

**Eastern Madera County
Emergency Preparedness Committee
Meeting Summary
September 10, 2009
Sierra Ambulance Training Headquarters-Oakhurst, CA**

Meeting Attendees: Charles Banks, Barry Beyer, Tom Burdette, Chris Dragoo, PJ Grant, Ed Guzman, Jere Miller, Rachel Rivera, Janet Stanovich, Mike Vaughn, Dave Wolin

Meeting called to order: 0740

Committee Introductions:

Old Business

New Business

PJ Grant reminded attendees about Sierra Telephone's Annual Smokey Bear Run at Bass Lake scheduled for September 26th. Proceeds go towards YHS track team, Madera County Sheriff's Explorer's, Miami Mountain Lookout Volunteers, and other service organizations. She also notes that Sierra Telephone will be holding its annual Patriot Day on September 11th at 10am at Sierra Telephone. The event recognizes veterans and emergency services personnel. The event consists of a flag raising ceremony, speeches, home made apple pie and ice cream.

North Fork will be hosting The Grizzly Century Ride for bicyclists. It is scheduled for October 3rd at 7am. There are approximately 600 participants in the event.

Seasonal flu shots will be given again by the Madera County Health Department. Flyers of the event have been dispersed to attendees and posted throughout the mountain community. If there is any additional information, it will be circulated to this committee.

Discussion/Roundtable

Janet Stanovich will be kicking off the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan which was approved by the Board recently.

Charles Banks will be attending the Smokey Bear Run exercising the radio equipment.

Barry Beyer states that Kaiser will be giving flu shots to its members on October 2nd and October 10th from 8-12. He also stated that Kaiser has eliminated 1,800 positions with 1,200 coming from the Northern California area of which 22 positions being in pharmacy.

Mike Vaughn had one training session this year. He notes that the community is becoming more aware of the resources he can provide in evacuating or rescuing animals. He is frustrated that the Lutheran Church is still not designated as a shelter due to Red Cross displacing the paperwork.

Tom Burdett reports that the Bass Lake Home Tour will be on September 12th at 10am. Proceeds got to the SPCA building fund. Also on October 4th the SPCA is hosting the Animal Faire; Tails on the Trail. There are 65 raffle items and new games have been added to the event. Regarding the new shelter site, a gate and entry way have been installed along with a proposed site sign for the new shelter. SPCA still needs to have an agreement with the county for approval. Still required are survey maps, environmental reports, and additional plans. The temporary entry way will lapse after one year without approval from Caltrans for permanent status. There are two other potential sites, but the access to those is more difficult. The SPCA wants to be visible, but insulated.

Jere Miller is scheduled to attend a meeting for the Crane Valley Project on September 23rd at 1:30 at Bass Lake to update their disaster plan. Station 11 is still in the works for the old mill site.

Chris Dragoo encourages everyone to make sure they are receiving information regarding H1N1 from an accurate source. CMC-Oakhurst is following CDC guidelines. Testing for H1N1 requires special criteria that is sent to certain designated labs with a 1-2 week turn around for test results. Even if diagnosed with H1N1, the treatment is the same as for the regular seasonal flu. She reminds everyone that proper hand washing is key. Fill the Helmet volunteers raised a little over \$6,000 at the corner of Hwys. 41 & 49. It was the second highest collected in the valley.

Dave Wolin states that there will be a VA clinic built next to Kaiser.

Ed Guzman reports that it has been a busy summer, with September slowing down a bit. Sierra Ambulance is replacing part of their fleet by moving to a larger vehicle that will have more space for equipment and will have added traction when on the roads.

Next Meeting: October 8, 2009

Meeting adjourned at: 8:05am

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Hayes