

Minutes
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS BOARD
Monday, May 18, 2009, 1:30 p.m.
EOB Room, P4 Level, City Hall East

Board Members Present

Andrew A. Adelman
Anna Burton
Douglas L. Barry
Tony Royster
Margaret Whelan
William J. Bratton

Department

Building and Safety
Emergency Management
Fire
General Services
Personnel
Police

Board Members Absent

Gina Marie Lindsey
Gerry F. Miller
Raymond P. Ciranna
Geraldine Knatz
Randi Levin
Cynthia M. Ruiz
Jon Kirk Mukri
Rita L. Robinson
H. David Nahai

Department

Airports
Chief Legislative Analyst
City Administrative Officer
Harbor
Information Technology
Public Works
Recreation & Parks
Transportation
Water and Power

Also Present

Melissa Fleming
Vanessa Paulson
Julie Raffish
Eric Baumgardner
Mona Curry
Steve Dargan
Richard Deppisch
Rob Freeman
Wendy Hwang
Cecilia Law
Jeff Elder
Valerie Melloff
Kamton Joe
Neeraj Bhatnagar
Freya Robayo
Dustin Shiau
Richard Roupoli
Ernesto Cardenas
Tom Cotter
Mohsen Moayedi
Bob Garcia
Joann Troncale
Patrick Findley
Al Garcia
Sandy Wallace
Scott Underwood
Brent Woodworth

Department

City Administrative Officer
City Administrative Officer
City Attorney
Emergency Management
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Emergency Management
Fire
General Services
Information Technology
Mayor
Mayor
Mayor
Police
Public Works/Board
Public Works/Board
Public Works/Sanitation
Public Works/Street Services
Public Works/Street Services
Water and Power
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American Red Cross
LA Emergency Preparedness Foundation

I. Declaration of Quorum; Introductions; Approval of the minutes

William J. Bratton called the Emergency Operations Board (EOB) meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. A quorum was not present for this meeting. Approval of the March meeting minutes was deferred until next meeting in July.

II. Action Items**A. Marek-Sesnon Fire Emergency Operations Center Activation After Action / Corrective Action Report**

This item was deferred until next meeting due to a lack of quorum.

III. Information Items**A. Sayre Fire, Oakridge Mobile Home Park Debris Removal Completion**

Eric Baumgardner reported that on May 1, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health submitted a letter to the City's Environmental Affairs Department stating that the cleanup requirements have been met and the health advisory has been lifted. The City debris removal operations at the Oakridge Mobile Home Park concluded on May 4. Property oversight was being returned to the Park Management. The Emergency Management Department (EMD) is in the process of recovering the insurance proceeds for the debris removal.

B. Southern California Catastrophic Earthquake Response Plan

Anna Burton reported that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hired a contractor to assist in drafting the Southern California Catastrophic Earthquake Plan. The objective of the Plan is to create a multi-jurisdictional response plan for South California. The contractor will work closely with stakeholders through January/February of 2011. All involved City agencies will be invited to participate in the development process.

C. 2009 Emergency Management Workshop

Anna Burton reported that the date and venue of the 2009 Emergency Operations Organization Workshop has been changed. A confirmation notice on the new dates/location will be sent via email.

D. H1N1 Virus Update

Steve Dargan provided a brief update on the H1N1 Influenza Virus. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has developed testing kits in which confirmatory testing can be done at the state laboratory. The World Health Organization (WHO) Pandemic Alert Level remains at Phase 5. The level does not reflect the severity of the virus towards human, but addresses the increased transmissibility of the virus from human to human. The number of cases is expected to rise due to increased surveillance. To date, less than a hundred deaths have been reported around the world. The virus has been identified and a vaccine is being produced. The Federal government hopes to have the 20 million doses available by November 2009. All City departments were asked to submit the H1N1 Influenza After-Action Report (AAR) to EMD by May 22. The development of a Citywide Seasonal and Pandemic Influenza Response Plan is underway. The Plan will be used to complement departmental Continuity of Operations Plans. The importance of frequent hand washing and good hygiene practice was emphasized. The audience was reminded to obtain information from reliable sources, such as the Center of Disease Control, WHO, and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

E. New Emergency Operations Center (Prop Q)

Rob Freeman reported that the post-construction work for the new Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is expected to be completed on July 1. The EMD will begin moving into the facility at the end of June 2009. The July 20 EOB meeting will be held at the new EOC.

F. Homeland Security Grants

Freya Robayo reported that the FY 2006 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant spending deadline is August 31, 2009. All sub-recipients are requested to submit any project related issues to the Mayor's Office as soon as possible. Any remaining grant funds will be used for contingency projects approved by the UASI Approval Authority. The FY 2007 UASI Grant has been approved an extension until March 31, 2010. The FY 2008 UASI grant acceptance transmittal was approved by the City Council in March 2009. The announcement of the FY 2009 UASI awards is expected in mid-June. The next Grant Stat meeting is scheduled on May 27.

G. WebEOC Catalyst Award

Kamton Joe reported that at the Annual WebEOC User Conference in April, the City of Los Angeles Information Technology Agency received a WebEOC Catalyst Award for outstanding regional WebEOC integration, sharing of data and user group information. He congratulated Joyce Edson on winning the WebEOC Charter Member Award for her leadership. Additionally, he recognized other members of the ITA WebEOC team who were instrumental in the City winning the WebEOC Catalyst Award.

H. Other Announcements – Board Members

Anna Burton reported that a 4.7 M earthquake centered one mile east of Lennox occurred at 8:39 p.m. on May 17. Two aftershocks have been reported. She noted that this earthquake serves as great reminder of the importance to be prepared for a major earthquake.

IV. Public Comment Period**V. Adjourn**

The EOB meeting was adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Wendy Hwang, Secretary
Emergency Management Department

Anna Burton, Executive Assistant
Emergency Operations Board