

**Town of Fairfax
Citizens Disaster Council**

**Friday, June 6, 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; Cynthia Powell, Police Department, Bob Wheeler, Red Cross, Jon Marchant, Paula Schulz, Natural Hazards Mitigation

Mayor Maggiore convened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. The April 8th minutes were approved with the following change: Paula Schultz requested the update on the Draft Flood Mitigation Plan be moved to the section where the item appeared on the agenda; request was approved and minutes were adopted.

1. **Board Member Reports**-Bob Wheeler reported that Tessa was on maternity leave; she has given birth to a little girl; congratulations to Tessa! Maria will update the Citizens Disaster Council roster to designate alternates to the primary. Each agency has one seat on the council.

2. **CERT Update and Get Ready Program**-deferred until next meeting.

3. **Magnet distribution**- Maria unveiled the magnet prepared by the Disaster Council. Magnets will be distributed at the Fairfax Festival.

4. **County of Marin Disaster Council update**-No news to report.

5. **Status of Town's Draft Flood Mitigation Plan**- Paula distributed the public comments that have been received thus far on the Draft Flood Mitigation Plan. There was some discussion on the Community Rating System, the national flood insurance program that offers a deduction to homeowners if the community qualifies. The Town did research CRS, and it was found that the deduction to homeowners would be small (about \$45) and only a few property owners would significantly benefit.

Approximately 3-4 merchants have installed flood gates, primarily on Broadway, taking advantage of the Town's grant funding of flood gates.

The retaining wall that was damaged during the flood is located behind Forrest & Dominga. Other comments included enlarging culverts, increasing capacity of water flowing downstream.

Paula also requested that the Town's website be updated to change the current deadline for public comment on the Plan from June 28 to June 18, 2008.

6. Creek clean-up-Maria distributed a flyer announcing a joint clean-up event with the Towns of San Anselmo & Ross on Sat., July 12th from 9-12. She will send an e-mail notification to 30 Drake High School students.

7. Aerial spraying for light brown apple moth-Maria announced she had invited County Agricultural Commissioner Stacey Carlsen to the meeting, but he was unable to attend. He is interested in coming to a future meeting and making a presentation. She had an update by Dr. Fred Schwartz, Health Officer for Marin County Department of Health & Human Services on the topic. Dr. Schwartz stated that the California Department of Food & Agriculture (CDFA) is currently working on an EIR for LBMA. The California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) is conducting a health risk assessment on the pheromone and inert ingredients. OEHHA will be setting up a toll free hotline for the public to call, possibly linked to the Poison Control Center. They will also send out an e-mail to all medical and health providers in the County. The CDFA will be mailing out notification 2 weeks prior to any spraying occurring.

Maria will distribute an e-mail to the group on the Notice of Preparation of a draft EIR on the light brown apple moth eradication program. Mary Ann expressed she would like to invite a health professional to the next meeting to discuss health hazards of the spray.

6. Next Meeting Date-scheduled for Friday, July 11 at 10:00 a.m.