

**Town of Fairfax  
Citizens Disaster Council**

**Friday, April 18, 2008  
10:00 a.m.  
Youth Center  
16 Park Road**

**Minutes**

In attendance: Mary Ann Maggiore, Mayor; Michael Rock, Town Manager; Maria Baird, Community Resources Coordinator; Roger Meagor, Ross Valley Fire Chief; Gail Weimann, Fairfax Library, Bruce Stahley, OES, Jon Marchant, Paula Schulz, Natural Hazards Mitigation

Mayor Maggiore convened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. The March 14<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved.

1. **Board Member Reports**-Paula Schultz reported on the Draft Flood Mitigation Plan. The majority of the comments submitted by the Disaster Council were on Section 4. The following clarifications were made: The Town activates the siren system, as well as operates and maintains the system. The Fire Department oversees the creek gauge. The County's Office of Emergency Services activates the TENS system, based on the National Weather System, or if requested to do so by towns in the Ross Valley. The Police Department activates the MEANS system.

Some discussion followed on whether to include sections on non-profits such as the Salvation Army. They will be included if they offer direct services to the public during a disaster. If they offer indirect benefits, they will be listed under an umbrella of non-profit agencies.

Paula will submit the revised draft flood mitigation plan to the Town by April 25<sup>th</sup> in a PDF format, so it can be made available to the public on the Town's website by May 1<sup>st</sup>. The public comment period will run until June 4, 2008, at which point the Town Council will hear public comment on the document. Paula will contact State OES to provide a courtesy review. FEMA is running 4-5 months behind schedule in the review of flood plans. Once FEMA approves the Plan, it can be formally adopted by the Town Council. There will be two public hearing opportunities: May 21<sup>st</sup> Council meeting and the June 4<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Paula will prepare 10 copies of the Plan for distribution to Town Council members and circulation copies for Town Hall and the library.

**ACTION ITEM: A motion was that the Disaster Council follow Paula's recommendations in the Town's Draft Flood Mitigation Plan; Bruce approved, Jon seconded.**

**2. CERT Update and Get Ready Program**-Roger reported via Craig the next CERT training will be May 8, 10 & 17<sup>th</sup>, using the three day format. The "Get Ready" program has held 4 classes this last month, training 60 students.

**3. Update on magnets to inform residents of emergency preparations**- Maria submitted an updated draft incorporating the Disaster Council comments. She will work with Mary Ann and Michael to finalize the project by the summer for distribution of the magnets at the Fairfax Festival.

**4. County of Marin Disaster Council update**-Bruce reported that the Grand Jury recently approved a new Public Safety Building across from the Civic Center. Construction will begin in 2010. Other news: The FCC passed an agreement to require cell phone carriers to alert callers by sending text messages in the event of a disaster.

**5. Aerial spraying for light brown apple moth**-Mary Ann announced that Councilmember Larry Bragman had met with Agricultural Secretary Larry Kawamura regarding Fairfax's opposition to spraying in Marin County. The Town of Fairfax has passed a resolution along with 15 other cities in Marin to prohibit aerial spraying, which contains pheromones. Following spraying in Santa Cruz County, there were 200 incidents reported to people requiring medical attention. The communities that the State plans to spray include: Tiburon, Belvedere, Larkspur, and parts of San Rafael. The Disaster Council will request the Public Health Director or Deputy Director of Marin County address the issue at a future meeting.

**6. Next Meeting Date**-scheduled for Friday, June 6th at 10:00 a.m.