

CERT Auxiliary Working Group Meeting Summary – March 6, 2019

Item	Lead	Action	Notes
Welcome	Mary		<p><b>Present:</b>            Jim Nelsen, Team Leader, Scotts Valley            Catherine Green, Team Leader, Santa Cruz            Mary Edmund, Team Leader, Seacliff; Auxiliary Treasurer, Executive Director            Joyce Smith, Team Leader, Santa Cruz            Sharon Spence, Team Leader, Watsonville            George Wright, Team Leader Aptos Knoll            Kayotae Blackwolf, North Branch Program Manager, Team Boulder Creek            Inani Eggleston, Team Leader, Live Oak            Ken Braly, Auxiliary Webmaster            Liz Taylor-Selling, Team Leader, Felton; Auxiliary, Board Member            Greig Rose, Aptos, Team Seacliff, Auxiliary President            Bill Monroe, Team Boulder Creek</p> <p><b>Absent:</b>            LizAnne Jensen, Team Bonny Doon; Auxiliary, Board Member            Ed Olson, Team Bonny Doon            Jamshid Kiani, American Red Cross            Paul Horvat, Emergency Services Manager, City of Santa Cruz            Becky Steinbrunner, Team Redwood/Cathedral            Aaron Lowe, Chief, Aptos Fire Protection District            Hank Moeller, Team Leader, Bonny Doon            Diane Hayden, Team Seacliff            Lisa Ehret, Emergency Manager UCSC            Ken Jensen, Team Bonny Doon            Kevin Foster, Team Leader, Boulder Creek            Rosemary Anderson, Emergency Services Manager, Santa Cruz County            Mike Demars, Branch Manager, Central Fire</p>

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Training	Mary	New	<p><b>The Basic Training</b> class at Cabrillo College class finished Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> with 20 graduates ), the Bonny Doon course started on Feb 21<sup>st</sup> with 26 students. Future classes include Live Oak, Zayante, Watsonville, and Felton</p> <p><b>Family Preparedness Classes:</b> are now on website with other trainings. Class is one evening for 1½ hours. The Feb 27<sup>st</sup> class had 14 students and March 6<sup>th</sup> was canceled due to low enrollment despite heavy promotion in the Aptos area. There is still the April 17<sup>th</sup> in Watsonville (class taught in Spanish and children are welcome).</p> <p><b>Continuing Education classes</b> are progressing well with good attendance. Sent out an email reminder to all CERTs recently. (See important dates below)</p>
North Branch		Update	Bonny Doon class going well. Working on finalizing the Zayante class for April.
Curriculum Update		No change	FEMA is in the process of finalizing the CERT curriculum update and will be releasing it soon. FEMA will not print the new manuals until it is finalized and prefers to release the new materials as soon as possible rather than wait to allow for printing. When the new materials are released the information may be downloaded and taught using the new materials with the old manuals. The new curriculum keeps most of the existing materials but will have updates based on new standards and best practices. <b>There is a delay due to the government shutdown of FEMA.</b>
Instructors		Update	CERT Instructor Meeting held January 26 <sup>th</sup> with 32 of 40 instructors attending. Next meeting is planned for June with more time for discussion.
Red Cross MOU		No change	A MOU was drafted with American Red Cross to have CERTs be eligible for Red Cross Training without becoming a Red Cross member. Red Cross will also provide a listing of those trained on a quarterly basis. <b>Approved by Auxiliary Board awaiting response.</b>

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Retirement	Greig	New	Greig Rose submitted his resignation as President, Board of Directors and semi-retirement from the CERT Auxiliary effective April 16 <sup>th</sup> . Greig was a part of the original team responsible for the CERT Auxiliary and has served as Board President for past 4 years. He is our most experienced instructor and able to teach any of the classes with aplomb, as well as, developing and teaching the 1½ hour Family Disaster Preparedness Class. He will be greatly missed. Thank you for your many contributions and support!
Team Leaders		No change	<b>ACTION:</b> Team Leaders, who have not done so, email their meeting schedule and/or contact to <a href="mailto:ken@kenb.com">ken@kenb.com</a> so Team information may be posted the on the website for new CERT graduates. <b>ACTION:</b> Team Leaders send team rosters to Dawn Mackey at email <a href="mailto:dawnmackey411@gmail.com">dawnmackey411@gmail.com</a> so information in database may be verified and an active CERT member list developed. <b><i>There are Teams that still need to forward information.</i></b>
Mobilization Policy		Approved	The CERT Operating and Activation Plan received final approval by Fire and Law Chiefs. Will be placed on the website after receiving official notification. The CERT Council made changes to the original CERT Participation Level with Basic CERTs unable to receive a DSW Badge (CERTs who do not join a Team if there is one in their area.) This will require a new badge for CERT trained individual but not Team member <b>ACTION:</b> Shane Spence will research types of badges and present information gained to the WG.
Strategic Plan	All	No change	The process will begin again 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter 2019.
Wild than Wild	All	New	The film “Wild than Wilder concerning wildland fire and the quest to find solutions is available for showing at Team Meetings. Contact Joyce Smith at email

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			<a href="mailto:scstroller@gmail.com">scstroller@gmail.com</a> for link.
New Committees	All	New	Formed new committees in the following areas and a request for volunteers for the committees will be made in the next newsletter. The following volunteered from the WG: Communication--Jim Nelsen Equipment—Bill Monroe Promotion—Sharon Spence.
Important Dates	All	New	<b>March 19th, Tuesday (7-8:30pm)</b> “Working with Volunteers” presented by Chief Steve Kovacs, Fire Chief, Scotts Valley/Branciforte. Sign-up on the website. <b>April 15th and the third Monday each month (6:15-7:45)</b> Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) Workshop at Boulder Creek Recreation Center, 15685 Forest Hill Dr., Boulder Creek. All are welcome to attend. Contact <a href="mailto:juliewuest@comcast.net">juliewuest@comcast.net</a> for additional information. <b>April 9 -- Aptos, April 10<sup>th</sup> – Ben Lomond (7-9:30)</b> , “Advanced Extraction Techniques and Carries”. <b>Recertification both dates from 6:30-7pm.</b> Sign-up on website. <b>April 17<sup>th</sup> Wednesday (7-8:30)</b> Family Preparedness Class in Spanish at Marinovich Community Center, 120 Second St, Watsonville. Sign-up on website. <b>May 27-June 1</b> CERT Conference in San Diego. Contact <a href="mailto:certauxiliary@gmail.com">certauxiliary@gmail.com</a> for additional information.

**Next Meeting:** *Second Wednesday – April 10, 2019*  
8:30-10am, Aptos Fire House, 6934 Soquel Dr., Aptos