

**Los Osos Community Services District  
Minutes of the Emergency Services Advisory Committee Meeting  
November 29, 2018 at 12:30 p.m. at the District Office**

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW-UP
<b>1. Call to Order, Flag Salute and Roll Call</b>	<p>Chairperson Milledge called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m. and Administrative Clerk Brand led the flag salute.</p> <p><u>Roll Call:</u>            Craig Baltimore – Arrived at 12:33 p.m.            Emily Miggins – Absent            Bob Neumann, Present            Gary Orback – Present            Warren Sargent – Present            Chairperson Milledge - Present</p> <p><u>Staff:</u>            Renee Osborne, General Manager            Greg Alex, Battalion Chief            Marti Brand, Administrative Clerk</p>	
<b>2. Review of Weed Abatement Ordinance</b>	<p>Director Ochylski provided a summary of a report as attached to the agenda packet reporting that the Ad Hoc Committee is Committee recommendation to the Board to create a District ordinance for vacant parcels needing weed abatement; the ordinance would be applied when weed abatement is not being done by property owners and would not apply to developed parcels or developed areas around the District; that Federal jurisdiction overrides local ordinances including compliance with U.S. Fish and Wildlife exemptions; and, that our District ordinance would preempt the County process.</p> <p>Public Comment – Steve Best voiced his concerns regarding the jurisdiction areas noted in the San Simeon ordinance. He supports access with multipurpose walkways for fire equipment and fire personnel access.</p> <p>Director Ochylski responded that our power is within our Fire District boundaries which our coterminous of our District boundaries.</p> <p><b>Committee Member Baltimore moved that the Committee recommend that the Board move forward with the Weed Abatement Ordinance including the updated language pertinent to Los Osos. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Orback and carried by unanimous consent.</b></p>	<b>Action: The Committee recommended that the Board move forward with the Weed Abatement Ordinance as amended.</b>
<b>3. Presentation Regarding the SLO County Sheriff's Role in the Community as Emergency Providers</b>	<p>Sheriff Sergeant Nicholson reported on the role of the Sheriff's staff in a natural disaster reporting that Los Osos has a full Emergency Operation Center at the Watch Commander Headquarters; that in an emergency the Emergency Alert System (EAS) would instruct the public and field deputies conducting evacuations. He reported that fires less than two hours away require mandatory evacuations and that these alerts will be done with EAS systems and Sheriff staff, sirens, PA systems, and door-to-door evacuation notifications.</p> <p>Public Comment – Steve Best commented that a Sheriff Auxiliary Volunteer Program could aid in the reporting thefts, notifications, and helping the homeless.</p>	<b>Action: No action required.</b>
<b>4. Approve ESAC Minutes of July 24, 2018</b>	<p>Administrative Clerk Brand presented the minutes for Committee approval.</p> <p>Committee Member Sargent requested a correction in Item 10 that "growth" should be changed to "grow".</p> <p>Public Comment – None</p> <p><b>Committee Member Orback moved to approve the meeting minutes of July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as amended. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Neumann and carried by unanimous consent.</b></p>	<b>Action: File approved minutes as amended.</b>

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<b>5. Discussion Regarding Ready, Set, Go! Program</b>	<p>Battalion Chief Alex provided an introduction for the program submitted with the agenda packet and provided three guides entitled, “Ready, Set, Go!” He reported that the “READY” guide is creating defensible space and hardening your home against wildfire; the “SET” guide develops a Wildfire Action Plan; the “GO” guide is a quick-reference evacuation guide.</p> <p>Public Comment – Linde Owen commented that she would like direction for community members from Cal Fire on where to go in the event of a fire and possible safe zones.</p> <p>Steve Best commented that Grace Norris manages the Auxiliary Volunteer Program with training from CERT that could assist in emergency events.</p> <p>Chief Alex responded that Fire defers to field deputies from the Sheriff Department in a natural disaster as reported and that each fire is different.</p> <p><b>Committee Member Baltimore made a motion to recommend to the Board support the READY, SET, GO and CERT programs and recommend a presentation at the January Board. Committee Member Neumann seconded the motion and carried by unanimous consent.</b></p>	<b>Action:</b> The Committee recommended that the Board support the READY, SET, GO and CERT programs and recommend a presentation at the January Board. Committee Member Neumann seconded the motion and carried by unanimous consent.
<b>6. Update Regarding Fire Safe Council Grant</b>	<p>Battalion Chief Alex provided a brief review of the item submitted with the agenda packet. He reported that the Fire Safe Council is working with Tom Wright to prioritize funds that best fit the projects; that in 2017/2018 Los Osos Cabrillo Estates was allocated six days at \$5,400 per day; and, that Cal Fire is receiving a new masticator for fuel reduction. He reported that Bayview Heights and Monarch Grove will conduct three days of primitive clearances as part of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) and Cal Fire will participate in the 2018/2019 community chipping event.</p> <p>Public Comment – Linde Owen commented that duff from Eucalyptus trees makes these trees flammable and supported seeking grants for this potential project and the use of a volunteer crews for its removal.</p> <p>Steve Best asked if Clark Valley Road was a public access road in the event Los Osos Valley Road becomes blocked.</p> <p>Battalion Chief Alex responded to Linde Owen that there are difficulties in securing property owner’s permission; that regarding volunteers there are potential liabilities involved; and responded to Steve Best that Clark Valley Road can be used in an emergency.</p>	<b>Action:</b> No action.
<b>7. Review and Discussion Regarding Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)</b>	<p>Battalion Chief Alex provided a brief review of the items submitted with the agenda packet reporting that the CWPP is working with many agencies that prioritize fuel reduction, fire education with the stakeholders. He reported that CWPP sets a five-year plan to mitigate fire hazards and that our goal is to develop a long-range plan for the County that will qualify for both State and Federal grants.</p> <p>Public Comment – None</p>	<b>Action:</b> No action.
<b>8. Public Comments on the items NOT on this Agenda:</b>	<p>Linde Owen addressed concerns regarding evacuation plans in Los Osos regarding fire safety and voiced her support for eucalyptus groves.</p> <p>Steve Best commented on recent fires in California and supported defensible spaces in the community and multipurpose trails for fire equipment.</p>	
<b>9. Schedule Next ESAC Meeting</b>	<p>General Manager Osborne reported that no meeting is scheduled at this time.</p>	

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<b>10. Closing Comments by ESAC Committee Members</b>	Committee Member Orback expressed his appreciation for Chief Alex's serious commitment to the District and its fire safety.	
<b>11. Adjournment</b>	The meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.	