



City of San Leandro

Civic Center
835 East 14th Street
San Leandro, California

Minutes

Disaster Council

Thursday, September 3, 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 2:01 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 – Chief W. McDonald, Deputy Chief E. Moore

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
ARES – J. Carbino

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Kay – City Manager
Liz Warmerdam – Assistant City Manager
Eric Engelbart – Deputy City Manager
Leticia I. Miguel – City Clerk
Tom Liao – CD Director
Katie Bowman – Economic Development
Amanda Cusick – City Attorney
Emily Hung – HR Director
Jeanette Dong – RHS Director
Debbie Pollart – PW Director
Hoi-Fei Mok – Sustainability Manager
Theresa Mallon – Library Director
Keith Cooke – E&T Director
Tony Batalla – Chief Technology Officer
Michael Hamer – IS Assistant Manager
Catrina Christian – Emergency Services Specialist

FAITH BASED ORGANIZATIONS and OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:

Davis Street Family Resource Center– R. Johnson

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
- San Leandro City Manager
- San Leandro Police

Mayor Cutter shared that the Disaster Council meetings have now moved to the 1st & 3rd Thursdays.

Vice Mayor Ballew shared that the City Council will be proclaiming September as National Preparedness Month at the next meeting. He reminded the Disaster Council of need to continue messaging that we are still in fire, smoke and heat seasons.

Councilmember Lopez mentioned that when the COVID vaccine is available, there will be a lot to do. She stated that she is interested in meeting our new fire chief and looking forward how we will be cooperating to provide services to the community.

City Manager Kay reported that the testing site continues to be very busy and with low

positivity rates. The site has expanded the hours and awaiting confirmation on whether it will be open through October. The Library will be presenting at the next City Council meeting about the resources that are available, including learning resources for youth. The Library and Human Services are partnering with other agencies to develop learning pods, where students can access the internet and do school work safely. The City is working with the school district to manage regulations. The City staff continue to balance work and safety, including providing clean air filters at city facilities.

San Leandro Police Emergency Services reported that there have been discussions with Red Cross about the TEPs and will be doing outreach to find locations. Discussions about doing a site visit at Kaiser's flu clinic have occurred, as have discussions with ACPHD about developing a plan for a drive thru clinic and the distribution of at least 200 doses. In conjunction with the Great Shakeout, Oct 15, there will be an EOC workshop, which will virtual. More information will be forthcoming to city staff. The PG&E Community Resource Center (CRC) agreement needs to have a couple tweaks and then it should be signed. This would allow the main library to be used as a CRC. September is National Prep Month and Emergency Services is working with the City PIOs to get messaging out each week on social media and will be accepting the proclamation from the City Council at their next meeting.

2.B. Alameda County

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

Alameda County OES reported that they are preparing for another heat event over the weekend and have been in contact with all city emergency manager and requested they upload information into the county website about cooling and clean air centers, using Veoci. There are no planned PSPS or CA ISO rolling black out events in the near future, though there is a red flag warning. The SCU Lightening Fire, which was 78% contained and expected to be 100% contained by the weekend, though there is concern about the heat. During the fire, temporary evacuation points (TEP) and hotels were set up for evacuees, in cooperation with the Red Cross. The messaging to the public through WEA, AC Alert, and social media, was successful.

The county currently has enough PPE. There are 18,445 cases, with 257 deaths. The governor laid out a new blue print for recovery based on a color tiered system and the county recently rolled out the new changes. ALCO is in the purple tier due to 9 cases for 100,000 and a 5% positivity rate. Testing is being done at 4,000 daily. Conditions are looking better and orders have been adjusted to expand services to allow for open indoor hair salons and open malls, with precautions and limiting the number of people allowed in. Schools are not allowed in-person classes, but small cohort learning is allowed for those who are at risk. Public Health is working with schools. The Care & Shelter branch is working on food distribution throughout the county and sheltering the unsheltered at 9 hotels. Public Health sent out a press release this week about indoor salons, hair dressers and how to calculate physical distancing within businesses. Information can be found at emergency@acgov.org.

For National Preparedness Month, the county, in cooperation with the Center on Disability at the Public Health Institute, Listos/ California for All, and all 14 city EMS did a PSA for TV and YouTube. There is also a guide available in different languages about preparedness.

Alameda County Fire Department (ACFD) introduced the new Alameda County Fire

Chief, Willie McDonald, who is honored to be here and is looking forward to be working with everyone.

The SCU Lightening Complex is the 2nd largest in the state's history. There are also several other large fires in the Bay Area, many of which are close to containment, which has led to 19 days of poor air quality, which has affected the public. The department will staff up if there is a need, due to the heat and if there are red flag warnings. ACFD has 51 members out on mutual aid, though staffing is good within the county.

2.C. Healthcare Services

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

Kaiser Hospital reported that they are gearing up for flu season and making sure the drive through clinics are up and running. The launch date is projected for Sept 14. Once the date is finalized, they will share the flyer. They are preparing for the overlap between flu and COVID. They are testing patients before surgeries. The COVID testing numbers are being rolled up into the county and state numbers. Kaiser is looking at the racial inequities with COVID and are developing a plan for Latino and African American community, including focusing on those communities with the flu shot outreach. They are maintaining social distancing and there is not a lot of room for people to gain respite from poor air quality.

The state will be having a new lab in Santa Clara County, which will help increase the testing. Agencies were having difficulty obtaining testing supplies and this is why the governor has contracted with 2 new labs.

San Leandro Hospital reported that they are still responding to COVID, while starting the preparation for flu season. They are planning for the worst case scenario due to the heat, including brown or black outs, by conducting risk assessments, encouraging staff to monitor the temperature outside and heat injuries, use hydration stations, limiting outside work, and are trying to provide areas of shade. While they have emergency generators, they are planning for equipment that may not be functional and staff will be watching for any equipment issues. They are also encouraging staff to review the work emergency plan and to have family emergency plans for National Preparedness month.

Davis Street Family Resource Center reported that the food distribution has plateaued at an average of 87 families per day and fresh produce is available due to a partnership with a local distributor. The Jefferson site is full with a total of 36 students in three (3) classrooms, though it may be increased in the near future. The Center is working with the school district to open up Garfield and Roosevelt because parents are anxious to have students attend because of the challenges they have at home.

The clinic continues to test and to see an increase in physical visits by patients. They are getting ready to provide flu shots, along with the COVID testing. There is fear about the overlap between flu and COVID and they are providing everyone information on symptoms and the need for a flu shot.

Red Cross reported that they are working with cities and the county to establish a list of temporary evacuation points during emergencies.

2.D. School Districts

- San Leandro
- San Lorenzo

San Leandro Unified reported that the distancing learning program is going well, as is the book and learning material distribution. Staff and principals are doing outreach to students and families daily. Summer construction projects are being completed and sites are returning to normal. Food distribution will continue as it was over the summer for all children 18 and younger, due to District receiving a waiver from the state. There were be 7 locations on M, W, F. and early morning meal pickups at 3 sites. There will be a special pick up on Tuesday, 9/8, due to the closure of program on Labor Day.

2.E. Utilities

- PG&E
- EBCE

No utilities available for report.

2.F. Other Agencies within the City

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

ARES reported that team members have checked their generators and are prepared if needed. They have been meeting with Catrina and the repeater is working, so they can communicate throughout the city

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comment provided by Mr. Jim Prola.

4. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.