

**City of Redlands
Disaster Council
Minutes**

Monday, April 24, 2023
Redlands, CA 92373

Staff Present: Mayor Tejada
Fire Chief Sessler
Esther Martinez
Carrie Cruz
Community Members

A. Call to Order

- a. Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Mayor Tejada

B. Public Comment

- a. There were no public comments.

C. Introductions / Disaster Council Purpose

- a. Deputy Chief Sessler introduced himself and the speaker at this time.

D. Approval of Minutes

- a. Mayor approves the minutes of the January 23, 2023.

E. Old Business

- a. No follow-up items.

F. New Business – Presentation “Redlands Fire Department Emergency Management Update” by Emergency Operations Specialist Esther Martinez

- a. Esther spoke on the status of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The EOC has received a grant of \$750,000 for improvements. The improvements include various workspaces and technology. She mentioned what communications were being used to contact the community and what stations to listen to in case of a disaster. She spoke about what partnerships Emergency Management has in case of a disaster. The division has done over 15 community events just this year alone. The last she spoke about was the Community Emergency Response Team Training that the division held. Out of the 626 participants, 300 of them have been City of Redlands residents.
- b. Carrie Cruz, Emergency Services Coordinator gave an update on the status of San Bernardino County Office of Emergency Services. The county department had several job vacancies. Gave updates on the status of the Winter 2023 Blizzards and status of the county. She mentioned that before the blizzards, they were also dealing with a water main break in the communities of the high dessert. She mentioned that FEMA was at the county helping residents that were impacted by the winter storms.

G. Member Announcements (Roundtable)

- a. Currently there was none.

H. Possible agenda items for next meeting (?)

- a. No one gave any information for the next topic.

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I. Adjournment

- a.** The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

The next Disaster Council Meeting will be held on July 24, 2023