

**City of Redlands  
Disaster Council  
Minutes**

Monday, January 27, 2020  
City Council Chambers  
35 Cajon Street Suite #2  
Redlands, CA 92373

- A. Call to Order** (Mayor Paul W. Foster)
- a. Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance** (Mayor Paul W. Foster)
- C. Public Comment** (Mayor Paul W. Foster)
- a. *(At this time, the Disaster Council will provide an opportunity for the public to address them on any subject within the jurisdiction of the Committee that is not already scheduled on this agenda. Please Note: No general discussion of such items or action on such items may be taken by the Committee. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes.)*
  - b. Bob Snedaker addressed the council and offered the City Of Redlands and anyone on the council, if they wish to do so, to work on getting their agency staff disaster kits for a discounted price.
- D. Introductions / Disaster Council Purpose** (Chief Sessler, Interim Fire Chief)
- a. Chief Sessler welcomed everyone to the Disaster Council Meeting.
- E. Approval of Minutes** (Mayor Paul W. Foster)
- a. Motion to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2019 meeting: Minutes Approved
- F. Old Business**
- a. No Follow-up items (Mayor Paul W. Foster)
- G. New Business** – Presentation by Mark Cloud, Government Relations Manager, Southern California Edison, “Our Commitment to California: Keeping our communities safe from wildfires”
- a. The power company for the past 120 years has only supplied power. But with all that has gone on in recent time, the company is now getting involved in various different aspects, such as presentations of wildfires.
  - b. The company is making sure that all the systems are kept safe and reliable for the public.
  - c. California’s wildfire problem is serious and worsening.
    - i. Ten of the most destructive wildfires have happened since 2015
    - ii. About a quarter of our service area is located in high fire risk areas.
  - d. Inspections
    - i. In less than five months: crews completed detailed ground-based inspections of 400,000-plus distribution and transmission structures in high fire risk areas.

- ii. Deploying helicopters and drones equipped with infrared, ultraviolet, LiDAR and HD image scanning to perform aerial inspections of our facilities in high fire risk areas.
- e. High-Tech Cameras
  - i. High-tech cameras help monitor potential wildfires in real time
  - ii. By 2020, we will install up to 160 cameras, providing 90% coverage of high fire risk areas.
- f. Weather Stations
  - i. Technology that provides real-time weather forecasting in high fire risk areas.
  - ii. Installing 850 weather stations by the end of 2020 as part of our wildfire mitigation program.
- g. Covered Conductor
  - i. Insulated wires help reduce wildfire risk.
  - ii. Installing 600 circuit miles of the insulated wire by 2020.
- h. Vegetation Management
  - i. Hazard tree removal (beyond traditional trim zone).
  - ii. 20-plus in-house certified arborists.
  - iii. 500-plus vegetation management crews, totaling nearly 1,000 workers.
  - iv. 900,000 trees inspected annually; 400,000 trees in high fire risk areas.
  - v. 700,000 pruned per year.
  - vi. Vegetation removal at poles.
  - vii. LiDAR surveying.
- i. Talking With Our Communities
  - i. More than 30 community meetings held in high fire risk areas.
  - ii. Meetings scheduled with 120 cities, counties and tribal governments.
  - iii. Statewide advertising campaign in market educating customers about preparing for power shutoffs.
  - iv. Letters communicating potential power shutoffs planned for all customers in service territory.
- j. Public Safety Power Shutoff
  - i. De-energizing power lines to prevent ignitions.
  - ii. Used during elevated fire conditions.
  - iii. Primarily impacts circuits in high fire risk areas.
- k. PSPS Ideal Timeline
  - i. 4-7 DAYS AHEAD
    - 1. Forecast Weather & Fire Conditions.
  - ii. 3 DAYS AHEAD
    - 1. SCE Incident Management Team on Alert.
    - 2. County Operational Areas informed of potential activation.

- iii. 2 DAYS AHEAD
  - 1. SCE Incident Management Team Activated.
  - 2. 1st Notification PSPS Possible sent to agencies and customers.
- iv. 1 DAY AHEAD
  - 1. 2nd Notification PSPS Possible.
- v. POWER SHUTOFF
  - 1. 3rd Notification Power Shutoff.
- vi. POWER RESTORATION
  - 1. 4th Notification Power Restored After Inspection.
- 1. Useful Websites:
  - i. Update Account Information [www.sce.com/psps](http://www.sce.com/psps)
  - ii. Information on SCE Wildfire Management Plan [www.sce.com/wildfire](http://www.sce.com/wildfire)
  - iii. Twitter - @sce
  - iv. Facebook – [www.facebook.com/sce](http://www.facebook.com/sce)
  - v. Fire Cameras- [www.alertwildfire.org](http://www.alertwildfire.org)
  - vi. Weather Stations – mesowest.utah.edu
  - vii. CPUC Wildfire Maps Information - [www.cpuc.ca.gov/wildfiresinfo/](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/wildfiresinfo/)
  - viii. Red Cross Emergency Preparedness
    - 1. [www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies.html](http://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies.html)
  - ix. FEMA Emergency Preparedness – [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)
  - x. Mark Cloud responded to power the medical devices in case of power outages. There is a link to apply and make aware of residents medical devices to Southern California Edison. Residents are encouraged to apply for the Medical Baseline program if they have any medical devices in their home.
    - 1. Link to our Medical Baseline program:  
<https://www.sce.com/residential/assistance/medical-baseline>

## **H. Agency Announcement**

- a. Esther Martinez, Emergency Operations Specialist
  - i. Emergency Alert systems to sign up for:
    - 1. Redlands Emergency Notification System
      - a. <https://redlands.onthealert.com/>
    - 2. San Bernardino County Telephone Emergency Notification System
      - a. <http://www.sbcounty.gov/SBCFire/TENS/TENSContact.aspx>

## **I. Member Announcements (Roundtable)**

- a. Is there any concerns with Corona Virus having any impact in our city at the time being?
  - i. At this time, San Bernardino County Public Health has not made any recommendations that may impact our city.

- ii. The Fire Department has been monitoring the situation and has reached out to staff to collaborate and monitor the situation to prepare with Personal Protective Equipment.

**J. Possible agenda items for next meeting (?)**

- a. Cyber Security and what is the city doing to prevent it.

**K. Adjournment**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

The next Disaster Council Meeting will be held on April 27, 2020