

MINUTES of a regular meeting of the City of Redlands Disaster Council held on Monday, October 26, 2015, in the City Council Chambers, 35 Cajon Street, Suite 2, Redlands, CA 92373

Meeting called to order at 4:05 p.m.
Pledge of allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

INTRODUCTIONS:

No introductions were given.
Fay Glass welcomed everyone to the Disaster Council Meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes by Gloria Durgin
Motion seconded by Keith Kasin

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Presentation by Jimmy Taeger, Meteorologist of the National Weather Service, San Diego, CA.

El Nino and the 2015/2016 Winter Weather Outlook was the topic. Jimmy Taeger gave a Power Point presentation on the aspects of El Nino.

What is El Nino: Explanation of how El Nino is created by increasing water temperatures. It was explained that this could be the biggest El Nino on record due to the vast temperature spike in the Pacific Ocean.

The El Nino Forecast: Definitions were given and explained. Weak/Moderate/Strong and this year is forecast to be Strong through Winter 2015/2016 (Dec. Jan. Feb.) and weaken into Spring, 2016.

How will El Nino affect the CONUS (Continental United States)? Mr. Taeger spoke about how El Nino travels the Southern Route of the US and effects those States with higher than average precipitation and how this causes a dryer than average Northern States precipitation. The largest El Nino storm systems are expected in February and March of 2016. In February and March 2016 could possibly be the largest amount of rain fall also.

The Winter Weather Outlook. California will more than likely remain in a drought after El Nino season is over. Mr. Taeger gave website weather.gov/sandiego as a reference to check California's drought status.

INWS (Innovations of the National Weather Service): It was explained that INWS is an app for cellular phones to receive alerts from The National Weather Service on weather conditions.

How to help prevent flooding: Mr. Taeger explained that storm drains and rain gutters should be cleaned out soon to aide in flood control. He also advised to be aware of your surroundings while driving as to not get caught up in a flood area.

Action Plan: Having an action plan for you and your family was strongly advised by Mr. Taeger.

Home Owner Insurance: Mr. Taeger suggested that home owners call their insurance company and go over what coverage they have now and to increase or add what would be needed to repair or reconstruct the home if something were to happen to the home.

2. Fay Glass spoke on the City of Redlands preparedness for El Nino and on the May 15, 2015 Flood Working Group forming an El Nino safety plan. A brief overview of the Flood Safety Plan was given. Fay encouraged the planning of sandbagging and not waiting for a problem to arise. Fay advised that there is to be a Sandbag Class in December 2015. Fay also advised that the City of Redlands has an Emergency Notification System, ENS, and had handouts available to take and read.

<http://cityofredlands.org/register>

3. Chief Frazier gave a brief overview on the preparedness of Fire Fighters in flood rescue. Chief Frazier advised the public to use caution this Winter.
4. San Bernardino County representative Carrie Cruz advised that the County's number one priority is El Nino preparedness. There are public meetings on El Nino as flows:

High Desert,	October 28, 2015	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Low Desert,	November 7, 2015	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Rancho Cucamonga,	November 12, 2015	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Carrie also advised that there is a Cost Recovery Workshop on November 10, 2015 and the County has a Telephone Emergency Notice System (TENS), which the public can subscribe to.

<http://www.sbcounty.gov/SBCFire/TENS/TENSContact.aspx>

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Homeowners community located at Pioneer/Orange are ramping up their emergency preparedness within their community by receiving donations from their residents of tools, and other donation to assist them during an emergency or disaster. These items are kept in a locked shed on the premises.
2. Keith Kasin announced that on the first Saturday of every month at Plymouth Village there is free testing for HAM Radio Operators License starting at 8:30 a.m. The date of the next test is November 7, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Next Disaster Council Meeting is January 25, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.