



City of San Leandro

Civic Center
835 East 14th Street
San Leandro, California

Minutes

Disaster Council

Thursday, August 19, 2021

2:00 PM

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<https://zoom.us/j/586541650>

Special Meeting

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 2:01 p.m.

1.A. Roll Call

Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter
Vice Mayor Victor Aguilar Jr.
Councilmember Ballew
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

*COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter*

*Vice Mayor Victor Aguilar, Jr.
Councilmember Pete Ballew
Alameda County Fire Department – Deputy Chief J. Hoskins, L. Casimere
SLUSD – L. Sheridan
Alameda County OES – K. Duenas
Kaiser Hospital – A. Apodaca
San Leandro Hospital – S. Williams
PG&E – J. Walsh, S. Yoell
San Leandro ARES – J. Carbino*

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

*Fran Robustelli – City Manager
Leticia I. Miguel – City Clerk
Richard Pio Roda – City Attorney
Gayle Vassar – Community Outreach Manager
Tom Liao – CD Director
Jeanette Dong – RHS Director
Keith Cooke – E&T Director
Harry Miranda – IT
Police LT Morgan
Police SGT Walton
Police SGT Gill
Catrina Christian – Emergency Services Specialist*

FAITH BASED ORGANIZATIONS and OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:

*Davis Street Family Resource Center– R. Johnson
Unity Church – D. McDaniel*

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 thanked everybody joining the meeting and mentioned that she would like to hear about what City employees, ACFD and the school districts are doing with masks and vaccine requirements, especially in light of residents receiving a letter from the Local 55 firefighters' union about having a choice in whether to be vaccinated or not and the public is concerned about the issue and would like some reassurance.

Vice Mayor Aguilar requested information from the City Manager about what the masking requirements are for at City Hall and for city employees, due to the fast-spreading delta variant.

Councilmember Ballew mentioned that the city provided \$1.5 billion to help small businesses and non-profits. He offered kudos to Rocky Medeiros and the school district staff of SLUSD and their handling of a recent COVID exposure experienced by the football team.

2.B. Alameda County

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

Kristi Duenas from Alameda County OES introduced herself as a new hire. The County reported just over 98,000 cases, 221 hospitalized, and just over 1200 deaths, testing between 7,000 - 7,500 per day and the seven-day positivity rate is at 6.1%. 72% of the county are fully vaccinated and 85% have received their 1st dose. In new cases, there has been a 500% increase in unvaccinated over the vaccinated, contracting the virus.

Air quality was down and over the World Health Organization's (WHO) recommended rate. Department of Water Resources (DWR) has announced a small community drought relief grant program open until December 29, 2023 for agencies with under 3000 connections and do not file an urban water management plan.

Alameda County Fire Department (ACFD) stated that they are aware of the firefighter union's letter and the Fire Chief is meeting with the unions to work towards a resolution. Staff are wearing their Class C uniforms due to the ease of cleaning them, in wake of a recent uptick in COVID cases and have implemented safety procedures to keep staff safe. The Department sent personnel to the Dixie and Caldor fires, while able to fulfill local staffing needs.

2.C. City of San Leandro

- San Leandro City Manager
- San Leandro Police
- Other City Departments

City Manager Robustelli reported the City is watching the transmission rates and what the State is doing. The City is requiring all employees to wear masks and has been in discussions with all labor unions to set up a testing mandate in the absence of a proof of vaccination. A testing site for employees is being set up for weekly testing of those who do not provide proof of vaccination. The Alameda County City Manager's group is discussing vaccine requirements. Cities have various implementation levels, while others are waiting for final FDA approval. Any action will require a meet and confer with the unions. The City Hall reopening has been paused for about three weeks and now on a wait and see attitude, which includes postponing in person City Council meetings. Visitors need to make appointments and wear a mask.

The State extended the \$1.5 billion small business grant program. Businesses who submitted before but did not receive funding, do not have to reapply to be considered. New businesses can apply through September 30th and information can be found on the SLNext website. Small business can get up to \$25,000 if impacted by COVID and the program is looking to help those small business and non-profits that have been underserved. To date, over 181,000 small businesses have been awarded over \$2 billion in grants around the state and the final total will be approximately \$4 billion.

San Leandro Police reported that vaccines are available to all over the age of 12. Currently there have been 6,453 cases (increase of 700 in one month), 66,499 (86.6%) residents over 12 have received their 1st dose and 56,213 (73.2%) are fully vaccinated within the city. The ACPHD website is showing information on both the vaccinated and unvaccinated.

FEMA held the EAS test on Aug 11, which required an opt-in option on cell phones. National Night Out was on August 3 and went well with 25+ blocks participating. There is a "spare the air" event currently. PSPS events have started, and Alameda County missed one this past week. The Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) has started the writing phase.

Thoughts go out to those who are fighting the fires and those impacted by them.

2.D. Healthcare Services

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

Kaiser Hospital reported that they have seen a higher number of COVID cases and an increase in people getting vaccinated because of the Delta variant. Anyone can come into the Kaiser vaccination clinic, both members and non-members to receive the vaccine. Kaiser is still working with the Alameda Public Health Department Equity Office and will be providing a pop-up clinic in Hayward at the Glad Tidings Church. There will be a doctor on site to answer questions.

San Leandro Hospital and the Alameda Health System reported that they are complying with the state and local health officer healthcare workers vaccines and protection orders and are looking for ways to increase employees' vaccines. The System is seeing an uptick in patients and are monitoring other states. The System is looking at visitation policies, to ensure that patients are connected to loved ones while staying safe, as well as monitoring the PSPS and fires and looking for ways to keep staff working outside in tents safe.

Davis Street Family Resource Center reported that the clinic is seeing an increase in Delta variant cases and is getting ready for booster shots starting in September. They have provided vaccinations to over 10,000 residents. Testing is increasing. The health fair was cancelled, though they did do a drive through backpack giveaway, which include school supplies, tennis shoes, a dental pack and medical information. Food distribution was down over the summer but is picking up because school has started. Jefferson is open, Roosevelt will open soon, and Garfield will be opening after a water leak is fixed.

Red Cross provided a written statement which provided information on the move of their Northern California Coastal Region (NCCR) One Red Cross (ORC) facility from Claremont to 1001 Davis St in San Leandro, which will provide ample space for Red Cross operations, parking, and access to BART. The office on Broadway in Oakland were vacated earlier in the year and moved to Claremont. Red Cross will be securing a new biomed fixed collections site in the Rockridge area, outfitting, and relocating most functions to the Davis St. site for humanitarian services and biomed operations, and finally selling 6230 Claremont Ave in the next few months.

2.E. School Districts

- San Leandro
- San Lorenzo

San Leandro Unified reported that on Aug 18, they fully opened schools after a successful kickoff. The Board adopted a mask mandate for both indoors and outdoors to protect the children, teachers, and staff at schools. The governor mandated

teachers and school staff to be provide proof of vaccination or submit to weekly tests. The poor air quality is a concern because the District would like to get students outside and air movement into the classrooms, though this summer they were able to install new MERV 14 filters this summer in the new AC system. The State of California started a program that now provides all public education students free breakfast and lunch.

San Lorenzo Unified was not available.

2.F. Utilities

- PG&E
- EBCE
- EBMUD

PG&E reported that recently there was a small PSPS event, the earliest one yet and affected about 16 customers in Alameda County. With the upcoming Diablo winds, PG&E will be monitoring the impact. PG&E has done a lot of work to put technology into place that will help reduce the impact of PSPS events locally, especially to the areas that are not in a Tier 2 or 3 areas. Climatic conditions – the low relative humidity, state of the vegetation fuel limits, the heat and wind, have had an effect of the recent fires, such as the Dixie and Caldor.

EBCE and EBMUD were not available.

2.G. Other Agencies within the City

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

ARES shared that they have been assisting Catrina with moving the antenna on the PD Building in order to provide better coverage throughout the city. The team was also on standby to assist with a small fire in Pleasanton. They will continue to meet monthly via Zoom, until it is safe to hold in person meetings.

Chamber of Commerce was not available

Unity of San Leandro shared that some churches are meeting in person and others have decided not to.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment was received.

4. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.