

## Topanga Canyon Emergency Management Planning

### Work Group Meeting Notes August 16, 2006

In attendance:

<b>Recovery Committee</b>	<b>Pet/Small Animal Evacuation</b>	<b>Prevention Methods</b>	<b>Hard-to-Reach Populations</b>
Mark Carney	Abigail Bok	Jack MacNeil	Michele Johnson
Brad Davis	Stacey Sledge	Susan Nissman	Phil Brooks
Marge Santos	Mary Lukins	Walt Young	Ray Abramian
Soheila Kalhor	Andrea Makshanoff	James Grasso	
Danny Knittle	Julie Rosa	Rick Langlotz	
<b>Other</b>			
Stephen Bylin	Neil Shaw		
Peggy Edwards			

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#### RECOVERY COMMITTEE BREAK OUT MEETING

The Committee has divided their planning into “immediate,” “short term” (2 days to 2 weeks), and “long term” (after 2 weeks) after a disaster. Planned actions for “immediate” include a punch out wallet card with immediate phone numbers, e.g. 911, 211, etc. This card could be mailed in the water bill. It could also have Red Flag Day alert information (see Prevention Methods report).

The Committee will also develop an insert for the Survival Guide to include tips about having insurance and other financial information available, information on where to find evacuated animals, and all phone numbers necessary for the Recovery Phase. In addition, this insert or a separate brochure should include more information about mental health resources, business recovery, and “what happens when the disaster workers leave?”

The Committee also discussed establishing meeting sites in the Canyon with community bulletin boards.

Susan Nissman suggested the group review the Post-Fire Watershed Recovery Task Force as a mechanism to activate in Recovery.

#### HARD-TO-REACH POPULATIONS BREAK OUT MEETING

## PET/SMALL ANIMAL EVALUATION BREAK OUT MEETING

Abigail Bok drafted a brochure that will be distributed to residents. In addition, they will develop an insert for page 24 of the Survival Guide to include some of the information in the brochure including resources, the survival pyramid for animal evacuation, and an “after the disaster” section.

The Committee also discussed asking feed stores and vet offices to put up displays of appropriate supplies and equipment for pet evacuation.

Susan Nissman distributed a draft Board of Supervisors motion to support the various pieces of legislation requiring that all disaster planning groups include animals in their plans.

## PREVENTION METHODS BREAK OUT MEETING

There has been much discussion about brush clearance process and the glitches associated with it. The Committee wants to create an SOP for the Fire Dept. and County Counsel so everyone is on the same page. Some residents have not had an inspection in many years. The Committee feels there should be a clear process for accountability. While there is an SOP for properties that are out of compliance, there is a concern that some people are willing to just take the hit of an assessment on their unimproved properties and let the County clear their brush. The Committee wants to find out how the SOP is working in Topanga Canyon.

There was some discussion about prescribed burning as a prevention method and Rick Langlotz, Prescribed Burning Officer, has joined this Committee.

Some Malibu residents are receiving matching funding to clear eucalyptus trees. Walt Young and Susan Nissman will research this.

## EMERGENCY STORAGE

Jack MacNeil announced that Building & Safety has concurred that the emergency storage shed his Committee is designing will not require a building permit due to its small size. Susan Nissman will present this to the Steering Committee to determine the next steps.