

## Emergency Planning Council (EPC)

Monday, March 21, 2011

### Special Meeting Minutes

#### 1. **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair, Supervisor John Zaragoza, called the meeting of the Ventura County Emergency Planning Council to order at 8:00 a.m. Monday, March 21 at the Public Health Department Administration Building, Room 200 at 2240 E. Gonzales Road in Oxnard.

Primary Members Present:

1. John Zaragoza, Chair and Supervisor, District 5 (Alternate)
2. Geoff Dean, Vice Chair and Sheriff
3. Laura D. Hernandez, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair and EPC Executive Administrator
4. Bob Roper, Chief, Ventura County Fire Department
5. Ed Sotelo, Manager, City of Oxnard
6. County Executive Office: Absent
7. Dr. Robert Gonzales, Director, Ventura County Health Care Agency
8. Jim McGee, Director, American Red Cross of Ventura County
9. Jeff Pratt, Director, Ventura County Public Works Agency
10. Ralph Nieves, Captain, Naval Base Ventura County
11. Bill Buratto, President/CEO, Ventura County Economic Development Agency
12. Kevin Rennie, Fire Chief, City of Ventura
13. Schools Representative: Absent
14. Connie Hall, Volunteers Active in Disasters
15. Paul Grossgold, Director, Ventura County General Services Agency
16. Law Enforcement: Represented by Sheriff Geoff Dean
17. Barry Fisher, Director, Ventura County Public Health Department

#### 2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### 3. **AGENDA REVIEW**

No changes to Agenda.

#### 4. **Review of County's Response to Honshu EQ**

- Power Point Presentation given by Dale Carnathan.

#### 5. **Ventura Harbor Presentation on Response**

- Power Point Presentation given by John Higgins, Harbor Patrol Officer.

#### 6. **Public Information Efforts**

Cynthia Elliott, Sheriff's OES – gave a presentation on the public information efforts during the tsunami advisory and the subsequent radiological concerns. A number of agencies worked together to gather, verify, produce and disseminate information to the public by: monitoring the media, participating in media interviews, distributing press releases, posting information to websites, utilizing social media outlets, answering questions from concerned citizens, and working with partners in the community to get timely and accurate information to the public during this event. The City of Oxnard, City of Port Hueneme, City of Ventura, Ventura County Fire Department, Ventura County Health Care Agency, Ventura County Sheriff's

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Department, Ventura County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services, National Weather Service, Ventura Harbor Patrol and the American Red Cross contributed to the report.

#### 7. Presentation on Radiological Implications by Dr. Robert Levin

For information related to Ventura County's radiological risks, please refer to the Ventura County Public Health News Release from March 16, 2011 titled "Japan's Nuclear Reactor Problem Unlikely to Pose Risk in Ventura County."

Dr. Levin, Ventura County Health Officer:

- Contacted PG&E to get more information about the risk to Ventura County from the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, but did not receive a response.

Vanessa Hernandez, District Representative for Congresswoman Lois Capps:

- Will have someone in Congresswoman Capp's Office contact PG&E to see if they can provide information to Dr. Levin.

#### 8. **Round Table Discussion**

Deborah O'Malia, Oxnard Fire Department:

- The local channel for the area is channel 10.

Bill Buratto, VCEDA CEO:

- Special thanks to John Higgins for his detailed presentation about the Tsunami and impact on local harbor.

Bob Roper, VCFD Fire Chief:

- The purpose of the EPC is to be the voice of the county for emergency preparedness, response, and recovery. It was suggested that all agencies operate in a joint information system when sending out emergency information to the public.

Geoff Dean, VCSO Sheriff:

- On order of the Vice Chair, motion made to approve Ventura County Op. Area EPC Media Release from today, March 21, 2011. First motion to approve made by Bill Buratto, VCEDA and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barry Fisher, VCPHA.

#### 9. **ADJOURN** – 9:30 a.m.

The next Emergency Planning Council (EPC) will be held at 0900 hours on April 13, 2011 at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza Founders Room.