



**COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTER (COAD)
OF LAKE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**
Minutes, September 29, 2023

12:15 Arrival & Gathering

Lunch Catered By European Bistro

12:30 Welcome and Greeting

Nick Widmer, CAP, Red Cross
Supervisor E.J. Crandell, District 3

Present in Person: 28 people, 21 Organizations

Shannon Kimbell-Auth, Nick Widmer & Gaby Perez (American Red Cross, Community Adaptation Program)
Nate Russell (American Red Cross, Gold Country)
Beck Blair (CalOES)
Melissa Reece (Catholic Charities)
Juan Dominguez (Clear Lake Gleaners)
Benjamin Murphy (Cobb Water)
Elisa Jones (Lake County Behavioral Health Services)
Jessica Pyska & EJ Crandell (Lake County Board of Supervisors)
Rachel Dillman Parson (Lake County Dept of Social Services)
Leah Sautelet (Lake County OES)
Lorrie Gray, Bill Gabe (Lake County Amateur Radio)
Laura McAndrews Sammel (Lake County Chamber of Commerce)
Annette Kamaloni (Lake County Community Foundation)
Ana Santana (Lake County Office of Education)
Laurie Fisher (Lake LINKS)
Delores Farrell (Lucerne Alpine Sr Center)
Duell Parks (Mendocino VOAD)
Tammy Alakszay, Dennis Burke, Justin Gaddy, Mayra Blazina Canosa (NCO)
Mike Ciancio (Northshore Fire Protection District)
Ron Lee (RCRC)
Owen Helen (Animal Rescue)

**49 people attended the
9/29 meeting!**

45 named here plus four
persons for the Cascading
Hazards Team. Those
gathered represented 31
unduplicated community
organizations.

Present on TEAMS: 17 people, 15 Organizations

Andrea Braverman, Dave Fromer (American Red Cross, Gold Country)
Greg Damron (Blue Zones)
Dean Eichelman (Lake County Public Health)
Mireyah Turner Lake County Community Development
Betsy Cawn (EPI-Center)
Willie Sapeta (Lake County Fire Protection District)
Luya Rivera (Middletown Rancheria)
Patty Bruder (NCO)
Magdalena Valderrama (Siegler Springs Community Redevelopment Assc)
Adrienne Holstein
Firesafelake
Theresa Showen, Melinda Lahr (Dept Social Services)
Kathy Herdman
Kyle Noble, Mountain Lions Club
Elizabeth Larson, Kelseyville Presbyterian

12:45 Minutes, Bylaws/Governing/Membership Update Pastor Shannon, CAP, Red Cross

- Report on July 19 All COAD gathering: 22 people attended the meeting, 18 People voted YES to pass the Bylaws, there were ZERO votes against. Of the yes voters: 15 voted YES to pass the bylaws and included their name with their vote. An additional 3 people voted yes to pass the bylaws but their vote did not show their name and was identified as "GUEST". The meeting bot recorded that 2 people were not present online during the vote, leaving too early or arriving late. Bylaws officially adopted 7/19/23.
- A printed copy of bylaws provided for all of the in person attendees 9/29/23. Minor changes to 7/19/23 document included adding page numbers, correcting the phrasing (in one place it said public and public sectors but meant to say public and private sectors) and in one place a phrase was incorrectly repeated (is to is to, where one is to was adequate).

Membership: 30 agencies submitted their application for membership in time for voting at the 9/29 meeting.

1. **Adventist Health Clear Lake**, Wendy Bisaccio (Voting Member), Ronnie Duncan (Alternate)
2. **Red Cross Community Adaptation Program**, Shannon Kimbell-Auth (VM), Nick Widmer or Gaby Perez (A)
3. **Red Cross Gold Country Region**, Nate Russell (VM), Dreya Braverman or Dave Frommer (A)
4. **Blue Zones**, Greg Damron (VM), Jamey Gill (A)
5. **Cal OES**, Beck Blair (VM), Jennifer Gordon (A)
6. **Catholic Charities**, Melissa Reece (VM) AJ Munch or Jamie Sust (A)
7. **City of Lakeport**, Ron Ladd (VM), Nick Walker (A)
8. **Clearlake Gleaners**, Beverly Westphal (VM), Loretta Ray or Juan Domingues (A)
9. **Cobb Area Water**, Benjamin Murphy (VM), California Howland or Jay Willyard (A)
10. **County of Lake Dept Social Services**, Rachel Dillman Parsons (VM), Melinda Lahr (A)
11. **County of Lake Behavioral Health Services**, Elise Jones (VM), alternates TBD
12. **County of Lake Community Development Department**, Mireyah Turner (VM), Laura Hall (A)
13. **County of Lake Office of Emergency Services**, Leah Sautelet (VM), Alma Perez (A)
14. **EPIC Essential Public Information Center**, Betsy Cawn (VM)
15. **Gleaners**, Beverly Westphal (VM) Loretta Ray and Juan Domingues (A)
16. **Highland Springs Senior Center**: Joyce Overton (VM) Teresa Gottschall or Jeannie Delope (A)
17. **Lake County Amateur Radio**, Lorrie Gray (VM) Bill Gabe (A)
18. **Lake County Chamber of Commerce**, Laura McAndrews Sammel (VM)
19. **Lake County Community Foundation**, Annette Kamloni (VM) Chuck Barron (A)
20. **Lake County Fire Chiefs**, Willie Sapeta (VM) Paul Duncan/Brian York (A)
21. **Lake County Office of Education**, Anna Santana (VM), Rob Young (A)
22. **Lake Links**, Laurie Fisher (VM)
23. **Lakeport Post Acute**, Michael James (VM) Bryan Marchant (A)
24. **Mendocino VOAD**, Duell Parks (VM) Meredith DeLucia (A)
25. **Middletown Rancheria**, Luya Rivera (VM), Joseph Franklin Velarde/Raymond Simon Jr. (A)
26. **Mountain Lions Club**, Kyle Noble (VM) Jon Myer or Mary Prather (A)
27. **NCO/North Coast Opportunities**: Tammy Alakszay (VM) Justin Gaddy/Dennis Burke (A)
28. **Northshore Fire Protection District**, Mike Ciancio (VM)
29. **Redwood Coast Regional Center**: Ron Lee (VM), Nichole Haydon (A)
30. **Seigler Springs Community Redevelopment Assc**: Magdalena Valderrama voting member

All of the above were approved for membership with the exception of **Lakeport Post Acute** as they were not present and have not been active in the COAD. Their membership is tabled until the next meeting.

Governing Team

Members of the Steering Team were asked if they would like to continue on the Governing Team. All said yes, with the following exceptions: Mireyah Turner expressed the desire to continue on the COAD but not be part of the Governing Team, Shelly Wright was not present nor did her agency apply for membership, and Fred Keplinger resigned from the COAD with Ron Lee taking his place and offering to continue on Governing Team. From the past members of the Steering Team willing to continue, along with one nomination from the floor the COAD voted to elect the following leaders:

Work Groups Leaders	Government Partners	NGOs
Rachel Dillman Parsons L.C. Dept Social Services Shelter	Leah Sautelet Lake County OES	Tammy Alakszay North Coast Opportunities
Melissa Reece Catholic Charities Long Term Recovery	Benjamin Murphy Cobb Water District	Betsy Cawn Essential Public Information EPI- Center
Greg Damron Blue Zones Food	Luya Rivera Middletown Tribe	Rev. Shannon Kimbell-Auth American Red Cross
Wendy Bisaccio, RN. Adventist Health Clear Lake Health	Ron Ladd City of Lakeport	Lorrie Grey Lake County Amateur Radio Society
Ron Lee Redwood Coast Regional Center Preparedness	Beck Blair Cal OES	TBD

Per our bylaws: “The GOVERNING TEAM shall choose five (5) individuals to comprise an EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. These shall serve as Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Administrative Support, Fiscal Officer, and Institutional Memory. A minimum of three (3) of these persons must be from the existing COAD approved GOVERNING TEAM.” This item will be taken up by the Governing Team at their November meeting.

Work Group Highlights

Shelter, Rachel Dillman Parsons:

- focus has been on increasing the number of potential shelter evacuation sites
- future goal to improve support for pet sheltering
- increase the number of volunteers, both for sheltering people and pets

Preparedness, Ron Lee and Tammy Alakszay:

- focus has been on addressing AFN for sheltering and evacuation
- will work to update the COAD website
- desire to increase zone awareness
- upcoming Neighborfests, Heroes of Health and Safety and the Great Shake Out

Health: Nick Widmer

- partner with Hope Rising and align needed work around the CHIP
- increase number of local health professionals that can volunteer in time of disaster

Long Term Recovery: Melissa Reece

- Identify and invite partners to collaborate in LTRG by 10/23
- Present Universal Disaster Intake Process to COAD by 12/23
- Disaster Case Management Process and Partners in place by 1/24
- Fiscal Sponsorship secured
- Activation process finalized
- Training and manuals completed by 3/24

Food: Greg Damron & Gaby Perez

- Participate in Food Policy Council to increase number of acres of food that is sustainably grown in Lake County
- Increase the capacity of food pantries and food banks in Lake County to be have even greater outreach in times of disaster

OES Updates, Leah Sautelet

Mitigation:

- Develops and maintains the Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Secures funding (i.e. EMPG Grant)
- Post-event efforts to reduce impacts of future disasters.

Preparation:

- Facilitates and leverages resources (i.e. training, public outreach) to help OA Partners prepare for emergencies.
- Utilizes various communication methods to disseminate information to OA Partners.
- Participates in and offers emergency management training to OA partners.

Response:

- Develops, maintains and initiates the County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).
- Operates the Emergency Operations Centers (EOC) and has authority over response activities such as mass care and shelter.

Recovery:

- Leverages resources to assist the OA in recovery post-disaster.
- Initiates recovery efforts with OA partners.

COAD Success

- Continue & complete formative process to ensure growth and to ultimately meet mission
- Possible next steps: identify, develop COAD activation triggers, other policy needs active COAD decision to partner with OES to identify/set COAD priorities (potential for Disaster Council growth) Eliminates silos No “spinning wheels” / duplicative effort

Cascading Hazards Report, Farshid Vahedifard, Ph.D., P.E., F.ASCE, Tufts University

- For highlights of report visit <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/7e1755ae3d81453ba515e7ed05aa9ceb>

Save the Date for our next All COAD Meeting Anticipated to be Friday, January 26, 1-3pm

2:30 Adjourn

Questions Tabled or not addressed to continue in next meeting, or to go to Work Groups:

Where are institutional records maintained and by whom?

Will the Food group work with CSAs, community supported agriculture?

Is WIC a food Committee member?

Considering what happened in Maui with regard to the inability for people to get out of harms way, has any thought been given to expanding the three major roads that lead out of county?

Cascading Hazards Group will do a follow up report next year.

Lakeport Post Acute Membership tabled until next meeting.

Lake Transit Authority applied for membership 10/2/23. To be brought to January meeting.

Draft Minutes submitted by Shannon Kimbell-Auth and emailed to COAD 10/19/2023.