

**Minutes**  
**EMERGENCY OPERATIONS BOARD**  
**Thursday, January 11, 2024, 3:00 p.m.**  
**Regular Meeting**

**Board Members Present**

Osama Younan  
Sharon Tso  
Thalia Polychronis  
Kristin Crowley  
Ted Ross  
Dana Brown  
Aura Garcia  
Jimmy Kim  
Connie Llanos

**Department**

Building and Safety  
Chief Legislative Analyst  
Emergency Management  
Fire  
Information Technology  
Personnel  
Public Works  
Recreation and Parks  
Transportation

**Board Members Absent**

Beatrice Hsu  
Matt Szabo  
Tony Royster  
Gene Seroka  
Michel Moore  
Martin Adams

**Department**

Airports  
City Administrative Office  
General Services  
Harbor  
Police  
Water and Power

**Also Present**

Jonathan Bislig  
Jon Brown  
Carmina De Santiago  
Jillian De Vela  
Stephanie Kim  
Cecilia Law  
Jennifer Lazo  
Valeria Ontiveros  
Brenda Rodriguez  
Rico Gross  
Howard Bein  
Lynette Urserly  
Jacquelyne Sandoval  
Hayley Smith  
Deanna Gomez  
Bessy Rodriguez  
Nikia Robinson  
Monica Gonzalez  
Paul Weinberg  
Erica Frausto-Aguado

**Department**

City Attorney  
Emergency Management  
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Fire  
General Services  
Harbor  
Mayor  
Police  
Public Works/Sanitation  
Public Works/Sanitation  
Public Works/Street Services  
Recreation and Parks  
Transportation  
American Red Cross

**I. Declaration of Quorum**

Fire Chief Crowley called the Emergency Operations Board (EOB) meeting to order and declared a quorum at 3:11 p.m.

**II. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**III. Action Item**

- A. The November 9, 2023 meeting minutes were approved.

**IV. Informational Items**

- A. Los Angeles Fire Department Earthquake Response & Earthquake Early Warning Notifications

Rico Gross reported that January 17 marked the 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the Northridge Earthquake. FEMA has released the results of the 2023 National Household Survey on Disaster Preparedness and the data indicated that 53% of Californians are and feel prepared for disasters. In order to deliver exceptional public safety and emergency service to the communities and residents, the Los Angeles Fire Department provide annual realistic scenario based training at all levels and enhance the dispatch system and redundant communications system. The department's earthquake response modes include the following: Type I – Normal, Type II – Expanded, Type III – Disaster. One of the department's goals is to enhance community resiliency through the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program, the Emergency Management Department's (EMD) Ready Your LA Neighborhood (RYLAN) Program, the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) Resiliency Officers Initiative, and the Recreation and Parks Department's Citywide Health and Safety Initiatives.

Jennifer Lazo made a presentation on how the earthquake early warning system works. There are two types of waves generated by the earthquake. The primary (P) wave travels faster than the secondary (S) wave. The early warning system utilizes the time difference to provide seconds of alert to the users via MyShake App, Android Earthquake Alerts which is integrated into the phone, and the Wireless Emergency Alerts. The seconds of warning provide an opportunity for individuals and businesses to take protective actions for saving lives and properties. When an alert is received or feel shaking, drop, cover and hold on. The earthquake early warning system is now available in the States of California, Oregon and Washington.

**B. Report on the 2024 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update**

Jon Brown thanked departments that have submitted their mitigation projects. He provided an update on the project timeline. The contractor will complete a draft plan on January 29. The 30-day public comment will commence on February 19 and end on March 19. The contractor has a week to incorporate the comments into the plan and then submit a final plan to the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) on March 28-29. When the approval letter from the CalOES is received, the plan will be forwarded to the City Council for adoption.

**C. Threat Landscape Report on Ongoing Local Impacts of the Israel/Gaza Conflict & Upcoming Elections**

Shannon Paulson reported that since the Hamas attack in Israel on October 7, 2023, there have been growing regional implications and increase in attacks on Western targets. However, trans-national attack is unlikely. There are no evidences of credible threats to the City. But reports of hate crimes, vandalisms and assaults have been increasing and the trend will be continued. The upcoming presidential election will provide additional motivation for local groups with different causes and different ideology to launch protests in non-traditional locations such as LAX and freeways and also coordinate national activities. Local political events are being targeted as well. LAPD is monitoring the situation and works closely with national partners to gather intelligence in order to respond to any domestic violence accordingly.

**D. Update on City of Los Angeles Training Opportunity: Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) IMS 655 Jurisdictional Crisis Emergency Management Course**

Jennifer Lazo reported that 45 students will be selected to attend the IMS 655 Jurisdictional Crisis Emergency Management Course at the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service from March 4 to 8, 2024. There are currently 29 registrations.

**E. Update on the City of Los Angeles Executive Crisis Communications Satellite Phone Program**

Jennifer Lazo reported that there were 29 check-ins for the satellite phone drill conducted on January 11. There were more participations than last drill. EMD will continue to have drills for the satellite phones.

F. Report on 2024 City of Los Angeles Department Emergency Plan and Continuity of Operations Planning Process

Jon Brown reported that the new Department Emergency & Continuity of Operations Plan (DECOOP) is due on January 31. Departments can contact EMD liaisons for questions related to DECOOP.

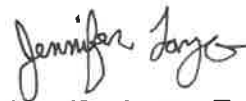
**V. Adjournment**

The EOB meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Cecilia Law, Executive Administrative Assistant  
Emergency Management Department



Jennifer Lazo, Executive Assistant  
Emergency Operations Board