



City of San Leandro

Civic Center
835 East 14th Street
San Leandro, California

Minutes

Disaster Council

Thursday, May 20, 2021

2:00 PM

Access the meeting remotely: Use this URL
<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:
Vice Mayor Victor Aguilar, Jr.,

*Councilmember Pete Ballew
Alameda County Fire Department – Deputy Chief E. Moore
SLUSD – R. Medeiros, D. Prola
EBMUD – S. Frew
ARES – J. Carbino*

*STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
Fran Robustelli – City Manager
Liz Warmerdam – Assistant City Manager
Leticia I. Miguel – City Clerk
Amanda Cusick – City Attorney
Jeanette Dong – RHS Director
B. Sherwood – Interim Library Director
Michael Hamer – Assistant IS Manager
Heather Holmes – IT
Catrina Christian – Emergency Services Specialist*

*FAITH BASED ORGANIZATIONS and OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:
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

Vice Mayor Aguilar thanked everyone for attending and wants to hear how the county is doing on messaging masks, state mandates and vaccine site at the Senior Center.

Councilmember Ballew mentioned that we through the main part of the pandemic and now we have to move to assist businesses to get back on their feet. The City has done some things on the Economic Development side and should do more. We have to continue spread the message about masking from the county. He shared information on two studies involving healthcare professionals about the ethically of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines and how both studies showed the vaccines work very well.

2.B. Alameda County

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

Alameda County OES was not available but this information is from the ACPHD website. The county is still in the Orange Tier. As of today, 1,712,370 total vaccines have been delivered and 1,018,560 residents (75.3%) over 16 have received their first dose, and 77,804 (58.4%) are fully vaccinated. There have been 88,306 COVID cases in the county in total since the pandemic started and 1,674 deaths. The test positivity rate is 3.8%. There is a county call at 4 pm every Thursday for county emergency management partners.

Alameda County Fire Department (ACFD) reported the wildland fire season has started early with the red flag warning earlier this month and the fire danger is real. We want to make sure that San Leandro is prepared. ACFD is looking at staffing for the upcoming season. A few unvaccinated members of the Department have contracted COVID. The vaccines do work based on the number staff that have

2.C. San Leandro City

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

City Manager Robustelli reported that the main library reopened to the public on 5/19, with precautions while still continuing curbside services. City Hall is looking to have a limited reopening, by appointment, to the public on June 15, with expanding times tentatively on Aug 1 and tentatively full reopening in Sept 1, including in person meetings and City council meetings, based on expected State guidance. City staff are working on an extensive public messaging about the reopening process. The City held a vaccine clinic, in partnership with ACPHD, which was set up with 3 days' notice and was able to provide over 50 vaccines. RHS is working to bring more in the future. Marina Community Center (MCC) is open for testing through October.

San Leandro Police reported that within the city, 56,139 (76.8%) residents over 16 have received 1st dose and 41,249 (57%) fully vaccinated. Those that have lost their vaccine card can contact CDPH at CAIRHelpdesk@cdph.ca.gov or call (800) 578-7889. The emergency operation plan (EOP) updating team is continuing the update process, starting with a review of other jurisdictions' EOP, and using the state crosswalk as a guideline. There will be a virtual Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training starting in July and then again in December, in partnership with ACFD. Sign-ups will be starting in June, with a kickoff meeting at the end of June. The hands-on portion will be held in 2022.

For the faith-based and non-profit agencies, Bay Area Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) is offering free training focusing on disaster preparedness, incident command system and continuity of operations. Alameda County Emergency Managers Association (ALCO EMA), which Catrina Christian is president of, has been having presentations on the drought and upcoming fire season. Catrina recently attended the California Emergency Services Association (CESA) virtual conference, where she gathered some good information on local hazard mitigation plans and other topics.

2.D. Healthcare Services

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

Kaiser Hospital, San Leandro Hospital, Davis Street Family Resource Center and Red Cross were not available for reports.

2.E. School Districts

- San Leandro
- San Lorenzo

San Leandro Unified reported that the District is working with ACPHD, Davis Street and other pharmacies to provide at least four pop up vaccine sites at schools. The District is working on getting things back to normal. The majority of the teachers have been vaccinated. Graduations will be outdoors at Burrell Fields.

San Lorenzo Unified was not available for a report.

2.F. Utilities

- PG&E
- EBCE
- EBMUD

PG&E – Not available. They will be holding a series of exercises focusing on internal actions for the upcoming wildfire season the week of 5/24-27.

EBMUD reported that the limited rainfall this year has resulted in drier than normal vegetation. This has led to vegetation to be stressed and dying off of trees, which were compromised by disease. The EBMUD watershed management group is asking people to aware of how dry things are and to anticipate with that it will be to a long and dry fire season this year and are encouraging residents and businesses to be diligent and vigilant. The EBMUD board reviewed the water supply conditions and potential drought actions, and based on the information, created a board resolution declaring the early stages of a drought. Each year, the agency tries to have limited impact on customers, especially during fire season. If there is a dry winter this year, the impact will be worse next year.

EBMUD is better equipped to handle the drought because there is storage in the East Bay and are pulling water from the Sacramento River to supplement the water supply if needed. Most of the water is stored at Pardee Reservoir in the Sierra foothills and travels 97 miles to Walnut Creek water treatment plant and then distributed through a series of aqueducts and then to customers in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Even though this is one of the most complicated water systems in the world, with over 4200 miles of distribution pipeline, nearly 200 hilltop reservoirs with pumps, and 5 treatment plants, they are able to move water from one location from to another. During PSPS events, the agency brings in portable pumps and generators to supply energy to pump water.

Steve Frew will be retiring in September.

2.G. Other Agencies within the City

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

ARES reported that they are still working with new repeaters.

Unity of San Leandro sent blessings to everyone.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comment provided by Mr. Jim Prola.

4. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 pm with a reminder that this is National EMS week and a thank you to the first responders.