

TEM TASK FORCE MEETING
January 18th, 2017 10:00am to 12:00pm

MEETING MINUTES

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In attendance:

Scott Ferguson
James Grasso
Maria Grycan
Timothy Lippman
Arthur Nissman

Susan Nissman
Tam Taylor
Stacy Sledge
Fiona Nagle
Tim Pershing

Ryan Ulyate
Anthony Williams
Joe Young

- I. James Grasso called the meeting to order at 10am and introductions were made.
- II. The Mission Statement was read by Scott Ferguson.
- III. Public Comments
 - A. Tim Pershing from Assemblymember Bloom's office spoke about federal leveling funding, with federal support uncertain. The Governor's office will be conservative with the State budget. Tim is available to discuss.
- IV. Minutes from the September 21, 2016 meeting were approved with minor corrections.
- V. Issues and Reports
 - A. 69Bravo
 - a. Timothy Lippman announced the Fire Department periodically reviews disaster response issues involving land acquisitions and other assets, and that Supervisor Sheila Kuehl has requested a report regarding 69 Bravo and Camp 8. A consultant is expected to have the report by March 2017.
 - b. Kim Lamorie supports retaining 69 Bravo, saying resource protection is better having that property as an asset. She stated incidents where immediate and local water access from 69 Bravo in recent Calabasas fires was critical to keeping the fires to a minimum.
 - c. Susan Nissman stated keeping and/or using 69 Bravo and Camp 8 should not be an 'either/or' situation and that technical data is essential to the report. Study should include priority of life, property, and wildland and wildlife protection.
 - d. Simon T, property owner of 69 Bravo gave a summary of his 34-acre tract citing its assets have been used by the LACFD since 2010 to fight fires in the Santa Monica Mountains. He quoted statistics showing that obtaining water from 69 Bravo was at a ratio of 4:1 faster than from using outside resources. Simon's would prefer the property be available as a fire asset rather than sell to a private owner, and needs resolution soon.
 - e. Assistant Chief Williams and Maria Grycan said there is a phone application, 'Helispots', that shows all area helicopter pads available for emergencies. She mentioned neither Camp 8 nor 69 Bravo are community safe areas (PSR).
 - B. Survival Guide Update
 - a. The Executive Office has received seven bids to print 4,000 pieces of the Topanga Survival Guide 2nd edition, ranging from \$24,000 to \$45,000. Timothy Lippman will re-confirm

the bidding specs so bidders have uniformity of printing and mailing cost guidelines. The guide is expected to hit mailboxes in February and is presently over-budget.

- b. Stacy Sledge and James Grasso will set a meeting with the Postmaster to ensure all neighborhoods receive the guide.
- c. Marketing strategies were discussed and it was decided the communications subcommittee meet to outline a plan and uniform messaging.

C. Future Emergency Exercise

- a. Maria Grycan said the Fire Department may do some type of wildfire scenario as an 'Operational Drill' on May 6, 2017 involving Malibu, Calabasas, Topanga, and possibly other surrounding areas. Topanga could be involved by doing an exercise/quiz/workbook. An Alert LA notification can go to Topanga residents and businesses asking them to respond during or after the event. The school will continue to do their annual exercise or drill. There was discussion on a developing a quiz that involves a "preparedness score" whereby residents and businesses would rate themselves on the various levels of their personal preparedness. The scores could be communicated back to the County in some form or fashion. Responses could also be collected about the new Survival Guide and resource contacts could be reinforced to Topangans.
- b. Ryan Ulyate suggested that businesses be included in the May 6th exercise, especially Topanga's event locations, sober living facilities and air B&B's, as they pose a tremendous threat during a real evacuation. Several ideas were discussed on reaching a reluctant business community (workshops, meetings, workbook, alert signups, short questionnaire from the 2016 evacuations).
- c. Stacy Sledge will ask if the fire department can be a part of and do presentation along with TTC at the March 9th Chamber of Commerce Morning Mixer.
- d. Susan Nissman suggested the Neighborhood Networks continue meetings throughout the year promoting: the May 6th event, alert sign-ups, family plans, shut off valves and exchanging contact info. James Grasso mentioned that TCEP has two Neighborhood Network meetings scheduled this month to train their NN coordinators.
- e. National Wildfire Preparedness Day is also on May 6, 2017 and could be held in conjunction with. Stacy Sledge offered the Town Council to again apply for their grant.
- f. Mark Winn mentioned that any future real-time evacuations should have a roadblock at Santa Maria and Mulholland.

VI. Announcements

- A. LACFD said they were getting more requests for ceremonial fires, which are one-day permits. They said Fire Station 69 has just received more sand and bags in anticipation of the upcoming rains. Station 70 also has sand and bags, and pre-filled bags can be found at the entrance of Zuma (limited number per person).
- B. Tam Taylor of Canyon Sages announced their upcoming electronic-use instruction class that will be held on February 23rd at the Library. It will help seniors use emergency applications on their phones and social media resources.
- C. Joe Young, DPW Roads Division said he is available by phone call or text for road closure issues and can be reached at 213-348-6448, ext. 233.
- D. The next TEMTF meeting will be on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 from 10:00a to 12:00p at the Topanga Library.

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 12:25p.