

## MINUTES OF DISASTER COUNCIL MEETING

January 26, 2005

Commissioner Glass called the Disaster Council Meeting of January 26, **2005** to order at 3:03 p.m.

### **Council Members:**

Kathi Galbasin, Melvin Glass, Herb Kahn, and Marc Lawrence.

### **Staff Representatives:**

Jim Sheldon	Building & Safety
Catherine Watson	City Attorney
Joe Huld	City Clerk
Gesuina Paras	City Manager's Office - Cable
Dan Urrere	Park Services
Captain Kevin Kreager	Police
Andrew Pachon	Police
Enny Chung	Transit

### **Organizations and Community Members:**

Rod Croom	American Medical Response
Mike Martinet	Area G
Dean Martin	CERT, TARA, CVAN
Robin Fisher	Torrance Unified School District
Caroline Elan	West Torrance Homeowners Assoc.
Patricia Preston	Hillside Homeowners Assoc.
Meredith Eick	TARA
Dr. Patty Boge	Area G Veterinary Disaster Team
Chuck Lobb	TARA
Ghislaine Davis	CVAN

Self introductions were made.

### **Flag Salute**

### **Motion to Accept and File Report on Posting of Agenda:**

M/S Kahn/Lawrence. 4 ayes.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

M/S Kahn/ Lawrence to approve the minutes of October 27, 2004 with corrections. 4 ayes.

## **Business Before the Council**

Introduction of  
New Commissioner:

Commissioner Galbasin introduced herself and gave a brief overview of her background and involvement with the CERT program.

Election of Chair  
and Vice Chair:

M/S Kahn/Lawrence to select Mel Glass as Chair of the Disaster Council. 4 ayes. M/S Lawrence/Glass to select Kathi Galbasin as Vice Chair. 4 ayes.

Update Regarding Disaster  
Service Volunteer Program:

ESC Pachon reported that the first two re-registration courses have been conducted at the Torrance Airport for the City's disaster volunteers. Approximately 80 volunteers completed the re-registration process and received the basic training regarding both SEMS and safety procedures. ESC Pachon informed the commission that there were five more training dates with spaces available. Mike Martinet commented that this training assists with the integration of the disaster service volunteers in the emergency services field. Several other communities are doing similar programs to assist both law and fire to integrate their volunteers into disaster situations.

Report on SEMS  
Training Program:

ESC Pachon reported that the City will restart its SEMS training program for all City employees. With turnovers within departments, many new hires and the fact that many have not been exposed to SEMS since their initial training, staff is going to reinstate the program for everyone. Staff hopes to start the program mid year. ESC Pachon will report back with further information as it becomes available.

## **Oral Communication:**

Commissioner Glass asked staff to report back with an update regarding the County's Tsunami task force meetings and evacuation plans.

Robin Fisher, TUSD, commented on the South Bay Council of Government (COG) has started a

Homeland Security Task Force and recently met and discussed issues relating public information.

Chuck Lobb, TARA, announced the upcoming Ham Radio Class in March.

ESC Pachon introduced the Mach 5 program. This program is a 52 week series of five minute tabletop exercises. The exercises are designed to be done during regular staff meetings, so that no one has to go to a special meeting for regular emergency management training. If the Mach 5 program segments are done on a regular basis, staff will accrue over 4 hours of emergency management training in the course of a year. The commission participated in the first exercise involving an earthquake and their response should this occur during the early hours of the weekend.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned to a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 23, 2005 in the Police Department Seminar Room, 3300 Civic Center Drive, Torrance CA.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Andrew G. Pachon  
Emergency Services Coordinator