

**SAN DIEGO UNIFIED DISASTER COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

April 24, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jeff Toney called the meeting to order at 9:01 am and roll call was taken.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBER

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

Kim Young
Marlon King
Paul Connelly
Jeff Toney
Joshua Gordon
Brent Koch
Andy McKellar
Walter Amedee
Brian Mitchell
Steven Lozano
Daniel Barron
Justin Masushita
Brett Davidson

3. CALL FOR PUBLIC INPUT

There were no requests for public comment.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: The minutes of February 20, 2025, were unanimously approved.

No public comments.

5. UDC BUDGET RECOMMENDATION – Stephanie Han, County OES

ACTION: Proposed recommended budget was unanimously approved.

No Public Comments

6. Informational Presentations and Standing Reports

A. CDSS Overview – Halima Phillips-Smith, CDSS

- California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has three main branches. They are Field Operations Bureau, Department Operations Bureau and Recovery and Administrative Support.
- Field Operations Bureau handles the Planning and Preparedness unit, Response and Recruitment unit, Training and Exercise unit and the Department Operations Center (DOC).
- Department Operations Bureau coordinates the Volunteer Emergency Services Team (VEST) and Functional Assessment Service Team (FAST). VEST consists of trained state employees who volunteer to be redirected temporarily to DSB in response to a disaster or emergency like a county's Disaster Service Worker (DSW) program. FAST members conduct assessments and request resources for clients such as accessible cots, interpreters, medications, wheelchairs and other

medical supplies.

- Recovery and Administrative Support branch handles recovery and reimbursement activities, disaster case management and branch administrative support.

B. **LiveWell San Diego** – Tara Beeston and Jennifer Coelho, County HHSA

- Live Well San Diego has a network of 598 recognized partners.
- Will be holding an annual Live Well Advance and School Summit on October 22, 2025.
- Emergency Prep webinar will be held on May 1st, 2025.
- Live Well on Wheels (WOW) offers multiple services and can be used as a local assistance center (LAC) during emergencies.

C. **UASI Project Updates** – Nick Zubel, Nick Thomlison, Laura Caracciolo and Edwing Ulloa, County OES

- Regional Fuel Contingency Plan was awarded to Hagerty. This plan will address fuel management in response to a catastrophic incident that disrupts the fuel supply. The final plan will be completed by November 2025 and there will be a tabletop exercise in December 2025.
- \$460,000 was awarded for large animal sheltering. Three animal trailers will be purchased that will be capable of housing 20-30 animals each. The goal is for someone to be able to walk into the trailer and complete set up with simple step by step instructions provided. Trailers will include all supplies needed to support the animal shelter. This project will be complete within the next year.
- EOC Readiness grant was awarded to IEM. The goal is for personnel to be able to walk into the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and be able complete their job through instructions provided in a playbook. The playbook will include position checklists and task trackers.
- UDC Mass Casualty Apparatus were funded by UDC in 2003. Replacements of expired medical supplies and equipment have been awarded. San Diego Fire and Chula Vista Fire will be receiving new F250s and Oceanside will be receiving a new cargo van. Miramar will be receiving updated medical supplies.

D. **CalOES Report** – Patrick Buttron, Cal OES

- CalOES is continuing to assist disaster recovery efforts for Los Angeles and Eaton fires.
- Gearing up for upcoming wildland fire potential.
- Working on EOP update and Fuel Plan.

E. **State Homeland Security Program Grant** – Ron Cacho, County OES

- FY 2021- The latest National Priority modification was approved by CalOES and FEMA. We will continue to process cash reimbursement requests that were pending due to the modification.
- FY 2022- Grant close out letters will be sent to the remaining jurisdictions that have completed their projects and have submitted their final cash requests. This grant year is set to close on June 20, 2025.
- FY 2023- Cash reimbursements that have been submitted have been processed. Please send any other requests that are complete. Unless you have received an extension letter the deadline is May 30, 2025. FY23 site visits have been completed for 7 subrecipients. Emails will be sent out to set up virtual visits for remaining sites.
- FY 2024- Approved award letter from CalOES has been received for the FY24 SHSP cycle. Our region has been awarded \$2.8million and the period of performance is from September 2024- May 31, 2026.

F. **Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Program** – Megan Beall, City OES

- FY 2023 Current deadline is December 2025. If extension is needed please submit your request now.
- FY 2024 Approval has been received. Award letters will be sent out soon.

- FY 2025 No Updates
- Grants training annual workshop will be held on May 20th from 0900-1200. Grant awardees are expected to have at least one person attend.
- Alan Franklin is retiring. His replacement will be looking to restarting the training program.

No public comments.

7. Executive Report – Jeff Toney, County of San Diego OES

A. Data Sharing- Crisis Track

- Crisis Track solicits damages from the public.
- Over 3,000 reports were taken last year.
- MOAs will be needed with each jurisdiction to share information between agencies.

B. Evacuation Working Group- Stephen Rea, County of San Diego OES

- The mission of the evacuation working group is to formally establish comprehensive standards for effective evacuation management, ensuring that emergency communications are efficiently mobilized, instructions are clear and technology is available during emergencies.
- The suggested reporting structure would be to determine evacuation workflows and procedures with stakeholders at the multi-jurisdictional evacuation subcommittee meetings and then share and request feedback at the fire chief's meeting and the police and sheriff's meeting. Then requests for direction would be presented to the UDC for governance issues through a formal vote as needed.

C. Other- Jeff Toney, County of San Diego OES

- Monitoring several legislative items such as AB 719 which would require EOPs to be updated every two years and AB 1003 which would require a smoke emergency plan to be created.
- San Diego County is writing a letter of support for federal legislation to mandate AM radio in all new vehicles.
- Discussed current uncertainty of FEMA grants and potential for grant funding to be cut.

No Public Comments

**8. NEXT REGULAR MEETING – June 26, 2025, from 9:00 – 11:00 am
County of San Diego OES – 5580 Overland Avenue, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92123**

MEETING ADJOURNED – 10:57 AM