

**SAN DIEGO UNIFIED DISASTER COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
August 21, 2025**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBER

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

Kim Young
Harry Muns
Julie Jeakle
Joshua Gordon
Jeff Murdock
Brent Koch
Andy McKellar
Walter Amadee
Ashley Lyons
Brian Mitchell
Steven Lozano
Daniel Barron
Harley Wallace
Brett Davidson

3. CALL FOR PUBLIC INPUT

There were no requests for public comments.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: The minutes of June 26, 2025, were unanimously approved.

No public comments.

5. Informational Presentations and Standing Reports

A. Port Emergency Management Plans and Training Update – Dave Foster, Port of San Diego

- The goal of the Emergency Management Training and Exercise Project is to enhance port resiliency and response capabilities, establish port minimum emergency management (PMEM) standards as well as identify current emergency management exercises and training gaps. This project was completed on August 20, 2025.
- Port of San Diego will be hiring an Emergency Manager Coordinator. This will be posted in the next few weeks.
- The Port's vision through 2026 will focus on staffing, training, tool development and improvement, deepening relationships and collaborations as well as plan reviews and updates.
- The port is available as a hub to coordinate diverse opportunities in the area and is looking forward to opportunities to collaborate.

B. SDG&E Public Safety Power Shut Offs – Jorge Balvaneda, SDG&E

- San Diego Gas and Electric utilizes public safety power shut-offs (PSPS) to prevent ignitions during

high fire weather situations.

- SDG&E constantly monitors weather and fire conditions. The PSPS activation is based on fire conditions, weather conditions, wildfire activity in the region, availability of firefighting resources as well as reports from emergency responders.
- The PSPS activation process starts 7-10 days before a shut off occurs. At this first level all criteria are monitored and internal communications are started. 2-3 days ahead of a potential shutoff SDG&E begins notifying partners and customers of a potential shut off. 1 day ahead SDG&E continues to communicate with first responders and communities. When real time data shows the need for a shut off SDG&E notifies communities and partners.
- When the conditions allow, SDG&E begins the process to restore power. The first step is inspecting power lines. This is done through drones, airplanes and on-foot surveyors. SDG&E notifies customers of progress and expected completion. SDG&E's goal is to restore power as soon as it is safe to do so.

C. **Alert San Diego Website** – John Mead, County OES

- Alert San Diego website was created to have a consistent platform on both website and mobile applications.
- ADA Title II Ruling- Accessible Web Standards were applied with new design.
- Website was improved with advances in technology as well as updated mapping tools.
- The style and design of the new website is clean and modern with easier navigation. It was built for clarity, readability and ease of use and updated to be consistent with other County websites.

D. **Evacuation Planning Group Update**– Rick Johnson, CalFire

- San Diego County Evacuation Planning committee is a multi-agency committee composed of representatives from multiple jurisdictions. The committee is comprised of law enforcement, fire protection as well as partners such as SDG&E.
- Planning committee discussed evacuation signage. In some instances, signage can be beneficial but it can also be a liability risk if the signage routes people toward danger.
- Evacuation signage is not supported for fires due to the dynamic nature and variances with the location and movement of fires.
- Committee is working to standardize language with all advisories.
- WEA (wireless emergency alerts) can be used for advisory messages depending on the situation.
- The current framework is Ready, Set, Go. It is believed that this supports better public understanding of threat levels and actions to take.

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

- FY 2021 & FY 2022- San Diego County's final reimbursement request has been submitted to CalOES. Waiting for final checks to be issued.
- FY 2023- Received and processed cash reimbursement requests from most jurisdictions. Some jurisdictions have extended their projects. Please continue to send in your completed reimbursement requests. FY23 Subrecipient monitoring visits are almost complete.
- FY 2024- Still waiting for a few jurisdictions to return their completed and signed Grant Signature Authorization forms, Standard Assurances and Grants Management Assessment Questionnaires. Please return these as soon as possible.
- FY 2025- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) has been released by CalOES.

F. **Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Program** – Katie Mugg, City of San Diego OES

- FY 2023 Grant is closing in December. Please notify us if an extension is needed.
- FY 2024 No MOUs have been received.
- FY 2025 Notice of funding has been released. National priorities have changed, and State has not

provided guidance. We are looking for projects to meet current guidelines.

- FY 2026 Should be posted in August.
- Jeff Chumbley will be updating the preparedness plan.
- UASI presentation will be on September 16, 2025.

No public comments.

6. Executive Report – Julie Jeakle, County of San Diego OES

A. DHS FY25-26 Terms and Conditions

- DHS Terms and Conditions are challenging to comply with in California. Have your legal team look into them.
- There are a lot of unknowns with the current government administration. California has filed a lawsuit against DHS.
- Federal Immigration, Diversity and Inclusion have all been removed from the Homeland Security Grant Program.

B. Legislative Update

- County OES continues to monitor local and state bills.
- AB262 CA Individual Assistance Act. This individual assistance program is the state version of FEMA's plan. This has passed and moved on to congress.
- AB719 This plan mandates the frequency of which Emergency Operation Plans need to be updated. This will make the frequency once every two years. This has passed and moved on to congress.
- SB979 Mandates AM radios in all new vehicles. AM radio allows emergency alerting. This bill is currently under committee review.

C. Other

- Nick Thomlison's last day with OES was yesterday, August 20th. Please direct any questions about projects Nick used to handle to Jason Lombard.

No public comments.

**7. NEXT REGULAR MEETING – October 16, from 9:00 – 11:00 am
County of San Diego OES – 5580 Overland Avenue, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92123**

8. MEETING ADJOURNED – 10:25 AM