

**Eastern Madera County  
Emergency Preparedness Committee  
Meeting Summary  
February 8, 2007  
Sierra Ambulance Training Headquarters – Oakhurst, CA.**

**Meeting Attendees:** Tom Burdette, Janet Stanovich, Chris Dragoo, Coni Hintergardt, Mike Vaughn, Lynn Vaughn, Larry Ballew, Dave Wolin, Chuck Bump, Steve Parks, Dick Rekart, Roger Simms, Jerry Thompson, Paul Calkins, Kevin Nagata, Alice Kennedy, Fred Kennedy, Tom Wheeler

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

**Committee Introductions:**

**Discussion/Round Table:**

Tom Wheeler reported on the new Development Impact Fee. It must meet with the approval from the cities of Madera and Chowchilla before it can go into effect. The emergency evacuation plan is still in the discussion phases.

Fred Kennedy reported that the American Red Cross has a cot trailer ready to be brought to the mountains; just need to locate a storage space. Several locations were mentioned and follow-up calls will be made to secure an appropriate location. The trailer is a 16 foot box trailer with a capacity of holding 200 cots and 400 blankets. The Heroes breakfast will be held March 28, 2007 from 0700-0900 hrs at the Fresno Convention Center-848 M St., Fresno.

Roger Simms reported on the construction sites of the various fire stations. The Raymond Station will be opened on March 1, 2007; Rancheria will be about 2 months out to completion. Control burns are almost complete.

Larry Ballew gave updates about several of the fire break projects that are happening in the surrounding areas. They are also working on an MOU with PG&E for road widening and clearance around power lines.

Mike Vaughn reported on a mock drill to be held on February 17, 2007 to test the rescuer's call system and their paper system. They have acquired an HP color printer to use in the field; this will assist when taking pictures of animals, etc. They have scheduled a "Chip Clinic" for March 10, 2007. The time and location is TBA – but will be held somewhere in the Oakhurst area. They will be asking people to RSVP because the chips have to be purchased ahead of time. Mike also reported that a horse was stolen off of Road 600.

Steve Parks reported on the possibility of a VISTA volunteer to work with coordinating volunteers. More discussion will follow.

Tom Burdette, SPCA members, and other animal rescue agencies met with Madera County Animal Control last month to coordinate evacuation plans. It was a 2+ hour meeting. Hopefully by the Spring Exercise they will be able to have a good sense of the “Where?” and “When’s?” of the procedures to be followed by animal rescue teams.

Coni Hintergardt reported that the MC Public Health Dept administered 34 Hepatitis B shots – first of a 3-part series – to Search and Rescue volunteer personnel.

Kevin Nagata introduced himself as a new State OES Coordinator for those counties north of Fresno. He will be attending the monthly meetings.

Paul Calkins reported that his territory is now from Fresno County to the south. He will continue to be around because of the Ag industry work he performs in the counties.

Jerry Thompson mentioned that a standardized ID card system should be put in place for volunteer agencies – allowing them access – to perform necessary emergency efforts. The ID cards will help alert other first responder agencies (law enforcement, fire, etc). The RACES members have been waiting since October 2006 for their ID cards.

Chris Dragoo reported on the upcoming exercise drill. A date has been set; but will not be announced at this time because of the scenario is only in the planning stage.

Janet Stanovich reported on the Local Emergency declaration that had been made for Madera County due to the Freeze. One-stop centers have been established to assist anyone experiencing shelter, financial, and/or food needs. The impact is expected to become more evident in the later part of February, as jobs and pay checks become scarce. “Warming shelters” were in operation mode during the freeze conditions – set-up in the cities of Madera, Chowchilla and the mountain community of Oakhurst.

**Next meeting:** Thursday, March 8, 2007 at 0730 hrs. Sierra Ambulance in Oakhurst

**Meeting adjourned at:** 0930 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Stanovich