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AGENDA: 3/28/06

March 16, 2006

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County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
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RE: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Dear Members of the Board:

Attached is the 2005 Annual Report of Emergency Management Council. I recommend that the Board accept and file this report and direct the Chair to thank the members of the Council for their efforts on behalf of the County.

Sincerely,

MARK W. STONE, Chair
Board of Supervisors

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Attachment

cc: Emergency Management Council

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Santa Cruz County Office of Emergency Services

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL 2005 ANNUAL REPORT

ROLE OF THE COUNCIL

The County Emergency Management Council was created for complying with the legal requirements of the State and to assist the Board of Supervisors and the Director of Emergency Services in the administration of Chapter 2.26 of the Santa Cruz County Code.

The County Emergency Management Council is empowered to develop and recommend for adoption to the Board of Supervisors, emergency and mutual aid plans and agreements, and such ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement such plans and agreements, and any necessary amendments thereto. (Ord. 3853 § 1 (part), 1987; prior code § 3.61.020; Ord. 2545, 3/21/78)

MEETING DATES, TIME AND LOCATION

The Emergency Management Council generally meets the first Thursday of every second month

COUNCIL STRUCTURE

The Emergency Management Council shall consist of the following members:

A. The following individuals or designees:

1. Emergency Services Administrator of the County, or his/her designee;
2. Sheriff-Coroner of the County, or his/her designee;
3. Public Works Director of the County, or his/her designee;
4. Planning Director of the County, or his/her designee;
5. Area Fire Coordinator of the County Fire Chiefs Association, or his/her designee;
6. A representative of the County Emergency Medical Services program, designated by the Health Services Administrator;
7. County Health Officer, or his/her designee;
8. Director of Environmental Health Services of the County, or his/her designee;
9. Human Resources Agency Administrator, or his/her designee;
10. Agriculture Commissioner of the County, or his/her designee.

B. Representatives of the following agencies, as appointed by the Board of Supervisors upon nomination by such agencies:

1. California Highway Patrol;
2. CALTRANS;
3. Pacific Gas and Electric;
4. University of California, Santa Cruz Campus;
5. Amateur Radio (RACES);
6. Local Chapter of the American Red Cross;
7. Local Emergency Communications Committee for Monterey Bay (EAS);
8. Each incorporated cities designated OES coordinator;
9. Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District;
10. Medical Society of Santa Cruz County;
11. Dominican Santa Cruz Hospital;
12. County Office of Education;
13. Sutter Maternity and Surgery Center;
14. Watsonville Community Hospital;
15. Santa Cruz County Chamber of Commerce

C. Five residents of the county, appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Each Supervisor shall nominate one member who may reside within the Supervisor's district, and who has some knowledge of, or involvement with, one or more organizations having some official responsibility in the event of an emergency; and

D. One at-large community member, who represents a local volunteer effort related to disaster planning. This member shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors upon nomination by the Director of Emergency Services. (Ord. 4513 § 1 (part), 1998; Ord. 4146 § 1, 1991; Ord. 3853 § 1 (part), 1987; Ord. 3616 § 1, 1985; Ord. 3307 § 1, 1982; prior code § 3.61.030; Ord. 2545, 3/21/78; Ord. 3268, 7/13/82)

COUNCIL STAFF

The Office of Emergency Services provides staff support and clerical services to the Council.

ATTENDANCE FOR 2005

See attached Attendance Roster

ANNUAL GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A major focus of the Council has been to emphasize the necessity of coordinated response and recovery plans and organizational models between not only the County and the four cities, but also the other associated emergency response providers in the County.

Training has become an integral part of each Council meeting, where Council members now have a forum for discussion of Operational Area responsibilities and capabilities of member organizations.

During 2005, the Council served as a forum for presentations on Agricultural Threats and Hazards from the Agricultural Commissioner; Spring and Winter Weather briefings from National Weather Service staff; the Emergency response role of the Veterinary Association, and; Hurricane Katrina response.

Council subcommittees coordinated a number of countywide efforts:

- Development of Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plans to comply with federal directives;
- Continued work on Communication, Tsunami and Evacuation protocols;
- Updated the Operational Area Emergency Management Plan and Coastal Incident Response Plan;
- Established multiple Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) in partnership with local fire agencies; and,
- Coordination of Homeland Security Grant programs via the Anti-Terrorism Approval Authority.

FUTURE GOALS

The Council expects to continue its emphasis on broadening member organizations understanding of the authorities, capabilities and needs of emergency response and recovery organizations in the County. This is of particular importance in light of the heightened focus on planning for terrorism and the “all-hazards” approach to emergency planning. As well, the Council is committed to strengthening its strategic planning efforts to focus the County’s emergency response assets in multidisciplinary training, establishment of funding priorities, organizational coordination and outreach to the community.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Continue to meet on a bi-monthly basis.
2. Continue to include Council Member Training as a portion of each meeting.
3. Support the development of integrated Emergency Response Plans and organizational models between the County, each City, and all public or private emergency response organizations in the County.
4. Continue to strengthen the Council’s role as the primary oversight and coordinating body for All Hazards planning, homeland security, disaster and emergency volunteer programs.

