

# TRINITY COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

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*"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, March 14, 2023 at 2:00 PM In-Person Meeting (Virtual Option)**

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1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Minutes from January 10, 2023 meeting: to read and approve

Approved.

3. Presentations: None
4. Incident Reviews – Proclamation of a Local Emergency

Mike Cottone provided an overview of the process for proclamation of a local emergency. Robert Goyeneche - Most of my counties wait a bit to declare. Qualifying for Individual Assistance is very difficult. For example, with the Carr Fire Shasta County got Individual Assistance, while Trinity County did not Each county has to qualify on their own. Fabio Robles - How do you determine damages? Report damages to OES. They are the sole source for damage reports. When Recovery comes in, they will reach out to individual. Jake Wolf, Joe - Schools fill out the school emergency reporting system, report damages, needs. Can report on school, other regions. Also, I try to communicate with Philip at OES. Marcie - Q's CDE, schools.

Robert Goyeneche – California Department of Education is focused on whether schools are closed, impacts, damages, but County OES is the contact for the incident. CalOES determines whether the county qualifies for assistance.

Fabio Robles - Questions re how to report damages, report to OES. Even if it doesn't get declared, it is important for them to be aware.

Dr. Herfindahl - I agree.

Kristy Anderson - Important to inform OES so that they can task us (EH) with verifying damage.

Robert – California Department of Education is in contact with CalOES.

Mike - OES will send out Damage Reporting Tool flyer to community

5. Grant Updates – Mike Cottone, Philip Simi

a. Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)

Working with TCSO, VFDs (especially Downriver) to determine their need for equipment, training.

b. Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)

HSGP FY23 has been submitted including projects to protect Trinity County from Terrorist threats.

c. Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS)

Courthouse Generator - This is up and was running for the most recent power light age.

6. Health Officer Discussion – Dr. David Herfindahl

7. Reports and Action Items:

a) Agricultural Commissioner: Joseph Moreo

Joe Moreo - Snow Evals in south county seem to be their worst. Roofs collapsed. Residents with livestock. USDA FSA - working with Ruth to get people qualified for programs. Only two people so far. Tim Saxon and Philip Simi coordinated with Humboldt County for helicopter hay drop. Worked with USFS contacts.

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

Karl Fisher - Frontier Grant radio at Hayfork Elementary, but winter weather hit. Will try to install during Spring Break in April. Mapping GMRS. Neighbors radio safety network (NRSN). Hayfork comms impacted by snowstorms.

Philip Simi - Planning to provide certificates for Ham Radio certification training. Joni - expectations? - we are asking for people to be involved with the club, even on a limited basis.

Robert Jackson- FG radios will be primarily in schools, which are usually set up as American Red Cross shelters. If we can get more hams, we can have them out in the communities to operate radios. Communication between these locations and OES.

Karl Fisher - GMRS - last mile communications. Broadcast out on GMRS, which is very short range, but only requires a \$35 license that is good for 10 years. Hopefully we can get people set up to use these and get accustomed to operating in their neighborhoods. GMRS connects to OES through Ham. Should be able to get to most of the county that way.

e) ~~Behavioral Health: Connie Cessna Smith~~

d) Board of Supervisors: Jill Cox

e) ~~California Tribal TANF Partnership:~~

f) Cal OES: Mike Beckstrand, Robert Goyeneche

Mike Beckstrand - Communications have been beaten up in this meeting, but if county requests a Cell on Wheels, the best place for it to go would be where the community is going to gather, such as at a meeting place. COWs have very limited range, maybe ten miles at most and limited to 150-200 users. We've had them at LACs in Weaverville.

Robert Goyeneche - Our whole region is responding to floods, winter storms, all staff deployed covering multiple counties. We are looking to increase staffing during fire season. Most impacts Region 5, some jump north here too. Lots in the sierras. Fairing pretty well here. Shasta s okay for now. Pone a friend works better than asking the state for help. Lots of delays now with mission tasking. Dec marathon is no guarantee. Still have to procure on your own if possible. Trinity works well together. OES, DOT, PUD, LE do better than bigger area with more staff and equipment.

g) ~~CAO: Liz Hamilton~~

h) ~~CHP (California Highway Patrol) Brandon Lale~~

i) District Attorney - Victim Witness: Joni Wiley, Jessica Tillinghast

j) DOT: David Colbeck

Kick-Off meeting today for December storms. Denny Rd is closed due to a slide, cleared tomorrow? Lewiston Rd is flooding, some crews are working 100-hour work weeks on the backup up snow in North and South county. 10' tall piles. Having to push snow off of the road. Some of the snow may melt due to rains. Anticipating more slides, activations, Ruth-Zenia, South Fork roads. Will compile a list and forward to OES. Canyon Creek Rd is still moving. Work may go through June, but still in progress.

Jill Cox- Grasshopper Flat slide? David - no report yet. Trying to clean up Sydney Gulch near Post Office. David Colbeck - Subsequent report that Grasshopper Flat is partially open.

k) Environmental Health: Kristy Anderson

Published some flood materials to help with disinfection Will tie in to OES (CrisisTrack) for resident damage self-reporting.

Planning recon training with CalFire and VFDs.

Pesticide training - Will let everyone know when those occur.

David Colbeck - County Code for Renters flooded from their crew to - Housing Code? Can submit a complaint to Housing Complaint Form on Environmental Health website.

~~l) Faith Based Organizations: Jesse Ragan~~

~~m) Cal Fire - Nick Ciapponi~~

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

Marcie Cudziol - Lewiston - We watched the men and women work in the most difficult circumstances to get the power back on. They were amazing. End of Public Health State of Emergency - Philip sent out the information I provided earlier re COVID protections, etc.

o) HHS - Social Services: Mike Cottone

~~p) HRN: Julie Golston, Sheri White~~

q) OES: Philip Simi, Mike Cottone

~~r) Planning and Building: Ed Prestley~~

s) Probation: Tim Dobbs

We have a generator, so operations have continued. Minimal staff issues with staff who lived as in outlying areas.

t) Red Cross: Andrew Bogar

Disaster response focused on Southern California. Three volunteers deployed down there. We have one shelter team on standby. A lot of our folks are out of town, some still deployed for earthquake. Our supplies - 1 trailer in Weaverville. Next nearest is Willow Creek. We have newer volunteers in Trinity County who need to complete training. Standing by in case Trinity calls.

u) Region III RDMHS: Jennifer Johnson

Jennifer - RDHMS - no unmet needs in our region. Hospitals are busy. Closed roads cause difficulties with folks getting to hospital. Have not had to ask for additional ambulances. We've had more facilities close due to weather. Some road closures, flooding, but doing pretty well med-health wise.

v) Risk Management

w) Schools: Fabio Robles

Last 2 weeks working with schools, helping southern trinity, several blunts of No update. power. Jeff England was able to get supplies out to southern trinity, propane, wood stoves, food, water, blankets, etc. Thanks to Philip for getting that going. Helicopter came punt to look at electrical line that was repaired more quickly. Schools erring on the odds of caution to keep b uses off the road. Nice to hear that we can get letter re school closure.

Hazard mitigation - TCOE - Working to get generators to power schools during outages.

Can escalate telecoms issue to Robert, who can escalate to Mike B, to their functions group. Sometimes CalOES can escalate repairs more quickly. Robert - W did that during the last storm]. CPUC cannot make telecoms go out and do repairs.

Arina - Consumers get one ticket number for one big outage.

x) Sheriff: Brian Ward

y) Solid Waste: Diane Rader

z) Trinity County Food Bank: Jeffrey England

aa) Trinity County Life Support: Patricia Wyckoff

ab) Trinity County Public Utility District: Sarah Sheetz

Sarah - Last Thursday 1600 - Lost power from WAPA. Pulled crews to assist WAPA. Continuing snow was wet, heavy. Power restored 3/10 at 100. 1900 for Hayfork. Lost power to about 7000 meters. We have 600, and probably 1100 out now, just lost Junction City. Work has slowed down. REU, Oregon, WAPA. Estimated \$200k/day.

Jill - Does PUD qualify for assistance? Sarah - Yes.

ac) Trinity Hospital: Aaron Rogers

This last weekend, took over ambulance in July. Med 6 repeater on Oregon Mountain issues, maybe generator ran out of fuel. Concern if our ambulance can't reach anyone, including the Emergency Room doctor. When we don't have cell service, we realize how much we rely on it. Good medicine was done before cell service, so it can be done.

Pat Wyckoff - we were trudging through the snow and getting 300-400 lb people out via sleds. We would like to be able to do this more safely.

Marcie Cudziol - The same things keep repeating themselves - communications - we continue to have these issues. Continuity of Operations - we have come close to being

unable to response to a large number of people. There could be a significant event that could knock out our communications and we do not have a plan.

Karl – Continuity of Operations Plan - remind everybody that when I was on the BOS, this was going on, ten years ago. Would like to continue to work on these issues.

David Herfindahl - I think what Marcie was saying, every disaster benefits from an After Action Report - communication is always one of the topics.

ad) Trinity Resource Conservation District: Amelia Fleitz

Amelia Fleitz – RCD will be hiring a Fire Safe Coordinator, who will work on the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and Evacuation Route Planning.

~~ae) USFS: Brian Fabbri, Glen Tingley~~

~~af) Veterans Services: Jennifer Dobbs~~

ag) Others:

8. Upcoming Training/Exercises – All

Sonni DeMello - We have a Regional Med/Health Chemical Emergency/Surge Radiation Emergency/Burn Surge/Pediatric Surge exercise on May 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM-1:00PM. I sent out save the dates, let me know if you want to get it. June – Decontamination exercise at the hospital over two different days. One AM, one PM. 6/26 & 6/29 trainings, with a 7/13 Ex. Focused on Hospital, EMS. New decontamination tent will take less time to set up. ICS 300/400 in Colusa in March. Contact Sonni.

9. Other Business

10. Next Meeting: May 9th 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 at 1522

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