

**Eastern Madera County  
Emergency Preparedness Committee  
Meeting Summary  
August 10, 2006  
Sierra Ambulance Training Headquarters – Oakhurst, CA.**

**Meeting Attendees:** Dick Rekart, Lynn Vaughn, Barry Thorn, Tom Burdette, Stu Tanner, Jerry Thompson, Janet Stanovich, JoAnn Evans, Ed Guzman, Alice Kennedy, Fred Kennedy, Chris Dragoo, Roger Simms, Jen Ewing, Bernie Smith, Darrell Hibbens

**Meeting called to order:** 0735 hrs.

**Committee Introductions:**

**Discussion/Round Table:**

**Ed Guzman** reported that in the upcoming meetings we will bring in the two candidates running for Supervisor. We will not combine the two, instead one will speak in September, the other in October. They will address their approaches to emergency preparedness.

If anyone is interested in chairing the Eastern Madera County Emergency Preparedness Committee, please advise Ed. We should address this on a yearly basis to give others the opportunity to lead the committee meetings, etc.

Sierra Ambulance is adding an auxiliary generator to enhance the operations at SAS.

**Janet Stanovich** reported that once grant monies are in place, then we will see how Community Response Team will benefit with training and equipment.

**Dick Rekart** reported on that ARES will be assisting at Heritage Days Parade and the Smokey Bear Run on 9/23/06.

**Jerry Thompson** will check out the transmitter tower located at Public Health Building for relocation. R.A.C.E.S. will be standing by for drills, etc.

**Bernie Smith** reported that Russ from Kern Co will assist with the development of an all-hazard plan. There will be a Special Populations meeting held on Thursday, September 14, 2006 at Social Services in Madera. The CISM course will be held at Merced Co. Public Health on September 26 & 27, 2006 – there are four segments to the course in order to become certified. With the 2-year HRSA grant, we were able to purchase lots of equipment and supplies for several agencies. We did well this past two years with the grant monies. Update on West Niles: 37 reports – no deaths. There will be a table top exercise on November 30, 2006 to address a pandemic flu county-wide.

This will be held at Social Services in Madera. If anyone wants to become part of the CAHAN system, let Bernie know. First week of November, Public Health will have flu clinics for PUBH nurses at various sites. Regarding a wish list, CDC is 16% less for all counties combining Federal and State guidelines; HRSA grants end 8/30/06.

**Darrell Hibbens** reported that all COPs, Reserves, and staff are training in NIMS. The CERT program will be a 12-month plan in respect to grant. Through CERT grant monies response kits/supplies/equipment will be attained for the volunteer program. This is to be a county-wide effort. Multi-county agencies will assist in supplying instructors. Merced PD will donate a vehicle to Madera as a support vehicle to CERT; however, we need to develop our own resources.

**Lynn Vaughn** reported that there were 14 people present at the “Triple E” meeting. They reviewed all procedures regarding “check-in” at various sites to be used for Shelter Ops. The next monthly general meeting will be held September 13 – they will plan a mock rescue (TBA). They will also begin developing a scenario for animal rescue to incorporate into the December drill.

**Barry Thorn** reported that the '06 grant is getting approved. NIMS is to be completed by 9/30/06. He will be attending a NIMS Train-the-Trainer (TTT) course at the end of the month, 8/29-30/06. They will then train a corps of people who will be able to take information back to their respective agencies. Still working on future EOC site, possibly the Public Health Department's building.

**Chris Dragoo** reported that the storage container was approved to receive money to get work done.

On November 30, 2006 there will be a county-wide pandemic drill exercise at the Social Services Office.

A planning committee will be needed to begin organizing the Mountain community emergency exercise drill. It will be held during the week of December 4-8<sup>th</sup>. Possible a fire scenario to include SAS, CDF, OCMC to expand using other agency participation.

**Tom Burdette** reported that “chips” will be incorporated as portion of adopting an animal through Madera County animal shelter. SPCA announces that there will be a clinic to have critters “chipped” – to be held on Sunday, October 1, 2006 from 0930-1100 hrs and 1300-1400 hrs at the Oakhurst Community Park.

**JoAnn Evans** reported that Explorers will be fingerprinting at a Gottschalk's Kids Day event.

**Stu Tanner** reported that he is preparing for Mariposa Fair that will be held on Labor Day weekend; invited everyone to come to the fair.

**Jen Ewing** reported that animal rescue people are gaining the ability to enter disaster scenes easier now to rescue animals. Sierra Cares is still looking for a scanner so they can offer the service of providing “chips” for animals.

**Roger Simms** reported that Rhonda Myers replaced Jon Brothers in the Valley. Regarding animals during an emergency – the RICO complex is approx 14000-15000 acres- ranchers would open the gates for animals to run and afterwards, animals returned to their pasture land. Resorting animals presents a large challenge. A bulk mailing went out reminding everyone about the 100 ft. clearance. From the end of June to early July, we may have seen that some of the county equipment was staffed by CDF crew – not volunteers.

**Fred Kennedy** reported that the American Red Cross has possession of a cot trailer, but the kitchen trailer has not yet arrived. A tow vehicle will be needed for the trailer – 1/2/-3/4 ton. It would be “Chapter Owned” – possible get it sponsored. ARC is working with SPCA and pet shelter.

**Next meeting:** Thursday, September 14, 2006 at 0730 hrs. Sierra Ambulance in Oakhurst

**Meeting adjourned at:** 0855 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Stanovich