



# City of San Leandro

Civic Center  
835 East 14th Street  
San Leandro, California

## Minutes

### Disaster Council

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Thursday, August 20, 2020

2:00 PM

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

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#### 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 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 E. Moore, Deputy Chief J. Hoskins,  
L. Casimere  
SLUSD – R. Medeiros, E. Gonzalez  
Alameda County OES – T. Langdon  
American Red Cross – R. Fateman  
San Leandro Chamber of Commerce – E. Griego  
Kaiser Hospital – A. Apodaca  
San Leandro Hospital – S. Williams  
East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) – A. DiGiorgio  
RACES – J. Carbino*

*STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:  
Liz Warmerdam – Assistant City Manager  
Leticia I. Miguel – City Clerk  
Amanda Cusick – City Attorney  
Jeanette Dong – RHS Director  
Debbie Pollart – PW Director  
Hoi-Fei Mok – Sustainability Manager  
Theresa Mallon – Library Director  
Keith Cooke – E&T Director  
Michael Hamer – IS Assistant Manager  
Police CPT Torres  
Catrina Christian – Emergency Services Specialist*

*FAITH BASED ORGANIZATIONS and OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:  
Davis Street Family Resource Center– R. Johnson, C. Gabaldon  
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 shared that the testing site has been extended through September. The East Bay Discharge Authority received a grant and will be taking samples discharge within San Leandro for testing.*

*Vice Mayor Ballew shared he attended a discussion on COVID which focused on vaccines and distribution programs, mask wearing and the need to keep the message up and the possible flu impact.*

*Councilmember Lopez congratulated Vice Mayor Ballew on next four years, thanked Liz Warmerdam and Debbie Pollart for the work being done by the City to address protection from poor air quality.*

## 2.B. Alameda County

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

*Alameda County OES reported the elected officials' call was on Wednesday and the health order was updated to allow low risk activities, like swimming and personal services, and requirements for opening schools. Dr. Stacy will be taking over while Dr. Moss is on family leave. This week - 15,836 tested positive, 205 hospitalizations, 69 in ICU, 228 deaths, with hospitalizations and ICU rates rising. The county remains on the state monitoring list because of the positivity rate being 125 out of 1,000. The county has enough hospital beds and PPE and 165 contact tracers.*

*Due to the SCU fire complex, Cal Fire has set up a basecamp at the Pleasanton Fairgrounds, which is also being used for large animal evacuation, food distribution and COVID testing and were affected by the heat and poor air quality. Air quality levels are different throughout the county due to microclimates and location. The county is monitoring the levels. Social media is being used to get word out about air quality and fire evacuations. PG&E said the power grid is stable with no planned outages/rolling blackouts, though some customers are without power due to the fire. City emergency managers are receiving information about the fires from the state and county.*

*Alameda County Fire Department (ACFD) reported that they are providing staffing at four different fires, while still staffing within county. Any smoke advisory messages will come from ACPHD. The Department's response to COVID has stabilized. Chief Rocha retired officially last week and Chief Willie McDonald started this week and will get him to the next meeting.*

## 2.C. San Leandro City

- San Leandro City Manager
- San Leandro Police

*Assistant City Manager Warmerdam reported the City's highest priority is staying on top of the smoke issues for employees and residents. People can check the BAAQMD website for information. The City has been looking at the cooling sites other than MCC and SCC but are having difficulty with the air filtering system because of the different needs between COVID requirements and smoke. The testing site has expanded hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The council created a budget task force to focus on how funds will be prioritized, and the applications are due at the end of this month.*

*San Leandro Police reported that the department received mutual aid requests for the fires, which they have not been able to assist with, but that may change. EBRPD has closed most of their noncoastal parks, and the City has closed Chabot due to fire danger.*

*ACPH dashboards have been updated with more data and to be very user friendly, including information by zip codes (COVID-19.acgov.org). In San Leandro, positivity rates are shown by zip codes - 94577 - 5.8%, 94578 - 7.7%, 94579- 4.8%. The PG&E Community Resource Center agreement is close to being signed and those involved were thanked for their input. Emergency Services has been reaching out to Davis Street, the Senior Center, Kaiser and ACPHD to see the best way to provide a drive thru flu shot clinic and to develop a plan to provide flu vaccines.*

*Director Dong reported that the testing site is at full capacity doing 132-140 tests per day and is a regional site, not just for residents. ACPHD Testing Task Force held a community learning meeting with the test sites to go over the data. San Leandro's positivity is 2.9%.*

## 2.D. Healthcare Services

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

*Kaiser Hospital reported that they are concerned about the smoke and air quality, which does impact the COVID testing. The drive thru flu clinic tentatively starts on Sept 14, 8-6 and will be inviting Catrina to see what the flu clinic looks like. It was announced that Kaiser is investing \$63 million, in collaboration with the State of California, to support contact tracing efforts. The funding will go the Public Health Institute to target communities disproportionately affected by COVID.*

*San Leandro Hospital reported that they treat COVID patients. They are following all healthcare orders, including having staff wear PPE. They are monitoring the fires and the smoke, and in case of the need to evacuate or accept patients from areas that need evacuation they have fortified facilities as much as possible, by using charcoal filters and have HEPA filters in high traffic areas, near electric doors. They are also preparing for the Great Shakeout Exercise.*

*Davis Street Family Resource Center reported that they are seeing an uptick in the number of positive cases, especially in large households. They are partnering with UCSF to provide flu and COVID vaccines and the saliva testing, when available. Food distribution plateaued at 70 families per day and Bay City Produce is providing fresh produce twice a week. Grants from a family trust foundation were provided to the center for housing assistance grants to families, many of whom have confused forbearance with forgiveness of past rental fees. Jefferson is full, with 3 classrooms with 12 children of essential workers each. The School District is looking to open Garfield and Roosevelt, though licensing restrictions may increase costs too much.*

*Red Cross reported that they are training new volunteers using an online course and could use more volunteers. They are working with the cities to develop a list of locations for temporary evacuation points, such as large parking lots. Red Cross had to open two small shelters in Livermore for one day during the fires, and others for other fires in the state.*

## 2.E. School Districts

- San Leandro
- San Lorenzo

*San Leandro Unified reported that they had a successful opening on the Monday Aug 17 and staff are working to make sure that all students are having their needs met, including distributing Chromebooks, internet hot spots, textbooks and educational packets. PPE is being provided to staff at all sites. Food distribution is occurring at seven sites on Mondays and Wednesdays and students need to show their IDs. The construction projects are almost complete.*

**2.F. Utilities**

- PG&E
- EBCE

*EBCE thanked those who helped publicized the announcement of the Household Resiliency program. California Independent Systems Operator (CA ISO) has reached out to energy providers to encourage people to reduce electrical usage between 3 and 10 pm, to diminish the need for rolling blackouts.*

**2.G. Other Agencies within the City**

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

*RACES reported that the team has been able to support the people who have been impacted by the fires in the North Bay to provide information to their families, while also completing administrative duties and checking backup systems.*

*Unity Church thanked everyone for all they do.*

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*No public comments were received.*

**4. ADJOURN**

*The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.*