

Minutes
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS BOARD
Wednesday, January 25, 2023, 4:00 p.m.
Virtual Special Meeting via Zoom

Board Members Present

Justin Erbacci
Osama Younan
Sharon Tso
Thalia Polychronis
Kristin Crowley
Tony Royster
Gene Seroka
Dana Brown
Michel Moore
Aura Garcia
Connie Llanos

Department

Airports
Building and Safety
Chief Legislative Analyst
Emergency Management
Fire
General Services
Harbor
Personnel
Police
Public Works
Transportation

Board Members Absent

Matt Szabo
Ted Ross
Jimmy Kim
Martin Adams

Department

City Administrative Officer
Information Technology
Recreation and Parks
Water and Power

Also Present

Stacy Barnes
Victor Cuevas
Lisa Yancey
Mary Reuschel
Jonathan Bislig
Jon Brown
Eric Ceja
Jazmine Cureno
Carmina De Santiago
Jillian De Vela
Cecilia Law
Ellen Linnac
Joseph Riser
Gary Singer
Calin Spariosu
Carlos Calvillo
Brian Franco
Rico Gross
Howard Bein
Pierre Riotoc
Eric Robles
Jennifer Maradiaga-Contreras

Department

Airports
Building & Safety
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City Administrative Office
City Attorney
Emergency Management
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Fire
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General Services
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General Services
Harbor

Also Present

Lynette Ursery
Gary Hoggatt
Jacquelyne Sandoval
Kori Parraga
Maria Ortiz
Deanna Gomez
Nikia Drinkard
Brenda Aguirre
Monica Gonzalez
Adriana Smith
Paul Weinberg
Brian Baltazar
Brian Lam

Department

Harbor
Information Technology
Mayor's Office
Personnel
Planning
Public Works/Sanitation
Public Works/Street Services
Recreation and Parks
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I. Declaration of Quorum

Chief Moore called the Emergency Operations Board (EOB) meeting to order and declared a quorum at 4:01 p.m. The November 3, 2022, December 1, 2022 and December 29, 2022 meeting minutes were approved.

II. Action Items**A. Approval of the City of Los Angeles Super Bowl LVI Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Activation After Action Report**

The EOB approved the Super Bowl LVI EOC Activation After Action Report (AAR) and forward it to the Mayor and the City Council as an information item.

B. Approval of Winter Shelter Program language to be added to the Adverse Weather Annex

The EOB approved the revisions to the Adverse Weather Annex.

III. Information Items**A. Public Health Update****1. EOC Activation & Data Overview**

Carmina De Santiago reported that Los Angeles (LA) County has made good progress in reducing COVID-19 transmission and hospitalizations, returning to the CDC Low Community Level on January 20 for the first time since November 2022. On January 25, 2023, the LA County Department of Public Health confirmed 1,245 new cases of COVID-19 and 22 new deaths due to COVID-19. There are currently 755 people hospitalized with COVID-19. As of January 20, the 7-day average case count is 1,045, a 41% decrease from the week prior. Additionally, the average number of daily COVID-19 positive patients in

Los Angeles County hospitals is 957, a 13% decrease from the week prior. Currently, deaths due to COVID-19 remain high at about 20 deaths per day.

In December, Eric Garcetti, previous mayor put forth a motion to sunset the local declaration of emergency for COVID-19 on February 1, 2023. The City's EOC continued to monitor the COVID-19 climate and the Emergency Management Department (EMD) will review and update the EOC demobilization protocols if needed. The State's emergency declaration is set to end on February 28.

B. Long-Term Recovery Group Update

1. 27th Street Incident

Gary Singer reported that the Long Term Recovery Group continues to meet on a bi-weekly basis and distribute situation report after the meeting. A consultant was hired to help transition displaced residents into permanent housing.

C. January 2023 Storms

1. Event Overview

Jon Brown reported that the response to the rain storms started on January 5 when EMD duty officer received a call from the Fire Metro Communications about a portion of Mulholland Drive between Bowmont Drive and Summit Circle has been compromised due to erosion undermining the road and the heavy rain. The rainstorms also caused a house being red-tagged. Traffic was impacted by debris flow and sink hole. A Joint Information Center was established and the EOC was activated at a hybrid level 2 to coordinate resource requests. Due to the severe impacts of the winter storms, the State, the Los Angeles County, the Los Angeles City and the President proclaimed a disaster declaration on January 4, January 10, January 12 and January 14 respectively.

Gary Singer reported that the EOC was activated at a level 2 for a couple days and then the activation was lowered to a level 3 to continue monitoring the situation. An AAR will be compiled with a focus on EOC coordination,

Jennifer Lazo reported that the EOC continued to coordinate additional street service clean up and assessment requests.

2. Cost and Damage Update

Mary Reuschel reported that FEMA has issued both emergency declaration and major disaster declaration for the series of storms in California. A site inspection was conducted with CalOES and FEMA inspectors in various parts of the City to identify damages caused by the storms. Mary also reported that the preliminary damage assessment was successful and she will meet with City departments to discuss recovery process.

D. Planned Events**1. LA Marathon**

Jennifer Lazo reported that the 2023 LA Marathon is set on March 19 with minimal change on the course due to road construction on the Avenue of the Stars. The command and EOC activation level will be similar to last year.

2. US Open

Jennifer Lazo reported that EMD continues to attend coordination meetings for the US Open. An Event Action Plan will be created soon.

E. Emergency Management Department Updates**1. "Safe Inside" Homelessness Emergency Operations Center Update**

Thalia Polychronis reported that the EOC was activated virtually on January 13. The EOC Director is Mercedes Marquez who is the Chief of the Mayor's Office of Housing and Homelessness Solutions. EOC Deputy Directors include EMD and representative from LA County. Other executive management team members are City Attorney, City Administrator Officer, Housing Department General Manager and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority representative. The management team meets on a weekly basis.

IV. General Public Comments

There were no general public comments.

V. Presentations (as requested)

There were no presentations.

VI. Adjournment

The EOB meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Cecilia Law, Executive Administrative Assistant
Emergency Management Department

Gary Singer, Executive Assistant
Emergency Operations Board