



City of San Leandro

Civic Center
835 East 14th Street
San Leandro, California

Minutes

Disaster Council

Thursday, November 19, 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 2:02 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:

*Vice Mayor Pete Ballew
Councilmember Corina Lopez
Alameda County Fire Department – Deputy Chief J. Hoskins
SLUSD – R. Medeiros, E. Gonzalez*

SLZUSD – D. Marr
Alameda County OES – T. Langdon
American Red Cross – R. Fateman
Kaiser Hospital – A. Apodaca
San Leandro Hospital – S. Williams
PG&E – J. Walsh
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
Amanda Cusick – City Attorney
Tom Liao – CD Director
Jeanette Dong – RHS Director
Hoi-Fei Mok – Sustainability Manager
Keith Cooke – E&T Director
Michael Hamer – Assistant IS Manager
Catrina Christian – Emergency Services Specialist

FAITH BASED ORGANIZATIONS and OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:

None present

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 Ballew shared that East Bay Economic Development Agency (EBEDA), in partnership with Alameda County Board of Supervisors, announced the launch of Alameda CARES grant program. The program has \$5000 which will provide grants for small businesses within the county impacted by COVID and is similar to what the City launched several months ago. The State budget will have a surplus and it would be good to develop a plan for needs. With the news of a vaccine, people are starting to let their guard down. He also wanted to hear the plans hospitals had for the vaccine and its storage.

Councilmember Lopez mentioned that the L.A. Times reported that California will impose a limited curfew due to COVID surge. The order prohibits most nonessential activity outside the home from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. in the counties in the strictest tier starting Saturday.

2.B. Alameda County

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

Alameda County OES reported that Dr. Moss has been approved by BOS as the County Health Officer. The BOS also approved \$8 million for grants for small businesses. Eleven (11) community organizations in five (5) high priority neighborhoods are providing doing outreach and education, including multi-languages ads on buses and TV. The Governor added \$62 million for Project Home Key.

The county is in the Purple Tier because of 26,460 positive cases, 89 hospitalizations and 499 deaths. This is a 12% increase in new cases from three weeks ago, possibly due to indoor dining and family gatherings. Hospitalizations are up. The county is providing over 7000 tests per day, with 2.5% of positivity, though test supplies are limited. The county has been moving slowly into the Orange Tier activities, so the move backwards, will be difficult. The main changes are to indoor dining, houses of worship, indoor gyms, movies and family entertainment, which are not permitted at this time. The schools that are open, may remain open, but no new schools will be allowed to open. Gathering guidelines are for outdoors only, no more than 3 families and 25 people, and to limit travel. The State and Bay Area health officers have provided tips. We need to get the messaging out about discouraging travel and the need to wear masks.

The county has a task force working on a vaccine plan that is due to the state on Dec 1. There are 3 different vaccines, Pfizer, has a short shelf life and requires extreme refrigeration, which only one facility within ACPHD can provide; the Moderna vaccine is easier to store. There has been discussion on how vaccines will be distributed, with healthcare workers in hospitals, then first responders and frontline workers, and then the public. The flu has caused an uptick at hospitals because the flu and COVID have similar symptoms.

2.C. San Leandro City

- San Leandro City Manager
- San Leandro Police

City Manager Kay reported that the shift into the Purple Tier has had an impact on operations. City staff are trying to get out information on it, as well as doing research on the new grant, which might have a city match. The Governor is having a press conference to discuss the curfew rumors. The testing site is funded through the spring and looking to double the capacity of the site to over 300 tests per day. It will be a challenge to get the appointments full and the MCC site staff will need to work on the logistics. The enforcement of any curfew will be focused on urging the public to comply, rather than cite them. The City will be analyzing and discussing the process. It can lead to the police being in an uncomfortable situation.

San Leandro Police explained that the reason social gatherings are an issue is that when people gather with family and friends, they are getting close, taking off their masks, and letting their guard down. The ADA compliance work at the main library for the Community Resource Center is complete and the electrical work to hook up the generator should be done in the near future. This will replace the small, pop-up CRC at a local church, that offered limited access to the public.

Emergency Services had a meeting with ACFD, ACSO and Zonehaven, to develop a project to map evacuation routes within the city and county based on sectors, with the first focus being on wildfires, but the maps will also be useful for other emergencies. The products being produced will be available to responders and the public. EOC Exercise final meeting was held to review the comments from the evaluations. It was well received, and staff did learn more about what their section in the EOC does,

though there is still a lot more work to be done to train people. Hopefully, in the future, more training will be provided to city staff.

RHS reported that the MCC test site will double the number of lanes at the test sites and RHS staff will be meeting with the test site task force to discuss strategies. Thanks to Supervisor Wilma Chan and ACPHD, there will be two pop up flu clinics within the city. The first will be a drive in/walk in on 12/16 and will be free for seniors. On 12/7, the county will be providing training on the process to City staff. RHS staff is working with CPT Torres on the traffic control. The 2nd will be in Jan and hopefully the county software for intakes will be available. We want to use this as practice run for the distribution of the COVID vaccine.

2.D. Healthcare Services

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

Kaiser Hospital reported that they have seen an increase in cases already and the worry is about the holiday gatherings. Kaiser did participate in the Pfizer vaccine trials, out of the South Bay Medical Center, in San Jose. There is a doctor from the Kaiser network on the Governor's vaccine task force and they have an internal team that will be looking at the vaccination before its release. FDA did approve a home test kit and the Kaiser is looking at it. Hospitals do the refrigeration for the vaccine and that is a concern.

San Leandro Hospital reported that they are working with county EMS, to assist with the surge in Imperial County, by submitting our bed count. The hospital did receive some of the anti-body therapy to be used for those with mild or moderate symptoms. We are going to start providing information to staff about winter impacts and preparedness.

Red Cross reported that they are responding to fires as needed, including providing canteen services to first responders.

2.E. School Districts

- San Leandro
- San Lorenzo

San Leandro Unified reported that the District has made strides in meeting benchmarks it has identified to meet County Health and Education reopening requirements. The Board declared that Jan 2021 is a target for phased reopening of schools and will start with small cohorts, with a tentative reopening in March with a blended model with distance and in person learning. The timelines that are being shared are only targets and are subject to change.

With the county moving back into the Purple Tier, the District is working on planning process and guidance from the county and state and will be taking a measured approach to bringing students back on campus in order to stay safe. The District will be watching for an uptick in cases, while allowing for onboarding of students and staff who want to be on campus and will build on success of current in person program, which includes in person enrollments for new families, fall sports conditioning at SLHS, small afterschool cohorts and one on one assessments of special education student.

2.F. Utilities

- PG&E
- EBCE

PG&E reported that they have a new CEO and there will be a PSPS review in December that San Leandro will be participating in. One PSPS event impacted San Leandro, which was a significant wind event. There were a few fire ignitions, but FD handled quickly. There was a lot of damage to PG&E infrastructure. There were a few indirect fires from the PSPS event caused by generators and candles. PG&E made a lot of changes to make things better, though there were still issues, including with messaging that PG&E is working on.

While the fire season is winding down, PG&E has been experiencing an increase in pole fires caused by dust and debris that gather on poles, which act as a conductor, leading to arcing and pole fires. A good rain will help clean that debris off. There have been over 50 pole fires in the Bay Area.

PG&E may come to cities to get assistance with removing hazardous trees because of issues with the public. There has been a lot of work done in Oakland and the Palmaris Rd area.

2.G. Other Agencies within the City

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

RACES reported that they conducted a non-program survey of the city to see where they can transmit from and where they cannot hit, though due to the current shutdowns, they are not able to correct a lot. They hope to have it fixed soon.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

4. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m. after wishes of Happy Thanksgiving, stay safe and in your small pods.