

MINUTES OF DISASTER COUNCIL MEETING

February 23, 2005

Commissioner Glass called the Disaster Council Meeting of February 23, 2005 to order at 3:05 p.m.

Council Members: Melvin Glass, Kathi Galbasin and Marc Lawrence.

Staff Representatives:

Joe Huld	City Clerk
Jay Sharfman	City Manager's Office
Gesuina Paras	City Manager's Office - Cable
Ernest Gallo	Communication & Information Technology
Dan Urrere	Park Services
Captain Kevin Kreager	Police
Andrew Pachon	Police
Enny Chung	Transit

Organizations and Community Members:

Rod Croom	American Medical Response
Maria Davis	American Red Cross
Dean Martin	CERT, TARA, CVAN
Robin Fisher	Torrance Unified School District
Caroline Elam	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
Ashley Galbasin	CERT
Don Paulsa	SBRC
Chuck Banda	

Self introductions were made.

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MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

M/S Galbasin/ Lawrence to accept and file the report on posting of the agenda. 3 ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S Lawrence/Glass to approve the minutes of January 26, 2005. 3 ayes.

Business Before the Council:

NEW BUSINESS

A. Report on Los Angeles County Tsunami Task Force:

ESC Pachon reported that the City in conjunction with the surrounding beach cities and the County of Los Angeles are developing a tsunami response plan. Through a collaborative effort agencies will be able utilize one another to respond efficiently and effectively to a tsunami along the Southern California coast.

B. Report and Discussion of the Emergency Preparedness Fair and DSV Picnic:

Staff informed the Commission of a recent City Council decision to sponsor and implement a Disaster Volunteer Picnic and host an Emergency Preparedness Fair within the next fiscal year. Staff asked for commissioners comments and input for the two upcoming events. Several common themes that emerged included education of the public, recognition of disaster volunteers and bringing in displays and demonstrations. The commission will appoint a representative from the Disaster Council to sit on the planning committee at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Update Regarding Disaster Service Volunteer Program:

ESC Pachon reported that all of the re-registration/SEMS trainings were completed. Over two thirds of those invited attended the trainings. Future trainings will be held quarterly for new members of the volunteer groups and to bring back those who were unable to attend the initial trainings.

Oral Communication:

TUSD reported that the district is working with the City to promote and expand their disaster volunteer program within the district.

Chuck Lobb informed the commissioners of the upcoming visit of a vintage B-17 at the Torrance Airport, April 14 -17, 2005.

Commissioner Galbasin remarked that she was not pleased that the City's Disaster Volunteer programs were excluded from the recent Torrance Seasons newsletter article regarding emergency preparedness. Gesuina Paras, City Manager's Office, replied that the emphasis of the article was to promote the disaster hotline number and sticker, however in the future her office would work with the Office of Emergency Services regarding emergency preparedness articles.

ESC Pachon led the second MACH 5 drill regarding earthquake preparedness at home.

Adjournment:

3:55 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew G. Pachon
Emergency Services Coordinator