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January 28, 2000

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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 1999. 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 the County's behalf.

Sincerely,

MARDI WORMHOUDT, Chair
Board of Supervisors

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cc: Disaster Council

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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY DISASTER COUNCIL 1999 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 Thursday of every fourth month; for 1999, meetings were conducted in March, October and December. Start 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 1999, the Council comprised the following members:

Emergency Services Coordinator Nancy Gordon
Sheriff-Coroner Mark Tracy
California Highway Patrol Captain Dave Stuflick
UC Santa Cruz Fire Chief Chuck Hernandez
County Fire Chief/Area Fire Coordinator Steve Wert
Public Works Assistant Director Brian Turpen (Alternate: Susann Rogberg)
Emergency Medical Services Representative Bob Varty/ Vol Ranger
Pacific Gas And Electric Representative Dan Haifley
Pacific Bell Engineer Bob Sanchez
Red Cross Disaster Services Coordinator Clark Hodges
(Alternates: Tom Newlove and Leah McKin)
County RACES Officer/Amateur Radio District Coordinator Bruce Wade
EBS Provider (KSC0) Michael Zwerling
Cal Trans Superintendent Newt Lyman/Loren Lorazett
Volunteer Group Representative/Community Action Board
1st District Representative Wayne Heinsoth
2nd District Representative John Fisher
3rd District Representative Ron Prince
4th District Representative Carl Johnson
5th District Representative Mary Hammer

City of Scotts Valley Emergency Rep Lt. Steve Lind (Chair)
City of Watsonville Emergency Rep Chief Gary Smith/Leo Lemmyne
City of Santa Cruz Public Works Director
City of Capitola Emergency Rep Don Braunton (Alternate: Todd Maher)

COUNCIL STAFF:

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

ATTENDANCE:

(see attached roster)

ANNUAL GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS - 1999:

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 has been revised to follow SEMS guidelines. Additionally, the local plan is begin revised to include updated plans from the Sheriff, Human Resources Agency and information related to crisis/consequence management.

2. Emergency Operations Center Activation/Operations -

The Council was kept apprised of the operations 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 and implementation of RIMS connectivity with State OES. Training for all County and city EOC staff continued through 1999. Instructional seminars on SEMS (Introductory and Emergency Operations) were provided by the Emergency Services Coordinator. Additional workshops on terrorism, school safety and security contingency plans and public health issues were conducted, with further followup anticipated in 2000.

As did jurisdictions across the nation and world, the County focused its planning efforts on the Year 2000 transition. Task force groups were formed enjoining community members and representatives from essential service organizations, resulting in smooth planning and coordinated media information throughout the year.

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, with special focus on training on the new elements in the updated plan and coordination with the new Santa Cruz City EOC.

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 crisis and consequence guidelines in appropriate emergency plans, inclusive of city EOC planning activities to ensure continuity of emergency control and coordination.
3. Support interagency/interjurisdictional training events.

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1999 Disaster Council Attendance Matrix

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