

**Eastern Madera County
Emergency Preparedness Committee
Meeting Summary
May 10, 2007
Sierra Ambulance Training Headquarters – Oakhurst, CA.**

Meeting Attendees: Tom Burdette, Janet Stanovich, Chris Dragoo, Coni Hintergardt, Lynn Vaughn, Roger Simms, Alice Kennedy, Fred Kennedy, Ed Guzman, Jere Miller, Deborah Hall, Jen Ewing, Monika Lain-Shaw, Dick Rekart, Bernie Smith, Jerry Thompson, Dave Wolin, Rodger Maggio, Jeannie Habben, Chris Ferbieche, Bob Buckles, Joellyn Hamaguchi, Jenny Gabor

Meeting called to order: 0740hrs.

Committee Introductions:

Presenter: Bob Buckles reported on Cook Mountain Fire break. Next project is Mudge Ranch. He also reported on outreach programs to educate communities for example – shelter-in-place and places of safety – are programs for evacuation planning.

Discussion/Round Table:

Chris Dragoo gave an overview about the Exercise Drill. The SPCA had the most members respond to the drill. Chris is beginning to develop and plan for the November 2007 drill. Maybe in the Bass Lake area???

Ed Guzman reported that SAS is getting ready for summer season.

Roger Simms reported that the drill went well – the sign-in area used the ICS 211 form.

Tom Burdette reported that the SPCA has an honorary mayoral candidate/s Emma and J. Carol Graham. Visit the website - emmaformayor.com – for further updates.

Lynn Vaughn reported that Triple E members' response to drill was low in turn out; however, everyone who had been contacted noted they would respond in a real situation. There will be a Triple E drill on June 12, 2007 at 0900 hrs.

Jeannie Habben reported on grant applications for watershed and vegetation resources – the mountain area is a “fractured rock” water source. Oakhurst water study discovered uranium pockets – these studies were a program designed to follow any development and growth concerns.

Rodger Maggio, Fire Marshall RMA office, reported that we can visit the Madera County website for information/updates. Rodger also commented on the shelter-in-place program- in that it is important to design neighborhoods as “ignition resistant.”

Dick Rekart reported that ARES participated in a wildfire training course last Saturday in Mariposa for communications. Field training days will be happening on June 23rd and 24th. They talk throughout the US. They will set up at YHS on Friday, June 22nd at 1500 hrs; ending at noon on Sunday, June 24th. Jerry Thompson is coordinating the event.

Jenny Gabor reported that the NRCS works with the RCD hand-in-hand. They have recently put on a fire workshop together.

Fred Kennedy reported that the ARC is working closely with several senior centers regarding heat awareness. There will be a poker run on June 16th beginning at ARC Chapter office and ending in the foothills. The cot-trailer day: one is designated for Oakhurst and could possibly be stored at the Urgent Care facility. On May 19th they will move cot trailer (Sanger CDF). ARC is deploying volunteers to disaster sites out-of-state for tornado and flood sites.

Debra Hall commented on how well developed the San Luis Obispo brochure was.

Bernie Smith reported that they are developing a county list for those individuals interested in being evaluators for disaster exercises. A training will be conducted at Children's Hospital on June 11th at 0830 hrs. There will also be a Chempak training drill happening in the near future. Chowchilla team is working with pre-school and day care centers in emergency preparedness for 1st responders.

Jere Miller reported that they are updating a disaster plan for Bass Lake and North Fork areas.

Janet Stanovich announced that she has accepted the position as the Madera County Emergency Services Coordinator.

Next meeting: Thursday, June 14, 2007 at 0730 hrs. Sierra Ambulance in Oakhurst

Meeting adjourned at: 0915 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Stanovich