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March 8, 2002

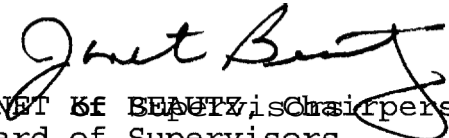
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RE: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DISASTER COUNCIL

Dear Members of the Board:

Attached is the Annual Report of the Disaster Council for calendar year 2001. 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,

  
JANET K. BEAUTZ, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors

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cc: Disaster Council

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## SANTA CRUZ COUNTY DISASTER COUNCIL 2001 ANNUAL REPORT

### ROLE OF THE COUNCIL

The county Disaster 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 Disaster 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 Disaster Council generally meets the second Thursday of every fourth month. During 2001, the Council met in April and September according to this schedule. However, in response to the terrorist attacks of September 2001, the Council voted to hold meetings on the second Thursday of each month until a return to a less frequent schedule is warranted. On that basis, the Council also met in October and December of 2001.

### COUNCIL STRUCTURE

The Disaster Council consists of the following members:

#### **A. Individuals or designees:**

1. Deputy director of general services 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 fire chiefs association, or his/her designee,
6. A representative of the county emergency medical services program, designated by the health services administrator;

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

1. California Highway Patrol,
2. CAL TRANS,

3. Pacific Gas and Electric,
4. University of California, Santa Cruz Campus,
5. Amateur Radio (ARES),
6. Local Red Cross,
7. Pacific Bell Telephone,
8. Emergency Broadcasting System carrier for Santa Cruz County,
9. Each incorporated city's designated OES coordinator,
10. Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District,
11. Voluntary Agencies Active in Disaster (VOAD),
12. Water Agencies Task Force,
13. County Office of Education;

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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 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 2001

See attached attendance roster

#### ANNUAL GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Council has strengthened its support to the Operational Area Emergency Operations Center. In coordination with the four cities' emergency organizations along with other area emergency organizations such as the County Fire Chiefs, the Emergency Medical Services Authority and the Consolidated Communications Center, the functions, responsibilities and authorities of the Operational Area have become a primary focus of Council meetings and training sessions.

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.

## FUTURE GOALS

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The Council expects to continue its emphasis on broadening member organization's 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 attacks of September 2001 and the events that followed. 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 monthly basis until a return to a less frequent schedule is warranted.
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. Establish a set of organizational, financial and educational priorities for all participating agencies.

| AGENCIES IN ATTENDANCE                            | APRIL | SEPTEMBER | OCTOBER | DECEMBER |
|---|-------|-----------|---------|----------|
| Office of Emergency Services                      | X     | X         | X       | X        |
| Santa Cruz County Sheriff/Coroner                 | X     | X         |         | X        |
| Santa Cruz County DPW                             | X     | X         | X       | X        |
| Santa Cruz County Planning Department             | X     | X         |         |          |
| Area Fire Coordinator/County Fire Dept            | X     | X         | X       | X        |
| Santa Cruz County EMS                             | X     | X         | X       | X        |
| California Highway Patrol                         | X     | X         | X       | X        |
| CalTrans  | X     | X         | X       | X        |
| PG&E  | X     |           |         |          |
| UCSC Fire/Police                                  |       | X         | X       | X        |
| ARES  | X     |           | X       | X        |
| American Red Cross                                | X     | X         | X       | X        |
| Pacific Bell                                      |       |           |         |          |
| Emergency Broadcast System                        |       |           |         |          |
| Scotts Valley OES                                 | X     | X         |         | X        |
| Capitola OES                                      |       |           | X       | X        |
| Santa Cruz OES                                    | X     | X         | X       | X        |
| Watsonville OES                                   |       |           | X       |          |
| SCMTD   |       |           | X       | X        |
| Volunteers  |       |           |         |          |
| Water Task Force                                  |       |           |         |          |
| County Office of Education                        | X     | X         |         | X        |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> District Community Representative |       | X         | X       |          |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> District Community Representative | X     |           |         |          |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> District Community Representative |       | X         |         | X        |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> District Community Representative | X     |           |         |          |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> District Community Representative |       |           |         | X        |
| California State Parks Department                 |       |           | X       |          |