

Minutes for the Emergency Management Committee March 30, 2021 by Conference Call

Present: Louise Purdin, Peggy Olds, Joanne McMurphy, John Williams

The meeting began at 1:00 PM, March 30, 2021, by conference call.

1. A note on covid. We can be cautiously optimistic that covid issues in the County and State level is improving. Restaurants are now at a 50% occupancy level, and, for persons over 65, about 2/3 locally have been vaccinated for covid. By May, the overall vaccination rate for adults should be near that level. Some degree of caution will likely extend into the Fall, depending on circumstances then. Except for Oregon, Hawaii, Alaska, Vermont, Utah and Washington, things are less rosy in the remaining states.
2. We have not had an outpouring of interest in the First Aid, AED, and CPR training. Many of likely participants have had training in the past two years, and others might have preferred to wait until the concerns for covid have been further reduced. Perhaps we could offer it in the Fall.
3. While I have mentioned it to Tracy, I will follow up on having the Fire Chief address potential fires in Surfside, we could also consider meeting with the Chief, Jason Brundage, to address planning for wide spread fires in Surfside.
4. A suggestion was made by Tracy Lofstrom, General Manager about response to water outages. We would recommend to Tracy to simplify it to two steps:
 1. Water line break – down time 2-7 hours, notify via Hyperlink, Facebook and Surfside webpage.
 2. Water line break – down time 8 hours or more: notify via Hyperlink, Facebook and Surfside webpage. Provide bottled water to members – distribute from office.

A format like this could be useful for possible fires and other natural disasters.

5. There is interest in a Firewise presentation on fires if they plan to offer one this Spring.
6. An emergency help phone chain was discussed.
7. Getting a plant for Chuck Smith on his wife's passing was approved.
8. The ham station was moved within the Board room to make room for the person employed to enforce the covenants. This caused the need to add cable to the radios to keep them engaged with the antennas. Frank Wolfe, county commissioner, and also the President of the Pacific County Radio Club, was able to repair the cables. He had some suggestions to the SHOA Radio Club to check out the equipment and do some needed work on the antennas. A meeting is to be held on Thursday April 1 to start that process.
9. Our next meeting is to held on April 27, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:09 PM