

**City of Redlands
Disaster Council
Minutes**

Monday, January 23, 2023
Redlands, CA 92373

Staff Present: Mayor Tejada
Fire Chief Sessler
Esther Martinez
Carrie Cruz
Jim Bueermann
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 April 24, 2022.

E. Old Business

- a. No follow-up items.

F. New Business – Presentation “Two-way Radios and Redlands’ Emergency Broadcast System” by Jim Bueermann, Ret. PD Chief

- a. Jim spoke on the importance of having radio communication during emergencies and disasters. Jim made a point to state that government help will take some time to arrive to help since the first responders have a way of prioritizing major incidents and disasters. There is an absolute necessity to communicate effectively in real-time to ensure situational awareness and safety. The Redlands Emergency Broadcast System is the mechanism by which City officials can communicate with people in Redlands. This system is a citizen-focused radio system facilitating community self-reliance.
- b. Jim showed the video that would explain how important radio communications are during disaster is. <https://youtu.be/aZiSC4sgKYw> Is the video.
- c. 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.
- d. Esther Martinez, Emergency Operations Specialist with Redlands Fire Department gave a quick brief of the community disaster preparedness program.

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 April 24, 2023