

**Town of Fairfax
Citizens Disaster Council**

**Monday, October 16, 2006
6-8:30 p.m.
Women's Club
46 Park Road**

Minutes

In attendance: Mayor Susan Brandborg, Linda Kelly, Town Manager, Maria Baird, Community Resources Coordinator, Cynthia Powell, Police Department Roger Meagor, Craig Carroll, Ross Valley Fire Department, Gail Wiemann, Fairfax Library, Jon Marchant, Tessa Burns, Red Cross

Mayor Brandborg convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. The September 21st minutes were approved.

1. Creek Clean-up-Maria announced this event was scheduled by the Fairfax Volunteers for October 22nd. She mentioned it had been cancelled last year in San Anselmo, due to high levels of bacteria (E.coli) in the water. There was a recommendation that the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program test the water prior to the event. Maria will coordinate this.
2. Update on Ross Valley Watershed Group-efforts to reduce future flooding risk-Linda announced that MIG had made a presentation to the Council regarding the Town of Fairfax joining Flood Zone 9, something the Town had opted out of 20 years ago. Flood control efforts could be supported by a tax, and a measure will be put on the ballot in March or June of 2007. A recent survey showed residents would pay \$100-\$180 per year for this service. They hope to collect \$2 million a year to pay for improvements such as shoring up the creek banks, helping the conveyance of the water, etc. A public meeting will be held on this topic on Saturday, October 21st at 9:30 a.m. at Drake High School.
3. Upcoming CERT training classes:
Craig announced the October 28th & November 4th class being held at College of Marin is full. He has 5 classes scheduled for next year. Craig discussed Tiburon's approach of offering a mini (3 hour) course. This does not enable a citizen to be a disaster worker per se (as far as being covered by Workmans Compensation), but is still beneficial because more people are likely to go through it. So far, they have reached 100 people in 5 different districts. Additionally, the Fire Dept. can do an in-home inspection for residents. A total of 48 people were interested in this service in San Anselmo.

4. 2007 Disaster Preparedness Calendar Linda announced that she, Maria and Craig have been working on developing a calendar for all Fairfax residents to educate them on what to do in the event of a disaster. They are requesting private sponsorship from local businesses. They have developed monthly themes that will provide tips on what citizens can do to protect themselves and their families. They have a deadline of November 1st for contributions, to allow time for development & printing of the calendar.
5. Next meeting
Scheduled for Tuesday, November 14th at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Center.
6. Presentation by Dr. Fred Schwartz of the Marin County Department of Health & Human Services on the avian flu epidemic followed the meeting.