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AGENDA: 3/2/99

February 18, 1999

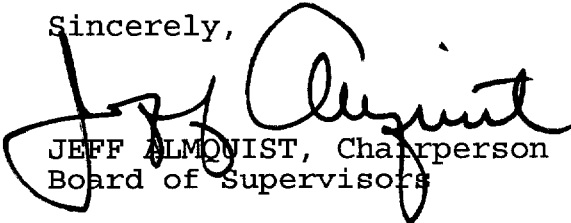
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RE: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DISASTER COUNCIL

Dear Members of the Board:

Attached is the Annual Report of the Disaster Council for calendar year 1998. I recommend that the Board accept and file this report and direct the Chairperson to thank the members of the Council for their efforts on the County's behalf.

Sincerely,


JEFF ALMQUIST, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

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cc: Disaster Council

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DISASTER COUNCIL



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**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY DISASTER COUNCIL
1998 ANNUAL REPORT**

ROLES OF THE COUNCIL:

The Disaster Council is empowered to develop and recommend to the Board of Supervisors emergency and mutual aid plans and agreements that provide for the protection of the Santa Cruz County community in the event of a disaster or emergency.

MEETING DATES, TIME AND LOCATION:

The Disaster Council generally meets the second Wednesday of every fourth month; for 1998, meetings were conducted in March, September and November. Time of the meeting is usually 2:00 p.m. The meeting place for the past year has been the County's Emergency Operations Center EOC at 495 Upper Park Rd in Santa Cruz. The Council's mailing address is the General Services Department - Emergency Services Division at 701 Ocean Street, Room 330, Santa Cruz.

COUNCIL STRUCTURE:

As of December 1998, the Council comprises the following members:

Emergency Services Coordinator Nancy Gordon
Sheriff-Coroner Mark Tracy
California Highway Patrol Sgt. Fugate
UC Santa Cruz Fire Chief Chuck Hernandez
County Fire Chief Steve Wert
Public Works Assistant Director Brian Turpen (Alternate: Susann Rogberg)
Emergency Medical Services Representative Bob Varty
Pacific Gas And Electric Representative Dan Haifley
Pacific Bell Engineer Bob Sanchez
Red Cross Disaster Liaison Bob Nichols
County RACES Officer/Amateur Radio District Coordinator Bruce Wade
EBS Provider (KSC0) Michael Zwerling
Cal Trans Superintendent Newt Lyman
Volunteer Group Representative/Community Action Board
1st District Representative Wayne Heimsoth
2nd District Representative John Fisher
3rd District Representative Ron Prince
4th District Representative Nancy Gill
5th District Representative Mary Hammer
City of Scotts Valley Emergency Rep Lt. Steve Lind (Chair)
City of Watsonville Emergency Rep Chief Gary Smith

**City of Santa Cruz Public Works Director
City of Capitola Emergency Rep Don Braunton**

COUNCIL STAFF:

The General Services Department - OES Division serves as staff to the Disaster Council.

ATTENDANCE:

(see attached roster)

ANNUAL GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS - 1998:

1. Gaining top management support for emergency services activities and department's mission

Disaster Council members continued their support of the County Office of Emergency Services as a subsidiary division under the General Services Department.

The current Operational Area EOC organizational structure is being revised to follow SEMS guidelines which were revised and reissued in late 1998. The Disaster Council endorsed the SEMS legislation which went in to effect in January 1995. The draft County plan is being revised to follow the new guidelines, and is anticipated to be completed by May 1999.

2. Emergency Operations Center Activation/Operations -

The Council was kept apprised of the continuing progress of the EOC and Communications Center, which is part of the JPA formed for consolidated public safety communications in Santa Cruz County.

Further development of the EOC capabilities continued throughout the year, focusing on computer systems hardening. Training for all County and city EOC staff continued through 1998. Instructional seminars on SEMS (Introductory, Executive and Emergency Operations) were provided by the Emergency Services Coordinator. A county wide exercise on April 16, 1998 was conducted involving all city and County EOC staffs, with the focus on operational readiness for mutual aid amongst the local jurisdictions..

As did many of the counties in California, the County declared a local emergency in early 1998 as a result of the El Nino storms. A secondary disaster occurred on April 23, 1998, when the main gas supply line to the County failed in an adjoining county, resulting in a few days of power interruption. Coincidentally, on that same day, the County Government Center was closed due to a fire, which resulted in a couple of days' interruptions of County services and major electrical system repairs. 7

FUTURE GOALS:

The Disaster Council expects to continue the work begun on the various issues identified as priorities at a previous study session. Top priorities include maintaining top management support for emergency management activities, including continued staffing for the Operational Area OES and the development and training of the SEMS operational area model within Santa Cruz County.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Support actions necessary to continue the effectiveness of the Operational Area Emergency Operations Center, in coordination with the four city emergency organizations, allied agencies and the consolidated communications center.
2. Implement SEMS guidelines in both planning and County Emergency Operations Center activations, inclusive of city EOC activations to ensure continuity of emergency control and coordination.
3. Support interagency/interjurisdictional training events.

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1998 Disaster Council Attendance Matrix

	March	August	November
County OES	X	X	X
Santa Cruz OES	X	X	X
Watsonville OES			
Scotts Valley OES	X	X	X
Capitola OES			
Sheriff		X	X
CHP	X	X	
Area Fire Coord		X	X
Co. Public Wrks	X	X	X
Co. EMS			
PG&E	X	X	X
Pacific Bell	X	X	
Red Cross	X	X	X
RACES/ARES	X	X	X
EBS			
CALTRANS	X	X	X
First District			X
Second District	X	X	X
Third District	X	X	X
Fourth District	X	X	
Fifth District		X	X
Volunteer (CAB)			X
County Office of Educ	X	X	X
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