

**Town of Fairfax
Citizens Disaster Council**

**Thursday, October 4, 2007
4:00 p.m.
Fairfax Library
2097 Sir Francis Drake Blvd.**

Minutes

In attendance: Linda Kelly, Town Manager; Maria Baird, Community Resources Coordinator; Craig Carroll, Ross Valley Fire Dept; Brian McCarthy, Ross Valley Fire Dept.; Helena Drumm, Ross Valley Fire Dept; Gail Weimann, Fairfax Library; Paula Schultz, Natural Hazards Mitigation

Linda Kelly convened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. The August 28th minutes were approved.

1. **CERT Update & Get Ready Program**-Craig Carroll announced that the Get Ready program kicked off this week with a massive, county-wide effort. Banners and signs are up throughout Marin, in various cities. Craig held the first of the "Train the Trainer" workshops at the Women's Club that resulted in 7 or 8 attendees. A second training at the Sleepy Hollow Clubhouse brought in 21 participants. The joint partnership with Fairfax Lumber resulted in 250 people attending a barbeque on September 29th promoting the "Get Ready" program. The official website is www.getreadyrossvalley.org; phone number is 257-0809. The next "Train the Trainer" is on Thursday, October 18th. The next CERT training is scheduled for October 20th & October 27th.

2. **Update on Town's Flood Mitigation planning activities**-Linda announced there would be a workshop held by Matt Smeltzer, Fluvial Geomorphologist, on Saturday, November 10th from 10 a.m.-12 noon at the Women's Club. She distributed a flyer on the topic.

Paula spoke on the results of the flood survey. There were 18 responses. The main issues on stream & culverts were: cleaning & improving drainage, providing emergency services, enhancing streams & creeks; inadequate storm drain systems.

Maria will forward an electronic version of the draft Flood Mitigation Plan to the Volunteer Board, Park & Rec, and General Plan Advisory Committee for their review and input. The next public hearing will be the end of November.

FEMA updated their flood insurance study. There are extra points for Community Rating System (CRS) ratings. Points and credits are given for activities that include mapping & hydrologic studies and related efforts.

Another issue was addressing repetitive loss properties, which is defined as two incidents within a 10 year period. There are 170 residential & commercial properties with flood insurance in Fairfax, as identified by the NFIP.

3. **Installation of the two remaining emergency warning sirens-** Linda announced the second siren will be installed at 2525 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. The pole and installation is being donated by PG & E. Since a third site is yet to be determined, and is being met with concerns, a Cascade Canyon neighborhood workshop will be held on Wed., October 24th at the Women's Club at 7:00 p.m.
4. **Volunteer activities-** Maria announced that Creek Clean-up was scheduled for Sunday, October 14th from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Volunteers will meet at the Youth Center, and then disperse to areas of the creek that need attention. She distributed a postcard on the event.
5. **Next Meeting Date-** scheduled for Friday, December 7th at 10:00 a.m., 16 Park Road.