



City of San Leandro

Civic Center
835 East 14th Street
San Leandro, California

Minutes

Disaster Council

Thursday, December 17, 2020

2:00 PM

Access the meeting remotely: Use this URL
<https://zoom.us/j/586541650>

The Disaster Council conducted this meeting in accordance with the State Emergency Services Act, the Governor's Emergency Declaration related to COVID-19, and the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 issued on March 17, 2020.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

1.A. Roll Call

Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter
Vice Mayor Pete Ballew
Councilmember Corina Lopez
San Leandro Police Department
Alameda County Fire Department
San Leandro School District
San Lorenzo School District
Alameda County Office of Emergency Services
Alameda County Health Services
California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES)
CalTrans
American Red Cross
PG&E
EBCE
EBMUD
AT&T
San Leandro Chamber of Commerce
San Leandro Hospital
Kaiser Hospital
Kindred Hospital
San Leandro ARES/RACES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter

Vice Mayor Pete Ballew

Councilmember Corina Lopez

Alameda County Fire Department – Deputy Chief J. Hoskins, L. Casimere

SLUSD – R. Medeiros, L. Sheridan
SLZUSD – D. Marr
Alameda County OES – T. Langdon
American Red Cross – R. Fateman
Kaiser Hospital – A. Apodaca
San Leandro Hospital – S. Williams
PG&E – J. Walsh
East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) – A. DiGiorgio
ARES – J. Carbino

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Kay – City Manager
Liz Warmerdam – Assistant City Manager
Eric Engelbart – Deputy City Manager
Amanda Cusick – City Attorney
Tom Liao – CD Director
Jeanette Dong – RHS Director
Hoi-Fei Mok – Sustainability Manager
Keith Cooke – E&T Director
Theresa Mallon – Library Director
Michael Hamer – Assistant IS Manager
Catrina Christian – Emergency Services Specialist

FAITH BASED ORGANIZATIONS and OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:

Davis Street Family Resource Center– R. Johnson
Unity Church – D. McDaniel
St. James Lutheran – B. Peronteau
First Presbyterian Church – L. Patrus-Betzel

1.B. Announcements

Members of the Disaster Council introduced themselves and the agencies they represent.

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

2.A. City of San Leandro response to COVID-19

- San Leandro City Council

Mayor Cutter reported that the MCC testing site is full every day, with no issue getting an appointment and the results are back within four days. The city was able to help 60 businesses with \$5000 grant and now the county has a matching grant fund, and the City was able to contribute \$150,000, which will be able to assist another 60 business with \$5000 grants, for a total of 120 businesses receiving assistance. All grants will be distributed by lottery. The Mayor was at the flu clinic and did a broadcast for the news. This will be a dry run for the COVID vaccine. East Bay Dischargers Authority received a grant, and they will be working with a consultant to look at setting up catch basins to see where COVID is based on the sewer flow.

Vice Mayor Ballew shared that the City Council approved the matching for the CARES funding. 660 businesses applied and the City had funding for 60. Staff were asked to see how the City can help those with food and business insecurity, and maybe using reserve funds to assist.

Councilmember Lopez thanked everybody because everyone has been working hard during this tough year and to continue to do so as we move into the recovery mode. Also, thanked city staff, Supervisor Chan's office, and ACPHD for the flu clinic at the SCC, which was broadcast on Spanish media.

2.B. Alameda County

- Office of Emergency Services
- Alameda County Fire Department
- Alameda Public Health Department

Alameda County OES reported that today was the last in-person activation at the EOC and it will be going virtual, though they will continue the calls with the EM and elected officials. A joint statement from Bay Area health officers was issued and focused on the stay at home order extension due to ICU beds falling below 15% within the region. ICU capacity for the region is 12.9%. Other regions, except for rural N. CA, is in worse shape. Imperial County is trying to move the worst of its patients out. The hospitals within the county are good, the issue here is staffing, which is also an issue throughout the state. The vaccine is arriving at hospitals for internal distribution. There was a workshop that covered how the hospitals are planning to roll out the vaccine and another one will be held for emergency managers in January. The message needs to get out that the vaccine is safe.

The county is seeing about 1000 new cases a day. The biggest issue is who is being exposed and who is getting the test. The latest guidance is if someone is asymptotic, they need to quarantine and get a test 3-5 days after the exposure. If someone has symptoms, they should get a test right away and need to isolate at least 10 days. They can resume activity only after having no symptoms for a day.

Food sites at the fairgrounds and in Oakland are in transition and are being taken over by local food banks. The county support will be discontinued at the end of the month. There are some issues with equipment that are at the sites. ALCO is in good shape for PPE, warehousing and ordering the supplies. CARES funds run out at the end of the month and now we need to make sure that the funds are spent to obtain the needed supply.

Alameda County Fire Department (ACFD) reported that staffing levels are holding firm, though there have some positive cases and staff had to be quarantined. The department did receive the vaccine today and front-line paramedics will get them soon. The rest of the department will be receiving it during the second tier.

2.C. San Leandro City

- San Leandro City Manager
- San Leandro Police

City Manager Kay thanked the staff for their work at the testing site and flu clinic. This was Jeff's last meeting. He appreciated all the expertise in the group and thanked everyone for their hard work and working together.

San Leandro Police thanked Jeff Kay for his support and wished him the best in Healdsburg. Emergency Services is looking ahead to the next year and starting to develop plans. In the news, Moderna was just approved for emergency authorization and hopefully the second vaccine will be available soon to vaccinate more people. A question was asked whether there is enough vaccine for at least 10% of the population and the currently the answer is that there is enough for frontline workers and as

summer gets closer, there will be more available for the public, though the exact amount that will be available is not yet known.

RHS reported that the test site will be in places through April 30 and is testing about 330 people per day, with a first responder line on T & Fri.

2.D. Healthcare Services

- Hospitals
- Davis Street Family Resource Center
- Red Cross
- SL Elder Care Alliance

Kaiser Hospital reported that the vaccine is here after a slight delay and it would be distributed to staff right away. They have a team working on a plan for future distribution out of the hospital medical centers based on what the CDC and the state decide. It was reiterated that education about the vaccine is important, and that people still need to continue wearing the masks and social distancing. While Kaiser San Leandro is not one of the hospitals specializing in the treatment of COVID patients, they have a high number of patients that they are taking care of.

San Leandro Hospital reported that they will be vaccinating the front-line staff as soon as the vaccine arrives and they are looking at prioritizing staff based on risk and the first to receive it will be in acute care, emergency department, psychiatric facility, labor and delivery, long term care, and urgent care staff. Because temperature control is important, vaccines will be given out of the hospitals. They are monitoring the bed numbers and reporting them to ACPHD daily, just like all other hospitals in the county, while also looking ahead to what other things may be in the future of the emergency management domain, such as winter storms, in order to keep staff and patients safe.

Davis Street Family Resource Center shared that they are also excited about the vaccines because there has been a surge in the positivity cases due to Thanksgiving and that the chief medical officer will be getting her vaccine on Friday, with the rest of the staff in the second tier. The clinic is set up to distribute the vaccine and is doing a lot of education using community member outreach because much of the Center's population is fearful. They will be putting out information in multiple languages on social media and working on racial disparity.

The annual holiday basket giveaway will be modified to 1000 families who receive a box of food and gift cards on three different days. Thank you to SLPD for traffic support and ACFD for personal to give out the baskets. The childcare center at Jefferson is open. Garfield was not able to open up childcare. 800 children from the area are in family daycare facilities.

Red Cross reported that they have nurses who will be receiving the vaccination. Also, there has been a change to the computer system regarding the response to fires at homeless encampments and ACFD has been briefed. This will not affect the response to other types of fires.

There has been a back log in appointments for blood donations which are being done in a safe manner. Donors can get a COVID antibody test when they give blood. Red Cross would like to receive blood from those who have recovered from COVID, in order to have them donate plasma twice a month, which will be used in the treatment of patients with COVID. Katrina shared information she learned from the ALCO Red Cross Leadership and the discussion on how to reach out to get more donors, and

“blood ambassadors” who assist at blood drives. Catrina will be working with Michael Gregory to get the word out using SLKindness and maybe doing a blood drive within the city, because future blood drives will need to be done in large spaces.

2.E. School Districts

- San Leandro
- San Lorenzo

San Leandro Unified reported that the food distribution reached a milestone in that 1 million meals have been given out since the beginning. The reopening plan was presented to the District’s Board of Trustees on Dec 15, which recommends a phased return to in person learning, including the use of blended models incorporating cohorts, when Alameda County is in the Orange Tier. The tentative return date is March 2021, though this could change.

2.F. Utilities

- PG&E
- EBCE

EBCE thanked the Mayor, staff, and everyone on the Disaster Council and appreciates the COVID-19 updates

2.G. Other Agencies within the City

- Chamber of Commerce
- Faith Based Organizations
- Building Futures with Women and Children

Unity Church thanked the Council for the updates and if the San Leandro Clergy Alliance can assist, please let them know.

ARES reported that they have started radio checks with their handheld radios in order to have coverage throughout the city and they have also started to develop a deployment staffing pattern to use during an emergency.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

4. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m. after CM Lopez thanked CM Kay since this is his last meeting with the City and the Mayor wished everyone a happy holiday.