

**SAN DIEGO UNIFIED DISASTER COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 20, 2015**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Supervisor Horn called the meeting to order at 9:00am and roll call was taken.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**MEMBER**

CARLSBAD  
CHULA VISTA  
CORONADO  
DEL MAR/ENCINITAS  
EL CAJON  
LEMON GROVE  
ESCONDIDO  
LA MESA  
IMPERIAL BEACH  
NATIONAL CITY  
OCEANSIDE  
POWAY  
SAN DIEGO  
SAN MARCOS  
SANTEE  
SOLANA BEACH  
VISTA  
OES

David Harrison  
Harry Muns  
Mike Blood  
Mike Stein  
Rick Sitta  
Daryn Drum  
Michael Lowry  
  
Dean Roberts  
Frank Parra  
Frank McCoy  
Mark Sanchez  
Javier Mainar  
Brett Van Wey  
Richard Mattick  
  
Richard Minnick  
Holly Crawford

**3. CALL FOR PUBLIC INPUT**

Joanne Phillips of Cal OES gave the State Report on Drought update, Governor's Task Force Meeting, and fire update.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of June 18, 2015 were unanimously approved.

**5. NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH – Kim McDermott, OES**

A proposed Unified Disaster Council Proclamation designating September 2015 as National Preparedness Month was reviewed for consideration.

A motion was made to accept the proposal. The motion carried.

**6. SHSP FY14 REALLOCATION OF FUNDING – Brian Lewis, OES**

- A new competitive reallocation process was implemented in FY11 and FY12
- A total of \$22,472 from FY13 was returned to region
- The anticipated amount for FY13 SHSP Grant is between \$20,000-\$60,000
- 8 jurisdictions submitted requests for a total estimated cost of \$151,332
- The projects were scored and ranked by the Reallocation Sub-Committee

A motion was made to approve the recommendation from the sub-committee for the use of reallocated FY-14 State Homeland Security Grant program funding.  
The motion carries.

7. **SHSP ALLOCATION** – Brian Lewis, OES with John Ohanian, 211 San Diego

211 San Diego presented their disaster preparedness budget to the council. The ongoing operations budget totaled \$252,071.00. The one-time infrastructure investment request (for a mobile operations vehicle and generator) totaled \$305,800.00.

Comments and questions:

- Could the operations budget be scalable?
- Could the cost be shared with all agencies that receive SHSP funding?
- It was proposed to approach CalOES for help with funding
- Suggested that 211 needs to look for a permanent source of funding
- Could a percentage be proposed that would increase the amount to each jurisdiction?
- 211 San Diego is an extremely valuable resource, the money should not come out of this funding
- Generator funding may possibly be purchased by County under community enhancement funds through the Board of Supervisors

After a lengthy discussion, it was suggested that 211 San Diego seek funding elsewhere or possibly make the project scalable.

A motion was made to approve the FY2015 SHSPG Proposal 1 (without the 2-1-1 increase) The motion carries.

8. **El Nino Outlook** – Alex Tardy, NWS – San Diego

El Nino Southern Oscillation event, or abbreviation El Nino, is a phenomenon in which abnormally warm water is present along the equatorial Pacific Ocean. Concurrently, the ever-present fast moving air current called the Subtropical Jet Stream migrates south, changing weather patterns. For the fall and winter of 2015-2016, the approaching El Nino is expected to bring more precipitation to the southern United States, including San Diego. This does not necessarily mean stronger than usual storms, but rather more frequent than usual storms. This in turn adds up to more precipitation than usual in a time period. It should be noted that an El Nino does not guarantee more precipitation, as there have been several dry seasons with lower-than-average precipitation during an El Nino season. The El Nino is also expected to bring warmer than usual temperatures in the west, including San Diego.

What does this mean for fire hazards? As well known by most, California is in the worst drought ever seen in its history. Around 90% of the state is in severe to extreme drought. The El Nino would need to bring 150% above average precipitation, or 2 feet of rainfall and snowpack in order to pull California out of this severe of a drought. Due to the extreme drought and warmer than average temperatures, the fire hazard for 2015 is extremely high.

9. **FIRST RESPONDER AFN Videos** – Julie Jeakle, OES

The training video project for first responders is nearing completion. One of the videos on Cognitive Disabilities was shown. An example of the accompanying handout was also shown. Here is a list of the eight video topics:

- Alzheimer's Disease & Memory Loss
- Autism
- Blind & Low Vision
- Chronic Illness
- Cognitive Disabilities
- Deaf & Hard of Hearing

- Mental Illness
- Physical Disabilities

**10. UASI TRAINING COMMITTEE REPORT – Tiffany Vinson, OHS**

Fifteen trainings have been offered since June 18, 2015. Total personnel trained for the period (June 18-August 20, 2015) is 378.

**11. REGIONAL CAD INTEROPERABILITY PROGRAM (RCIP) – Mike Scott**

An update was given on the vendor used for RCIP – Thinkstream. Thinkstream is in chapter 11 currently. Fortunately, the software is on a local server and is accessible. The ongoing technical support is still available. The current enhancements were halted. The situation will be monitored.

**12. URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE – Tiffany Vinson, OHS**

FY-14: Final reimbursement plans are due to OHS the end of the year, December 31, 2015.  
 FY-15: UASI funds should be available October-November time frame.

**13. STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM GRANT – Brian Lewis, OES**

- For FY14 SHSPG: Final modification requests are due to OES by September 4. The same day all FY15 Applications are due. This is the last opportunity for jurisdictions to make adjustments to the workbook.
- Final deadline to spend jurisdiction’s allocations for FY14 is November 30, 2015 and the final date to submit reimbursement requests is December 31, 2015.

**14. EXECUTIVE REPORT, Holly Crawford, OES**

- A. Spanish App Update – The application was launched last week and is much like Ready San Diego and is titled ListoSanDiego. County employees have been recruited to translate postings and alerts.
- B. OES Open House – All are invited to the OES open house showcasing a completely remodeled Media Room, upgraded EOC, expanded Joint Information Center, updated radio room, improved lighting, fresh paint and carpet. The Open House will be on September 25, from 11:00-1:00 pm.
- C. Ramona Flooding – July 18 and 19, 2015. It was a 1,000 year event.  
 Lessons learned:
  - Damage reporting came in slowly
  - An online Damage Assessment form was launched for the first time for an event of this size
  - Over 200 homes were affected including yards and landscaping
  - Damage wasn’t severe or widespread enough to warrant a Federal Disaster Declaration, and the State does not have an individual assistance program. Low Interest Disaster Loans from the Small Business Administration were pursued, but the extent of damage did not meet their thresholds
  - Self-reporting by homeowners helped in locating the damaged areas, but also resulted in overestimation of damages
  - The Community Emergency Response Team Mutual Aid Plan could have been utilized, but is currently unsigned
  - The Local Assistance Center (LAC) was open for five days and scaling of the size and duration of future LACs is being evaluated
- D. Emergency Water Distribution – A non-profit partner, Urban Corps of San Diego, has agreed to partner with us to work with the State of California on Emergency Water Distribution for dry wells in San Diego County. Marlon King is working on this project and it is expected to launch in the next few months.

- E. Other – Chief Mainar informed the Council that current fire personnel are tapped out fighting the 100 plus wildfires burning across the northwest. The US Forest Service is requesting the All Hazards Incident Management Team be activated to assist. A 14-21 day deployment will be necessary. Notices will be sent out via email.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING** – October 15, 2015, 0900-1100  
SD County OES 5580 Overland Avenue, Suite 100

**MEETING ADJOURNED** – 10:58 AM