

**SAN DIEGO UNIFIED DISASTER COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
February 18, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

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

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David Harrison
Harry Muns
James Lydon
Jeff Toney
Mike Stein
Steve Swaney
Rick Vogt
John French
Walter Amedee
David Parsons
Susy Turnbull

Daniel Barron
John Garlow
Ned Vander Pol

3. CALL FOR PUBLIC INPUT

There were no requests to speak received from the public.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: The minutes of October 15, 2020 and January 14, 2021 were unanimously approved.

5. HIRT Subcommittee: Contract Extension – Mike Stein, EFD and Jessica Williams, OES

Chief Stein gave an update on the contract negotiations with SD Fire and County DEH. Tentative agreement being brought for a vote. Proposed extension is for 2 years and would cover 7/1/21 through 6/30/23. Fourth of the four extensions allowed by original 2013 contract. Both SD Fire and County DEH sought no increase in contract price, so proposed increases are \$0 for both FY21/22 and FY22/23. Vote needed to approve appropriation for the two-year budget for the HIRT fund, annual cost of \$2,230,847.99 for both FY21/22 and FY22/23.

ACTION: A motion was made to approve the HIRT contract extension.

The motion carried.

6. FIRST RESPONDER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM – Kristie Combs, Pathways Community Services

Kristie Combs, Program Manager with Pathways Community Services gave presentation about new program being offered for First Responders in our County to get assistance with mental health referrals without going through employer-provided options. They connect to other First Responders who offer guidance and referral options for available services that may help. Information about the program can be found at: www.SDFirstRespondersProgram.org or by calling their 24/7 helpline at (833) YU-FIRST ((833) 983-4778). Kristie can be reached for presentations and information as well, her contact information is Kristie.Combs@pathways.com and (619) 226-9283.

7. **FIRSTNET** – Christopher Arreola, AT&T

Christopher Arreola from AT&T shared a presentation about the FirstNet mobile network for First Responders. The program contract was awarded to AT&T and they are building out the secure network for use by First Responders nationwide. They utilize a special band 14 700mhz spectrum, so service is more readily available during emergencies, and FirstNet customers are also given priority on regular network bands during emergency situations. They also have deployable network assets to assist when needed and an agreement to provide them within 7 hours to needed areas during times of crisis. There is a 24/7/365 U.S.-based customer support line, and 24/7/365 priority and preemption for their users during emergencies. Christopher can be reached with any questions either by email at ca924j@att.com and by phone at (858) 210-2955.

8. **HIRT DASHBOARD** – Brad Long, DEH

Brad Long presented the HIRT dashboard showing trending calls, response times and cost recovery efforts. This report is presented bi-annually to the council.

9. **CAL OES REPORT** – Cruz Ponce, Cal OES

New staff – Jose Contreras covers Imperial County now and Chris Valenzuela covers Ventura County.

Outgoing staff - Jim Acosta has retired, and Sonia Brown and Erika Baker have both promoted to positions outside of Cal OES.

Vacancies with Cal OES: currently 2 vacancies, the Regional Administrator and Deputy Regional Administrator positions.

Cal OES Recovery team is processing over 1000 project worksheets from recent fires and they have 7 vacancies currently, so they appreciate your patience as they work through those

Vaccine site at CA University Los Angeles is now open. CA University Dominguez Hills site is on hold until March.

Dam program with Cal OES and FEMA was extended through April 2021 because of COVID-related interruptions. Looking forward to participating in the Final exercise on 4/21/21-4/22/21.

Earthquake and Tsunami program partnered with Redwood Coast Tsunami Workgroup. Tsunami Preparedness Week is March 22-26, 2021. Earthquake outreach materials available and training webinars are ongoing to help increase awareness and assist with planning.

Cal OES is continuing to support recovery efforts for fires and COVID-19, especially with PPE.

10. **URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE GRANT/REGIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM** – Megan Beall, OHS

Training: 56 trainings have been performed virtually since January 1, 2021. Total personnel trained since January 1, 2021: not reported.

FY18: performance periods have ended. Claims being processed, working to close the grant.

FY19: performance periods ongoing, end date is on award letter. If extension is needed, reach out to Renee Coleman for extension form and submit for review.

FY20: City Council approval granted; award letters will be sent once State approves the application.

FY21: working with County Counsel and Deputy City Attorneys to determine a path forward for FY21.

11. STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM GRANT – May Moe-West, OES

- FY18 – finalizing claims for all jurisdictions to prepare for final reimbursement to submit to Cal OES by the end of May 2021.
- FY19 – performance period began 9/1/2019 and ends on 5/31/2022. We expect to start receiving some cash reimbursements soon. For any projects requiring more time, please submit an extension request by 4/30/21.
- FY20 – submitted final application to Cal OES at the end of January, waiting on final approval letter. Reminder: all projects require an EHP, EOC or training requirements preapproval from Cal OES before spending can occur. Also new is National Priority Projects, which also requires preapproval from Cal OES before spending can occur.

12. EXECUTIVE REPORT – Jeff Toney, OES

A. COVID-19 Update – Overall case and positivity rates have decreased significantly. County still in Purple Tier, should move into Red Tier soon. Big thank you to our local fire agencies, our EMS partners, Operation Collaboration, and San Diego Fire for their contributions to vaccination efforts. Supply is the biggest issue; we are ready and able to do more. In collaboration with State EMSA and FEMA, we have a pilot program for Monoclonal Antibody Regional Centers. These are infusion centers for therapeutics. First pilot site is at old Palomar hospital, next will be in the south county area. Referral-based program for high-risk/COVID-positive, no one will be turned away. COVID Emergency Management Public Safety calls every Thursday at 11:00 am. County press conferences are Wednesdays at 2:30 pm, sometimes Thursdays if the Board meeting shifts.

B. Migrant update – Migrant Protection Protocols policy is changing very quickly. Beginning Friday, 2/19 asylum seekers will begin being processed. Upwards of 5000 asylum seekers in Tijuana waiting to cross over. Effort starting small, 50-100 processed per day. Everyone being given COVID-19 test in Mexico before they can cross. Jewish Family Services is willing and able to assist again with County providing medical screenings (beyond COVID) if needed.

C. Sandbags update from Stephen Rea - OES is sunsetting its sandbag program. Began in 2006 and at its peak stored over 200,000 sandbags and sold them at cost to cities. No space in newest warehouse (permanent one and smallest yet) so offloading remaining stock in next month or two.

D. Member designations – Each jurisdiction should have primary member, alternate and second alternate designated. To update, City Manager can send new letter designating members.

E. AFN Disaster Plan booklets – we have 50,000 of our Personal Disaster Plan books for Access and Functional Needs-individuals. Contact us to request, we will deliver. Contact is Dan Vasquez, Daniel.Vasquez@sdcounty.ca.gov

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING – April 15, 2021 900-1100 am

SD County OES 5580 Overland Avenue, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92123

MEETING ADJOURNED – 10:15 AM