



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**



Emergency Services Council Committee Meeting

May 15, 2024

This meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm by Council Chair Warren Slocum.

I. Roll Call

Atherton	Council Member Hawkins-Manuelian	Not Present
Belmont	Council Member McCune	Present
Brisbane	Council Member O’Connell	Not Present
Burlingame	Council Member Stevenson	Present
Colma	Council Member Slaughter	Present
Daly City	Council Member Sylvester	Present
East Palo Alto	Council Member Gauthier	Present (online)
Foster City	Council Member Sullivan	Present
Half Moon Bay	Council Member Penrose	Not Present
Hillsborough	Council Member Chuang	Present
Menlo Park	Council Member Nash	Present
Millbrae	Council Member Schneider	Present
Pacifica	Council Member Vaterlaus	Not Present
Portola Valley	Council Member Taylor	Present
Redwood City	Council Member Eakin	Present
San Bruno	Council Vice Chair Medina	Present
San Carlos	Council Member Dugan	Not Present
San Mateo	Council Member Newsom	Present
South San Francisco	Council Member Flores	Present
Woodside	Council Member Goeld	Present
County of San Mateo	Council Chair Slocum	Present

Attending Agency Representatives:

- Deputy County Executive Ely, County Executive's Office
- Director Dhapodkar, Department of Emergency Management
- Clerk of the Committee Jen, Department of Emergency Management
- Attorney Yep, County Attorney's Office
- Secretary of the Committee Mak, Department of Emergency Management
- Chief Thrasher, San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department

- II. Approval of the Agenda
 - Approved without objection
- III. Approval of the minutes
 - Approved without objection
- IV. Public Comments, Correspondence, Announcements
 - None
- V. San Mateo Consolidated Fire - Hazmat Program Presentation
 - Chief Thorne presented the overview of the Hazmat team operations, including decontamination procedures and future challenges.
 - Concerns were raised about company accountability in reporting chemicals and handling of hazardous materials. Chief Thorne clarified that the county oversees the process, and the data goes to the Fire Departments.
 - There were concerns about challenges with electronic car and electronic bike batteries. Chief Thorne responded that e-car and e-bike batteries are not as big a concern as they are strictly regulated by the cities. The bigger concerns are for small charging devices that can be easily purchased online.
- VI. ESC Proposed Budget FY24-25 Presentation
 - Director Dhapodkar presented the FY 24-25 proposed overall budget of approximately \$7M.
 - The overall FY 20-25 ESC-JPA Proposed Budget was approximately \$3.2M to \$3.3M, highlighting the budgetary trends in decrease in the budget for FY 23-24 primarily due to the cost savings from staffing vacancies, reduction due to radio costs, vehicle maintenance costs, information/technology costs, and the San Mateo Consolidated Fire Battalion Chief Contract.
 - As of April 2024, the Trust Fund Balance sets at \$1,345,754 and the estimated FY 24-25 beginning value is at \$1,145,754.
 - FY 24-25 recommended budget for adoption for the ESC-JPA is \$3.85M, reflecting the commitment to ESC-JPA's emergency preparedness planning, and the inclusion of ESC-JPA priority projects, such as the All-Hazard Evacuation Plan (AHEP) and Coastside Resilient Infrastructure Strategic Plan (CRISP).
 - The FY 24-25 recommended budget was unanimously approved.
- VII. Director's Report
 - Alert and Warning Update
 - Fire Liaison Blackman worked with different law agencies on upgrading vehicles with Hi-Lo sirens and led 2 evacuation drills on the Coastside with CalFire and the DEM.

- Over the last few months, extensive training has been conducted with every city, and each city now has access and the ability to use Veoci, a virtual emergency operations center software.
- The DEM has completed its continuity of operations planning for the County. All 29 County departments have been trained and a template has been created to be shared with the cities.
- The EMPG grant has been secured, and the DEM is working to secure the other EMPG and Local Hazard Mitigation Grants.

VIII. Members Report

- San Mateo would like to acknowledge the exceptional performance of the HazMat team who secured first place out of 22 teams during a three-day training in Levi Stadium.

IX. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.

X. Announcement of the next meeting: June 20th at 5:30 pm.