

**Eastern Madera County  
Emergency Preparedness Committee  
Meeting Summary  
October 9, 2008  
Sierra Ambulance Training Headquarters-Oakhurst, CA**

**Meeting Attendees:** Larry Ballew, Charles Banks, Barry Beyer, Tom Burdette, Chris Dragoo, Ray Fonda, Ed Guzman, Dave Irion, Jere Miller, Steven Parks, Dick Rekart, Roger Simms, Bernie Smith, Janet Stanovich, Jerry Thompson, Mike Vaughn, Tom Wheeler, Dave Wolin

**Meeting called to order:** 0740

**Committee Introductions:**

**Old Business**

**MCI drill**

With the short window of time to orchestrate an actual drill following up on the spring table top of a shooter at the high school, the exercise will not happen as originally planned. However, in lieu of the above mentioned shooter scenario, some members of this committee will participate in the Golden Guardian's emergency exercise that will take place November 13-18. This scenario will focus on a major catastrophic earthquake. Madera County's involvement will focus as a tabletop exercise on November 13<sup>th</sup> held most likely at the Holiday Inn, but the site has not yet been confirmed. Organizations involved will be social services, public health nurses, etc. Community Medical Center-Oakhurst, however, must still meet regulatory requirements of an actual drill. Chris is working on possibly doing a drill involving a North Fork earthquake. She asks if any committee members would like to be involved. One option is for committee members attending the Fresno tabletop to play out the remainder of the scenario the following day. Members will contact Chris if they wish to be included.

**New Business**

The Public Health Department will be giving free flu shots as they exercise their emergency plan. There will be drive-thru clinics held in North Fork and Coarsegold from 8:30am-10:00am and at Mountain Christian Center from 11:00-12:30pm.

**Discussion/Roundtable**

Tom Wheeler reports that the Madera County Community Wildfire Protection Plan was approved by the Board of Supervisors at their recent meeting. Chuck Heinbach was instrumental in drafting this plan. The plan can be reviewed at Madera County's website.

Larry Ballew states that with the approval of the Madera County Community Wildfire Protection Plan the state will give \$200,000 for fuel modification.

Tom Burdette's went before the Board of Supervisors proposing a location for the SPCA's animal adoption and care facility and also as an animal shelter during emergency situations. Supplies and groundwork can be done very quickly once given approval by the County. The issue will be discussed further at the next Board meeting scheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup>. He also reports that Tails on the Trails Dog Walk was held last weekend.

Ed Guzman reports that the Sierra Ambulance Board voted to withdraw as participants in certain projects due to economic situations.

Bernie Smith informed attendees that on October 16<sup>th</sup> will begin the first of three exercises for hospitals and clinics in a statewide satellite training session. This will be followed up on January 14<sup>th</sup>, as a county wide tabletop and ending on May 9<sup>th</sup> as the functional exercise. She is currently working on the third of three budget plans.

Janet Stanovich is currently preparing for the Golden Guardian exercise for Madera County. As stated before, the tabletop drill will most likely be held at the Holiday Inn on November 13<sup>th</sup> with lunch provided. In addition her department is preparing for winter with warming centers, sand bags etc. Also, the employee's emergency plan is being revised and will be going before the board by the end of the year.

Jerry Thompson reports his organization has been involved in the recent parades and bicycle events. The Grizzly Run went well, but had to adapt to changes in rest stops.

Dick Rekart will be doing the Double Century out of Clovis this week. The radio club will be staffing at three rest stops.

Barry Beyer is conducting a flu clinic for Kaiser patients on October 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. He reviewed with attendees regarding the recent break-in at Kaiser and has tightened up security at his facility.

Ray Fonda volunteers his services for whatever the community may need.

Mike Vaughn states that the Procedural and Safety Manual is in place. He maintains a list of people with horse trailers for emergency situations. He is also in the process of signing up people for pre-approval for evacuation of their animals, due to the issue of when accepting animals, he also assumes the liability.

Dave Irion states Cal Fire is transitioning out of peak staffing in November. They will be going down from 17 to 11 engines. New grants (\$50,000) were submitted for HTs. Also received was grant funding to purchase tow vehicles for support trailers.

Jere Miller states that North Fork is still proceeding with the fire station. Cascadel was moved up a number 1 hazard area due egress problems.

Chris Dragoo reports that the radiology department is now complete due to the generous donation from the Picayune Tribe. The mountain community will benefit from the high technology of the digital mammography unit. She thanks Cal Fire for assisting with Community's fund raiser of "Fill the Helmet". \$6,000 was raised that morning.

This will be Roger Simms last meeting as he retires October 19<sup>th</sup>. He will be sorely missed.

**Next Meeting:** November 12, 2008

**Meeting adjourned at:** 0850

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Hayes