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**Riverside County Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster
Thursday, August 1, 2019
Beaumont Civic Center
550 E. Sixth Street**

Facilitator(s): Carol Crouch, Chair and Mario Janesin, Treasurer

Meeting Called to order at: 10:05 am

Welcome and self-introductions by meeting attendees

Present: Eric Cadden-EMD, Bob Yturralde-Team Rubicon, Dennis Rice-Solera EPAP-Passcom, Dave Cochrane-Southern Baptist Convention, Kevin White-Red Cross, Greg Crouch-Jurupa Valley Citizens Corp

On ZOOM: Charles Craig-FEMA Region IX, Jessica Byrnes-Riv Co DPSS, Dr, Rosario Carrillo-Coachella Valley Disaster Preparedness Network

Approval of minutes: Mario motioned Greg Crouch Seconded-Approved

Treasurer Report: VOAD balance is at \$2953.09

Purchase of \$149.90 Annual ZOOM system Pro

New Website in development

Vacant Board positions: Secretary still needed. Bob Yturralde will become the Vice Chair.

Old Business:

- *Mario Janesin met with Marilyn Castaneda for help to send an email to VOAD contacts from Constant Contact. Mario sent the last four notices. Very weak response rate from email notices. Only a 33% open rate. Only four responses to an email asking for updated contact info. In response to the 7.1 earthquake, it is a priority to receive updated contact information from our member and partner agencies.*
- *VOAD needs to be separate from the EMD. Jennifer Smith notified Carol and Mario that her responsibilities will be outside of VOAD and focused on DAFN. She will still continue to work closely with the VOAD.*
- *Ron, Lutheran Church, motioned to purchase Zoom for \$150.00 for one year. Motion was seconded by Mr. Crouch. All in favor, motion approved. ZOOM was utilized for this meeting. Three people participated via ZOOM. Two via phone and one via video. All participants were very pleased with the systems ease of use, sound, and video quality. The participants in the room were also very pleased with the ZOOM system and will use it when they can't make it to Beaumont.*
- *Mr. Crouch motioned to designate up to \$1,000.00 to create a new VOAD website. Motion was seconded by Mike. All in favor, motion approved. Website was previewed at the meeting. More contact information is needed before going LIVE.*
- *The meeting months have been changed from odd numbered months to even number months, beginning with August 1, October 3, and December 5.*
- *EMD to be interim secretary. Changed. Meeting was recorded.*
- *Ron, Lutheran Church, will give a presentation in December. Carol will follow up.*

New Business:

- Website is close to ready. Will be notified when live. www.riversidecountyvoad.org
- National Night Out-Community Event drawing the community out to meet their First Responders and gather for information booths on a variety of subjects related to public safety and emergency preparedness, get to know your neighbors, services, and local officials. Contact your local law enforcement for dates and times.
- September-Emergency Preparedness Month-Ready Riverside is on Saturday September 21 in Riverside at the Tyler Mall Galleria from 10-3. Assemblywoman Sabrina Cervantes office is hosting an event at the Corona Public Library of Saturday September 7 from 9-12. Mario will be attending both events. Please let us know of any other events.
- Eric Cadden-Sign up for Reverse 911 system. Sign up with your landline and your cell. The alerts have been upgraded to cover many alerts including major traffic alerts. Go to RivCoReady.gov. Simple link to register. Info not shared.
- Listos-Jose Contreras from EMD is working on a Listos program in the Coachella Valley. His contact info is JContreras@rivco.org Cell-760-501-6963.

Agency Updates:

EMD: Eric Cadden-Emergency Management Program Supervisor-Hired a new District 5 Supervisor Justin Gardner. Disaster Corp Response Team will be under Operations along with Jennifer's group that will handle recruiting, background checks and processing and we will be overseeing the volunteers groups for deployment and other needs. We need more volunteers trained to attend outreach preparedness events, CERT classes, and disaster response training. There is still potential for a disaster in the Mecca region with ongoing monsoon flooding and winds.

Red Cross: Kevin White-Salvation Army Assistant Emergency Disaster Services Director- This is my third day in my new position here in Riverside. I coordinated disaster response in Orange County. Nicholas Minh Nguyen is the Emergency Disaster Services Director. We cover all of Southern California. Nick handles San Diego to San Luis Obispo with lots of VOADs to cover and I'm responsible for overseeing San Bernardino, Riverside, and Orange Counties. One of my goals that we've set forward is to make sure we have good linkage with our local Salvation Army's in Riverside and San Bernardino those that have the mobile feeding units also have the proper training. I would like to have our local Salvation Army people come to these meetings with me and get involved.

Southern Baptist Convention: Dave Cochran-SBC was activated to Trona for shower units and Disaster Spiritual Care. The shower units were greatly appreciated.

Team Rubicon: Bob Yturralde- City Administrator Palm Springs/Riverside County-Lake Elsinore cleanup that we started in February. We are trying to get that finished but the earthquake set us back a bit. We were in Trona for a week. We have hooked up with Southern Baptist in Lake Elsinore with some heavy equipment and it looks like we should be done about the 12th of this month. Home Depot is also going to assist us.

Community Access Center: Mario Janesin-Community Access and Disability Center-Each year I receive a grant from the EMD that allows me to purchase Emergency Evacuation Kits and color printed materials. This year I had printed the FEMA Booklet-Prepare for Emergencies Now: Information for People with Disabilities. I received a Microsoft Publisher file from the Los Angeles Office of Emergency services two years ago that was 8 1/2 x 11 with 16 point type reprinted version of the FEMA brochure. FEMA is no longer printing new materials and exhausting their inventory. Materials are available online at www.Ready.gov

Jurupa Citizens Corps: Carol and Greg Crouch-We meet at the Jurupa Valley City Hall on the 4th Tuesday of each month. This month we will be reviewing how we triage. We do this once or twice a year. We practice

because you're in a position where you have to make some hard and fast decisions based on person symptoms. September we're looking to have a table with a display and information at one of our City Council meetings for those that attend.

Solera EPAP/VOAD Website-Dennis Rice-We are working at Solera to get our program a bit more robust. Right now we have emergency preparedness education primary to make sure our residents can be self-sufficient during an emergency. We have a lot of CERT trained residents but the problem is without an organized group and refresher classes every once in a while it is hard to keep a CERT program vibrant. We are meeting later with the Todd Hopkins from CalFire to talk about some training. Solera also has a very good Amateur radio group.

FEMA: Charles Craig FEMA Region IX-Covers California, Nevada, Arizona, Hawaii and the Territories in the Pacific Ocean. My function with FEMA is to work with Voluntary Agencies and so normally I work with local VAODs because they are made of voluntary organizations. I work with National VOAD, State VOADs, and Local VOADs. California has a SoCal VOAD and NorCal VOAD. I'm based in Oakland and not able to make it to county VOAD meetings so I'm really excited about this use of technology that allows me to participate. I hope you continue to use it, it's great and I'd like to talk to someone about using it for other VOADs around the State.

DPSS: Jessica Byrnes (Nancy Chung)-We are over the DPSS Mass Care program. First time caller, first time attending a meeting.

CVDPN: Dr. Rosario Carrillo-Tony Ferrara Board President-The Mission of CVDPN is to prepare citizens of the Coachella Valley for catastrophic events by providing training, education, and networking opportunities. CVDPN envisions all communities in the Coachella Valley becoming cohesive, self-sufficient entities that are prepared to meet the challenges of major disasters, both natural and human-caused. They host events on emergency preparedness, the most recent being in June where a panel of experts from the local utility companies as what to do in an emergency. Approximately forty people attended. They often hold these events at the Rap Foundation building in Palm Desert at 41550 Eclectic St.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:08 am

The next VOAD meeting is Thursday, October 3rd, 2019 at 10:00AM at the
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