

**Eastern Madera County
Emergency Preparedness Committee
Meeting Summary
October 12, 2006**

Sierra Ambulance Training Headquarters – Oakhurst, CA.

Meeting Attendees: Dick Rekart, Tom Burdette, Jerry Thompson, P.J. Grant, Janet Stanovich, Ed Guzman, Alice Kennedy, Fred Kennedy, Chris Dragoo, Jen Ewing, Bernie Smith, Monika Lain-Shaw, Coni Hintergardt, Mike Vaughn, Larry Ballew, Tony Ward

Meeting called to order: 0730hrs.

Committee Introductions: Guest Speaker, Tony Ward, Candidate-Supervisor, Dist 5

Discussion/Round Table:

Ed Guzman reported that the new fire station in North Fork will begin building. SAS will be present. There are four bays: fire, rescue, and water tanker, and ambulance.

Janet Stanovich reported that still waiting to see when grant monies will be in place for CERT training and equipment.

Dick Rekart reported that the Radio Club's VIP Coordinator resigned, and that he (Dick) will be assuming responsibility until new appointment is made.

Jerry Thompson reported that he is informing the RACES team only that a disaster drill will occur some time in December. The radio club will be a communications support unit at the Double Century Bike Run beginning in Clovis – traveling to North Fork, Bass Lake, Mariposa, Raymond, and back to Clovis – 200 miles.

Bernie Smith reported that there are 26 days left to put together HRSA grant. October 27, 2006 is the next Madera Co. BT/Emergency Preparedness Advisory quarterly meeting. At that time they will discuss orientation for upcoming tabletop exercise in November, to be held at Social Services in Madera. The CISM training in Merced County was successful; so much so, that Madera County will be hosting training on November 13 & 14, 2006 at Social Services in Madera. These will be an all-day training session.

Mike Vaughn reported that there are now 50 volunteers signed up. There are two new volunteers experienced in nuclear incidents. They are developing a shirt that will identify as "animal evac" personnel. They are still working toward having all shelters ops/ARC supplied with appropriate forms (for continuity/consistency). They have purchased a "chip" reader; they have two veterinarians now in the program to conduct "chip" clinics

for large animals. The 2nd Thursday of the month is the general meeting day to be held at 1930 hrs. at the Oakhurst Lutheran Church in Oakhurst (Black Rd & Rd 426).

Chris Dragoo reported that the HRSA container will be ready in the next week. All structure work will be done by end of October – mid-November, 2006 and will be ready to do cement work.

Tom Burdette reported that the SPCA is preparing/discussing their role for the upcoming disaster drill exercise and how they will participate.

Jen Ewing/Monika Lain-Shaw reported that their disaster plan is in order; and their people have completed the required FEMA courses for certification.

Fred Kennedy reported that the American Red Cross has received the cot trailer. ARC will get supplies from HQ. There was a good response at the Smokey Bear Run event. There will be an AARP Defensive Driving class offered to ARC personnel. ARC is still training personnel for deployment. Many are ready to respond to the fires in Northern CA and the grapevine area. The ARC annual meeting will be held October 19, 2006 at 1800 hrs. at the GAP Inc. in Fresno.

P.J. Grant reported that their construction crew is trained and working with CDF – resources and communication.

Larry Ballew reported on the Fire Safe Council – fuel break at Miami Mtn – a 32-mile fuel break. On Tuesday, October 17, 2006 he will be working with the fire service in preparing a film reflecting “before, during, and after” the Harlow Fire. There is no anticipated date as to when completion/final copy of film will be available.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 9, 2006 at 0730 hrs. Sierra Ambulance in Oakhurst

Meeting adjourned at: 0900hrs.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Stanovich