

Ed Guzman: The Sierra Ambulance generator is installed in the staff housing; another generator will be put in the Training/Administration building also. This will ready the building for potential EOC.

Roger Simms: They broke ground at new location site for Station 12. There will be more room; a generator, etc. Karen Guilliman has been appointed the new VIP Coordinator for CDF and will be present at the Peddlers' Fair handing out informational material about the 100 ft weeding clearance now in effect.

The grants focusing on the fire break maintenance continue to be issues: East side of Miami to Worman Mill Road to Rd 628 to other service roads—building a line completely around Oakhurst and Ahwahnee. Bass Lake and North Fork will be another project.

Bernie Smith: Bernie Smith talked about new guidelines for pandemic flu planning and that perhaps supplies/information may be available. It would be necessary to request an emergency preparedness program schedule. The PH staff is being trained in the SEM/NIMS courses offered through FEMA—in the event of having to open an operation center at the Public Health facility.

Bernie and Shirley toured the mountain area to find the best areas to set-up centers in the event of an emergency.

Jen Ewing: Sierra Cares reminds everyone that animals are a part of preparedness—they began three years ago during the aftermath of the North Fork fire. They are glad to be a part of these efforts.

Bob Guldstrand: There will be a combined radio group with Merced and Mariposa meeting to be held on May 22, 2006. The focus will be on mobile radio communication and people who will participate at the Smokey Bear Run event.

Dick Rekart: Radio clubs will participate in an all-state communication field day program on June 24 and 25, 2006. They operate 24 hours continuously. The purpose to become prepared for an emergency. They operate on non-commercial power for 24 hours; making as many contacts as possible. They begin transmitting at 1100 hrs ending 2200 hrs the following day. Over 3000 Hams across the country participate. This event is open to the public. They set up at YHS. Madera Radio Club sets up at North Fork School.

Janet Stanovich: reported on the Special Populations Internship Project; and the need to include this population in emergency planning.

Mike Vaughn: reported that Triple E is still working on recruiting volunteers; however, the process is slow. They are working closely with Sierra Cares—hoping to conduct cross-training in the future for the entire membership.

Ann Rolan: reported on the activities involving Environmental Health—developing an area plan working with hazardous materials, etc. The first draft is scheduled to be written by early June 2006.

Julie Pardini: reported on American Red Cross had responded to 40-60 fires throughout the Fresno/Madera Counties. The ARC is now preparing for hurricane season.

Next meeting: Thursday, June 8, 2006 at 0730 hrs. Sierra Ambulance in Oakhurst

Meeting adjourned at: 0830 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,
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