

Report of the Emergency Management Committee 9/11/2012

Members present: Ann Thoreson, Thomas Palmer, George Miller, John Williams, Lou Young, Don Sheldon (board liaison); guest: Rich Makowski, candidate for Pacific County Commissioner

Old Business: 1. the proposed Red Cross training has seemingly fallen through the cracks at the Red Cross end. They failed to contact Connie Biggs, emergency management, Ocean Park Fire Department or Thomas or John. They also did not return telephone calls.

2. The board has the proposed changed charter on their agenda for the next board meeting. Some members agreed to be present for that discussion in case Don needs help with explaining changes.

New Business: 1. the need for action by the board in going ahead with purchasing an Automatic Standby Generator for the SHOA office building. At least a 10,000 watt generator would be needed. This issue has been discussed at previous board meeting, and it is time to get bids for the project.

2. Once the charter is accepted, planning needs to be done for emergency responses and mitigation within Surfside. It was noted that Barbara Robinson had been part of the planning process in the County's response and mitigation. That report was filed in June, 2010. The Board did not act at that time regarding their part in the county plan.

3. Signage for tsunami evacuation needs to be addressed. There are no current tsunami signs within Surfside. Such signage is critical given the number of visitors to SHOA.

4. Some sort of budgeting needs to be addressed for our needs in emergency response. We could use some direction on the planning that the board wants to see. Any such plans would have a financial impact.

5. A first activity would possibly be "Map Your Neighborhood". A first step here would be educative, i.e., have a general session available to all Surfside residents or property owners which would describe such a process and have packets for each attendee so that they could map their own neighborhoods.