



City of San Leandro

Civic Center
835 East 14th Street
San Leandro, California

Minutes

Disaster Council

Thursday, January 21, 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/RACES

*COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter
Vice Mayor Victor Aguilar*

*Councilmember Pete Ballew
SLUSD – R. Medeiros, L. Sheridan
Alameda County OES – T. Langdon
American Red Cross – R. Fateman
Kaiser Hospital – A. Apodaca
San Leandro Hospital – S. Williams, L. Byrd*

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

*Fran Robustelli – Interim City Manager
Liz Warmerdam – Assistant City Manager
Eric Engelbart – Deputy City Manager
Amanda Cusick – City Attorney
Paul Sanftner – Community Outreach Manager
Katie Bowman – Economic Development Manager
Keith Cooke – E&T Director
Michael Hamer – IS Assistant Manager
Police Chief Tudor
Police CPT Torres
Police SGT Gill
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

Mayor Cutter thanked everybody joining the meeting and reminded everyone that while the meetings may seem tedious, a lot of information is being shared, like information about how the Manor Sign, which is a cool, old sign that is an identity marker for the community, was blown down during the recent wind event. The wind event reminded us what else mother nature can throw at us. There had been some confusion with vaccines because of the one batch of Moderna, but hopefully the new administration will help clarify things.

Vice Mayor Aguilar had no comment.

Councilmember Ballew mentioned that big wind event did not have much reported damage. The City's federal lobbyist was asked if the 100 million vaccines could be a reality and there is a push by the federal government to make it happen. During the recent city grant request process, many businesses were found to be in need, so Council voted to allow \$400,000 from the reserves to aid more businesses. He suggested that there should be some sort of community healing day, possibly led by the faith-based providers and to include the front-line workers, in order to allow people to move forward.

2.B. Alameda County

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

Alameda County OES reported that they are still working virtually and continue to have a weekly call for emergency managers. The county is in the decline portion of the holiday surge, which caused high reported rates for cases, hospitalizations, and deaths. It is the State that has instigated the stay at home orders. Dr. Moss and others have been in dialogue with the State to help lift the order. The region is not close to going to the purple tier, partially due to Santa Clara. People are being encouraged to stay home, wear masks and practice social distancing, even after vaccinations. The county is doing about 11,000 tests per day. PPE in good supply and the warehouse is full. Calls of complaints and questions have gone up. There are still some problems with restaurants and small businesses who are having issues holding on. Food distribution has been moved to being supported by food banks and cities. Hotels are moving to more permanent housing solutions, and more long-term resolutions.

The big focus currently is in on the vaccine, and the county is still in 1A, which is ~145,000 healthcare professionals. When the State makes changes then the County then has to change. The County has not had to destroy any vaccines and are using all the vaccines that are available. The hospitals are allowed to vaccinate other staff with extra doses. The county is moving towards mega PODS, which will take a lot of work. ACPHD will be working with the cities. There are 3 PODS that are open to the public over the weekend and more will be forthcoming. Different healthcare systems are receiving vaccines directly from the state and not from the county. Dr. Clannon, the head of vaccination response, is willing to look at agencies that are able to provide their own vaccinators and location, then the county will give the vaccine to those groups. The Sheriff's Office is looking at doing that, so that agencies are not waiting on ACPHD.

*ACPHD has a website where people can go to register that they want to have the vaccine, but it is not an appointment site. The site asks for some personal information. If retired or not working, add "other" for your profession.
<https://covid-19.acgov.org/vaccines>.*

In other emergency management news, during the wind event, the county was on a watch with PG&E. There were some small fires, wires arching and other damage throughout the county. There is a series of 3 storms coming in which are going to be cool and wet, but not damaging. There was a 4.2 earthquake near San Jose this past weekend that was felt throughout the Bay Area.

Alameda County Fire Department (ACFD) was not available for a report.

2.C. San Leandro City

- San Leandro City Manager
- San Leandro Police

Interim City Manager Robustelli reported that she has enjoyed her first few weeks here. While some employees have been exposed to COVID, I'm glad to see that the City has an extensive safety program in place to address issues.

San Leandro Police reported that prior to the wind event, information was pushed to residents. Staff was out at the damaged Manor sign. We received about 12 calls for down lines.

There are several rainstorms coming through in the next couple weeks and we will push information out to the public. We have also pushed information out to all our residents about the ACPHD website and COVID vaccines using social media hubs.

2.D. Healthcare Services

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

Kaiser Hospital reported that supply is the key to the vaccine process. They are working wrapping up tier 1a for Kaiser and non-Kaiser healthcare staff, long-term patients and will be expanding to the members soon. Since December, Kaiser has provided a combined 40,000 doses per week. The planning for the next tier is being done. We want to make sure that all members and the community are safe. The lowering the age to 65 has put a stress on the system, because at the state level, there is 1.4 million members in that range. Kaiser appreciates that people want to be vaccinated and ask for their patience. Kaiser will be reaching out to members 75 and older to set up appointments soon. We understand that people have concerns and information can be found at kp.org/covidvaccine.

There was a question about whether people should go to other areas and the answer is that is a personal choice. For Kaiser members, it is a supply issue and they are working hard to get the vaccine out and will get to members and the community. It is frustrating, but people should hold tight. By going to other systems, which are also becoming impacted, that could crash those systems too. We are finding that many people want the vaccine, and everyone needs to be patient.

San Leandro Hospital offered the reminder that while COVID is at the forefront of emergencies right now, emergency managers are trained for all hazards. When we hear about something like a wind event, emergency managers are always focused on the safety measures. It is good to know that our existing plans are in place and people are protected.

San Leandro Hospital has rolled out the vaccines for staff using Pfizer and are not wasting doses. When there is extra, staff is notified, so that they do not go to waste. They are working the notification program required by AB 685, which requires employers to notify employees when there has been a positive case within the work setting. They continue to reinforce the safety measures and to push out the message of the need to wear a mask, to wash hands, clean surfaces, and to maintain social distances, even after receiving the vaccination. They are working to combat the spread of the virus on a global focus and to have people understand that until all of us are safe, none of us are safe.

Davis Street Family Resource Center was not available.

Red Cross reported that they have concerns about their staff getting vaccinated and are still doing disaster responses to fires and staying safe in the COVID environment.

SL Elder Care Alliance was not available, though Councilmember Ballew shared that

Rosegate Care Center had an outbreak but did not lose anyone. They attribute that to being hypervigilant and were able to use the alternative treatments available. They received high accolades from ACPHD about their response.

2.E. School Districts

- San Leandro
- San Lorenzo

San Leandro Unified reported that they opened the 6th ASES program at Washington. Two more are slated to open in February at Bancroft and John Muir Middle schools. A question was asked that once the schools are open, will the cohorts be the same as those in the ASES program and the answer is that they could be two different groups or a combination. The ASES programs are geared for those who need more assistance.

The Mayor shared that a lot of community members are telling her that they are willing to volunteer to do reading programs and they are being directed to contact the school district and schools. The city might be able to coordinate with SLKindness to assist with connecting people but will need to do more in order to meet school criteria and the Mayor would like to have a meeting with the school district to discuss this.

San Lorenzo Unified was not available for a report.

2.F. Utilities

- PG&E
- EBCE

No utilities were available for a report.

2.G. Other Agencies within the City

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

Unity Church welcomed the idea that Councilmember Ballew suggested and will be taking it back to the San Leandro faith-based organizations. There was a remembrance on Tuesday and a day of service on Monday before the inauguration. The congregation has started a writing campaign to say thank you to front line workers.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment was received

4. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.