

**Town of Fairfax
Citizens Disaster Council**

**Thursday, September 21, 2006
10:00-11:30 a.m.
Fairfax Library
2097 Sir Francis Drake Blvd.**

Minutes

In attendance: Mayor Susan Brandborg, Linda Kelly, Town Manager, Maria Baird, Community Resources Coordinator, Craig Carroll, Scott Parker, Ross Valley Fire Department, Gail Wiemann, Fairfax Library, Jon Marchant

Mayor Brandborg convened the meeting at 10:15 a.m. The August 22nd minutes were approved.

1. Adoption of Town's Emergency Operations Plan-The Plan was officially adopted by the Town Council on September 6, 2006, with the understanding that it is a working document. A copy without the confidential home phone numbers will be on display at the library.
2. Disaster Preparedness Fair-Those involved in the September 17th Disaster Preparedness Fair agreed it was a big success, attracting approximately 150 attendees. Next year, it will be held in the ballfield, next to the town-wide picnic/bbq. PG& E will also be invited to set up a booth.
3. Upcoming CERT training classes:
The next round of classes are scheduled for October 28th & November 4th. Craig will keep Maria updated on Fairfax residents that complete the class. Libby Pischel, Marin Municipal Water District employee, is a recent CERT trained resident. CERT trained individuals can then do door-to-door checks on people in their neighborhood.
4. Update on Ross Valley Watershed Group
Linda reported that Hal Brown convened the above group after the last flood. The Marin Conservation Corps has been brought on board to conduct creek clean-up and maintenance, primarily removing plant debris. A \$100,000 grant has been authorized for the hiring of a hydraulic engineer to determine water flow. MIG consultants are doing creek walks to inspect bridges/culverts in low-lying areas. The engineer will look at monitoring the creek, expanding creek channels, and other flood control measures. A special assessment district election may take place in March 2007. A phone survey of 400 households was conducted in the Ross Valley. On October 4th, the Town Council will hear a presentation

from the project engineer. A public meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 21 that will include a slide show. Councilmembers David Weinsoff and Lew Tremaine are on the Ross Valley Watershed Committee.

5. Calendar project

Linda announced she will seek funding sources to prepare a 2007 Disaster Preparedness calendar to be mailed to all Fairfax households. Maria and Linda will work together on this.

6. Next meeting-scheduled for Monday, October 16th at 6 p.m. in the Women's Club. Following the meeting there will be a 7:00 p.m. presentation by Dr. Fred Schwartz of the Marin County Department of Health & Human Services on the avian flu epidemic. This presentation will be open to citizens of San Anselmo as well.

7. Other news

- Craig announced the Town of San Anselmo purchases brochures from the Salvation Army at a cost of \$1.16 per pamphlet.
- Linda updated the group on the status of the siren. It will be installed at 3 different sites: Pavilion (main siren); Olema area (which will have a lower decibel) & Cascade Canyon. It will be remotely activated by the Cook Paging system.