



DISASTER COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, January 19, 2023
3:00 PM

Board of Supervisor Chambers
255 N. Forbes St. Lakeport CA 95453

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chair Simon.

The following members were in attendance:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moke Simon, Chair	Board of Supervisors, District 1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jessica Pyska, Vice Chair	Board of Supervisors, District 5
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rob Howe, Sheriff	Director of Emergency Services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gavin Wells	Deputy Director of Emergency Services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Leah Sautelet	County of Lake, Emergency Services Manager
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jonathan Portney	County of Lake, Director of Health Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alan Flora	City Manager, Director of Emergency Services City of Clearlake
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kevin Ingram	City Manager, Director of Emergency Services City of Lakeport
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chief Willie Sapeta	Lake County Fire Protection District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chief Brad Rasmussen	City of Lakeport Police Department
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scott DeLeon	County of Lake, Director of Public Works
<input type="checkbox"/>	Scott Harter	County of Lake, Special Districts Administrator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dan Fansler	California Highway Patrol
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alma Perez	County of Lake, OES Specialist

Alternates Present: Chief Hobbs was present for Alan Flora.

1. Call to Order

- a. Moment of Silence: Sheriff Howe asked that the Council honor the two deputies killed in Riverside County. Chair Simon added those lives lost during the recent storms.
- b. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Sheriff Howe.
- c. Roll Call: Quorum established

2. Approval of Minutes from the Meeting of October 20, 2022.

Chief Rasmussen motioned to approve meeting minutes with no changes. Lt. Fansler seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: all present

Abstain: None

Comments from the Council: None.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Emergency Situation Reports

- a. County of Lake – Sheriff Rob Howe

Sheriff Howe's first 2 ½ weeks in the position have been eventful. With the assistance of Lt. Wells, OES Manager Sautelet, Director DeLeon, and Chief Sapeta, an emergency declaration was made in response to the localized flooding and downed power lines and trees.

b. City of Lakeport – Kevin Ingram

On behalf of Director Ingram who was not present, Chief Rasmussen shared that the Lakeport City Council ratified a disaster declaration the week of January 16, 2023. He complimented OES Manager Sautelet for the daily meetings and communications during the storms.

c. City of Clearlake – Alan Flora

On behalf of Director Flora who was not present, Chief Hobbs reported that Clearlake had no major impacts from the storms. He echoed his appreciation for the strong partnerships in the county.

Comments from the Council: None.

Public Comment: None.

5. Office of Emergency Services Report – OES Manager Sautelet

a. Hazard Mitigation Update

As a reminder, the current plan will expire 7/2023. Although the grant request was submitted in April 2022, OES Manager Sautelet does not expect the award to be made until spring 2023. She noted that the recent storms have delayed some work, but hopes to submit the plan in the next two months. Community outreach continues.

Comments from the Council:

Vice Chair Pyska asked about the level of community participation. OES Manager Sautelet reported that each meeting saw approximately a dozen citizens. The next two meetings will be in Hidden Valley/Middletown and Clearlake Oaks. Chair Simon suggested using the various advisory councils to share meeting information. OES Manager Sautelet will send dates once they are determined.

Public Comment: None.

6. Grants Programs - OES Manager Sautelet

a. FY-2020

SHSGP Update: Performance Period: 9/1/2020-5/31/2023

b. FY-2021

SHSGP Update: Performance Period: 9/1/2021-5/31/2024

Both projects are progressing.

Comments from the Council: None.

Public Comment: None.

7. Fire Risk Reduction Program & Assessments Report – Chair Simon

Chair Simon shared that the program continue to move forward and plans are to raise partners from three to seven. Work on 2023 priorities are being evaluated. A county Climate Resiliency Officer has been hired using funds from a five year grant.

Vice Chair Pyska updated the Council on the engagement of a consultant to work on tree mortality issues. She cautioned that due to projected State budget shortfalls, funding sources will be scarce. This will push the project to look at local community for assistance as well as contacting State leaders to reach the funding needed for tree removal. She briefly highlighted progress in areas of the county.

Per Director DeLeon, the county was successful in obtaining a CALFire grant for the Soda Bay corridor plan and maintenance project. Additionally, an evacuation plan is being developed for the specific area. The logistics of how and when the tree removals will happen are being worked on, and the equipment is being readied.

Vice Chair Pyska shared that several trees fell during the recent storms. She requested Director DeLeon compile stats for an upcoming meeting with Senator McGuire. This will help in our request for funding. OES Manager Sautelet believes there are additional grant opportunities and will share with Vice Chair Pyska.

Comments from the Council: None.

Public Comment: None.

8. Old Business

None.

Public Comment: None.

9. New Business/Incidents

Chair Simon and Vice Chair Pyska shared their appreciation for county staff who worked during the storms, noting the time spent away from family.

Public Comment: None.

10. Announcements and Events – All

Chair Simon congratulated both Sheriff Howe and Chief Hobbs on their new positions.

Public Comment: None.

11. Good of the Order – Vice Chair Pyska

Chair Simon thanked all county and city departments for keeping the community safe over the past few weeks. He is looking into utilizing the Cal Trans messaging boards more effectively in the future, as well as making them double-sided.

Public Comment: None.

12. Set Next Meeting & Adjourn

The next meeting will be April 20 2023, at 3:00 PM in the Board of Supervisor Chambers.

Meeting adjourned at 3:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Wendy Hoffman, Sheriff-Coroner Assistant