required. Vaccination will continue to be required in high-risk settings such as hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, jails with hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, etc..

7. Reports and Action Items:

- a) Agricultural Commissioner: Joseph Moreo
- b) ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service): Karl Fisher, Robert Jackson
- c) Behavioral Health: Connie Cessna Smith
- d) **Board of Supervisors: Dan Frasier – No report**
- e) California Tribal TANF Partnership: Jana Reese
- f) **Cal OES: Robert Goyeneche – Currently in Weed. Siskiyou is dealing with multiple fires. Glad to see the Six Rivers Lightning Complex is under control. We were successful in Siskiyou with having a Schools liaison in the Emergency Operations Center, and this is something that could be considered in other counties. CalOES is filling the last vacancy for Region 3 effective 10/1/22.**
- g) CAO: Letty Garza
- h) **CHP (California Highway Patrol): Brandon Lale – No report**
- i) District Attorney – Victim-Witness: Jessica Tillinghast – No report
- j) DOT: David Colbeck
- k) **Environmental Health: Kristy Anderson – Fuel spill at a (formerly legal) cultivation site on Hyampom Rd in Hayfork in August. Arson incident in Lewiston that involved explosives/ammunition. Bomb squad responded. Hazards abated via controlled burn. IMT for the Six Rivers Lightning Complex reported a potentially hazardous waste exposure involving two 55-gallon drums. Environmental Health investigated and did not locate any hazardous materials.**
- l) Faith Based Organizations: Jesse Ragan
- m) Fire – Nick Ciapponi
- n) **HHS - Public Health: Marcie Cudziol – SNAP Nurse Team is still providing vaccination and testing for COVID. Bivalent COVID booster doses are available. Monovalent doses are no longer available, except for the primary vaccination. Public Health has \$50 gas cards available for COVID incentive. PODs for Flu and COVID will be held in Weaverville and Hayfork. Marcie will be providing vaccination for children under 3. Public Health will begin work on their Equity Assessment and Plan.**
- o) HHS - Social Services: Liz Hamilton
- p) **HRN: Sheri White – No report**
- q) **OES: Mike Cottone, Philip Simi – No report**
- r) Planning and Building: Lisa Lozier
- s) Probation: Ruby Fierro, Lance Floerke
- t) Red Cross: Andrew Bogar
- u) Region III RDMHS: Patti Carter, Jeff McManus, Jennifer Johnson
- v) Risk Management: Ryan Roe
- w) **Schools: Sarah Supahan – Questions about hazard trees and who to contact for removal. There is a USFS Community Wildfire Defense Grant. Amelia states that RCD will be applying for that grant. For the Downriver area, Fire Safe Council and Trinity RCD are collaborating on a Community Wildfire Protection grant. There should be another round of the Community Wildfire Protection Grant in six months. Discussion of why Downriver is not included in some of these grants – In the past, there has not been as**

much success on grant that are too wide in scope. Grants applications need to be more community-specific to be successful. Further discussion around the impacts of limited access to communication communities' ability to learn about opportunities and efforts due to broadband access issues. Humboldt Fire Safe Council has received funding to address fuels reduction and defensible space in the Willow Creek and Western Trinity.

x) **Sheriff: Brian Ward – Evacuation Zones – Shape (SHP) files have been loaded into CodeRed. We will be able to put alerts out to specific zones. Next steps include developing descriptions for each zone. We will put together a group to review the zones, develop written descriptions, then proofread for accuracy. CodeRed alert originators will be able to load the SHP file, add the zone descriptions and the alert message. The evacuation zone map shows evacuation status of all of the evacuation zones.**

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**

Upcoming Planned Power Outages – Weaverville and Junction City on September 25th from 0600 - 1600. Forest Glen on Monday, October 3rd and Thursday, October 6th from 0800 – 1800. Trinity PUD has a new notification system that sends notification via email, phone, and texting. Currently experiencing a 25% failure rate due to outdated contact information.

cc) Trinity Hospital: Belen Manybanseng, Rebecca Glandon

dd) **Trinity Resource Conservation District: Amelia Fleitz – Discussion of release of new evacuation zone information. Ideally, this could have been delayed in order to ensure that full functionality was incorporated into CodeRed for the evacuation zones. Evacuation Zone brochures have been printed and mailed. Some residents may not have received their brochure yet due to USPS delays. Residents with incorrect address information or incorrectly mapped homes will need to contact the Planning Department to correct these issues. RCD will be working with Trinity OES on the CalFire Evacuation Routes Planning and Development Project, concurrent with the General Plan and Safety Element update. Fire Safe Council will be undergoing some changes to bring more structure, formalize voting, establishing an MOU. Working on updating Firewise communities and streamlining processes to include VFD boards and chiefs, Local Area Advisors, then outreach to invite more public involvement. There are 13 Firewise communities, with a 3-year action plan for each community. RCD and the Watershed Research and Training Center will be conducting community shipping in October. RCD has funding to conduct an update of the Trinity County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Community Wildfire Protection Plan work with remaining communities will occur from October to December.**

ee) USFS: Brian Fabbri, Glen Tingley

ff) **Dept of Water Resources: Bill Ehorn – Is Trinity getting reports of water issues, dry wells, etc.?**

Environmental Health is not receiving reports. There may be some issues that have not been reported. Jeff England and Christine Camara have mentioned concerns about water shortages. Bill Ehorn notes that dry wells can be reported via the DWR website at <https://mydrywell.water.ca.gov/>. Discussion that some areas of the county are seeing more surface water due to tree and vegetation loss, and that some people may not be reporting water shortages because they are more prepared than in previous years.

8. Upcoming Training/Exercises – All

9. Other Business

10. Next Meeting: November 8th at 2:00pm

11. Schedule: Second Tuesday every other month

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

12. **Adjourn at 15:09**