



City of San Leandro

Civic Center
835 East 14th Street
San Leandro, California

Minutes

Disaster Council

Thursday, November 5, 2020

2:00 PM

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<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 2:00 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 D. Thomas

*SLUSD – R. Medeiros, E. Gonzalez
Alameda County OES – T. Langdon
American Red Cross – R. Fateman
Kaiser Hospital – A. Apodaca
San Leandro Hospital – S. Williams, G. Pastorius
East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) – A. DiGiorgio
ARES – J. Carbino*

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

*Jeff Kay – City Manager
Liz Warmerdam – Assistant City Manager
Eric Engelbart – Deputy City Manager
Amanda Cusick – City Attorney
Tom Liao – CD Director
Katie Bowman – Economic Development Manager
Jeanette Dong – RHS Director
Hoi-Fei Mok – Sustainability Manager
Keith Cooke – E&T Director
Theresa Mallon – Library Director
Michael Hamer – Assistant IS 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

Mayor Cutter reported that the testing site is full, and the County is trying to keep it open as long as possible. The Council is considering another \$700,000 from Federal Government for emergency rental assistance and with what was previously set aside, it would be \$1.1 million for the program. There will probably be a large demand. Halloween was safe and quiet. There was some activity on election night, though some businesses had windows broken, but mostly quiet.

2.B. Alameda County

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

Alameda County OES reported that the EOC is now activated on Thursdays only. The PHD have been activated for 9 months and have dealt with 2 surges, maintaining a slow steady reopening pace and trying to avoid closing areas that were opened. They have established a COVID department for long term planning and response. A concern is moving through flu season and preparing for the COVID vaccine. The testing, contact tracing, housing and socioeconomic support systems are going well. The

focus on the disproportionately affected communities will continue in order to help keep case rates low. Hospital and case rates are stable, and the county is still in the orange tier, with all the red tier phases being implemented.

Guidance for the next holidays will be coming out soon and will focus on travel and gatherings. The middle and high school reopening can start 11/9, as long guidelines are followed. The two food distribution hubs are transitioning to Food Bank for more stable and permanent for food distribution, instead of AC Social Services using DSWs. Under the Home Key program, two Safer Ground hotels were purchased, and others will be either leased or purchased. Church groups and nail salons open are allowed to open indoors at 25%.

There was a cyber threat to healthcare facilities, which did affect one hospital in CA, but none in the county. The civil disturbance planning for election night included mutual aid and responding to roving bands in Oakland. Cal OES had a law enforcement mutual aid coordinator in the County EOC, and the county was in contact with the cities. PSPS is over and now planning has begun for the cold and rain, and opening warming centers.

Alameda County Fire Department (ACFD) reported that fires throughout the state have subsided, and the Department was on alert for election night and were up staffed in preparation for several nights prior, just in case. The flu season is coming up and that will cause some challenges for EMS staff. People are encouraged to get their flu shot. Overall, the Department staffing morale is good, they made it through PSPS and now are hoping to get rain.

2.C. San Leandro City

- San Leandro City Manager
- San Leandro Police

CM Kay reported that the City is working towards facility reopening, transitioning and digital services.

San Leandro Police reported that on election night there was information on social media about possibly targeting Bayfair Mall, though there was a large police presence that did minimize the impact. Catrina reminded everyone that it has been a year since her first Disaster Council meeting and that we all have been through a lot this year and some of the things we responded to last year, we responded to this year, like the PSPS events. This year's Great Shakeout drill was different from last year's and instead of an evacuation drill, the City did a virtual EOC workshop, which was well attended.

The PSPS event did affect the city with areas that were without electricity for 36 hours. There was a lot of wind which led to a lot of downed trees, especially along E. 14th and around City Hall. PG&E has completed the ADA work at the main library in preparation for the CRC and are waiting for the final permit to start on the electrical work, which should be granted this week. The work will take about a week to complete.

RHS reported that the warming center will be open on Wednesdays and one other weekday night, beginning in Dec, not the day after Thanksgiving and hopefully going through April. They will be following all health guidelines and allowing only 15 people each night and any others will be placed at the Marina Inn, if needed. After Nov 1, Safer Ground will no longer be in effect. They will want to move people into more

permanent housing, including by purchasing hotels. The hotels, vendors or other programs are providing food, such as Great Plates.

The Mayor asked about Oakland using A-1 funds to purchase a hotel and was wondering if San Leandro could do the same. Most of the hotels being purchased were done using State funding, though a process was going to a RFP for a non-profit to support permanent housing and would be discussed further with the City Council.

2.D. Healthcare Services

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

Kaiser Hospital reported that they are focused on flu season. The governor has created a task force for the COVID vaccine, and a Kaiser physician is included. They are still catching up on the surgeries and seeing patients with COVID. They are concerned about people gathering for the holidays, which might override the system and are glad the county is providing messaging about the holidays.

San Leandro Hospital acknowledged and said thank you to her fellow emergency managers and partners in emergency response because of the challenging year and the events for which we prepare to respond to. We have done what we could to keep the public safe. Thank you to Terri, Catrina, SLPD, and ACFD. The hospital shored up for daylight savings because of the heightened awareness that practice and enforce safety measures for staff and patients. We have had to deal with high winds and PSPS. The day of the PSPS event, we had a pre-event where a power pole was hit, and it did knock out power to the hospital and the hospital had to use the backup generator. They were concerned about the cyber threat and their IT has been developed emergency and business continuity plans, which have been put in place to protect the system.

The hospital is shoring up to deal with the influence of flu. Before the recent health officer order, all hospital staff were required to get a flu shot or sign an acknowledgement that they would wear PPE if they do not get the shot, but due to the new healthcare orders, all healthcare workers are required to get the flu shot or have to have documentation for why they cannot get the flu shot.

Davis Street Family Resource Center reported that the Jefferson childcare center is full, with the maximum number of children in each of the three classrooms. They are getting ready to open the Garfield site, which will have two classrooms and allow for 28 children. The clinic has a semi-permanent outdoor structure for testing in the future and they are currently testing 50-100 people per week. The clinic is giving out COVID test with flu shots. The clinic is ready to receive and distribute the COVID when it becomes available.

The food distribution program continues to distribute ~80 boxes a day to families, though sometimes it is over a 100, but not less than 50 bags. This is the most heavily impacted program because in past, half of that was needed. People are being asked to stay in cars and text when they arrive. The Center is trying to get a semi-permanent shelter for the winter. The Center received a grant from a private foundation to assist undocumented residents and are reaching out to other trusts and foundations to provide assistance.

Red Cross reported that they are responding as needed while staying safe from COVID and had been concerned about responding during election night to those impacted by civil unrest.

2.E. School Districts

- San Leandro
- San Lorenzo

San Leandro Unified reported that the distance learning program is going well, staff and principals are engaging students and making adjustments as needed. Three ASES sites, with 12 students each, are currently open at Jefferson, Monroe and Wilson and hope to open at McKinley, tentatively at the end of November. The food distribution program is consistent at all 7 sites and they are providing an early morning distribution as well as an afternoon distribution.

The District is considering a phased reopening in Jan, in order to ensure maintain flexible in anticipation of any changes in the state or county tiers. The District has been reviewing and following all Public Health and County Office of Education guidance and working with labor unions to have full partnership for any in-person instruction, when it is allowed. They are looking at all models available in order to maximize educational opportunities for students, as well adhering to guidelines.

2.F. Utilities

- PG&E
- EBCE

No reports, though EBCE did thank first responders.

2.G. Other Agencies within the City

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

RACES reported that they started to make their communication processes solid during this year and have been having successful monthly check-ins. It was suggested to start looking at emergency supplies and restock what is needed.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment was provided

4. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.