

CERT Auxiliary Working Group  
*Meeting Notes*  
Saturday, January 9, 2021, 10-noon

Attendees: John Hanley, Doreen O'Donovan, David Sonnenberg, David Dean, Joyce Smith, Sharon Spence, Roberta Roberts, Bob Fike, Chris Jong, John Collins, Bill Fidler, Laura Miyazaki, Dawn Mackey, Bill Monroe, Liz Taylor-Selling, Marie Brayman, Jamshid Kiani, Susan Marx, Catherine L. Green, Ed Spurr, Rosemary Anderson, and Mary Edmund

- Welcome:

- **Rosemary Anderson** ([4rlaing@gmail.com](mailto:4rlaing@gmail.com)) --

- Thank you to everyone in CERT. Thanks to Auxiliary and Working Group. Identifies as a student of CERT for this year of learning.
    - Concerning the Listos Social Bridging Project --LISTOS is very important to make connections, phone contacts are essential for those that want to help, but don't want to leave their homes.
    - Budget cuts may have necessitated the reduction of her position, but then the fires happened. Office of Response, Recovery, and Resilience (OR<sup>3</sup>) is being formed; five people, including a Director and two senior analysts will be hired; includes Karen Adler, formerly in the EOC as the administrative aid to the group and a hired senior analyst. The office is in the County Administration Building on Ocean St. Until OR<sup>3</sup> is operational Michael Beaton ([michael.beaton@santacruzcounty.us](mailto:michael.beaton@santacruzcounty.us)) is the CERT POC for OES.
    - CERT Auxiliary will still be an important liaison with Santa Cruz County. Realization by the County that CERT is a critical part of emergency response and that the Office of Emergency Services requires further investment. Important for CERT to continue to advocate for CERT and OES to the County through the CERT Council and County Board of Supervisors.

- **Laura Miyazaki** –

- New to WG and Watsonville Branch Leader. Originally from San Francisco; living in Watsonville for past 10 years.

- **Marie Brayman** –

- ( [mariebr@gmail.com](mailto:mariebr@gmail.com)) Superbridger, who helped the Auxiliary receive \$10K in funding from Listos Social Bridging

Project. Originally for Latinx and older Californians, CERTs who signed -up for the program engaged in social media, telephone calls, webinars, website links, and writing newsletters focusing on disaster preparedness and health and safety checks. Now is expanding from January-April. Sponsored by a Fire Safety Training Institute (FSTI) grant and will pay \$20/successful engagement. Funds may only be used for specific equipment. May be done from home during times of your choice.

*Steps to apply* -- see attachment for information paper.

- Rose Society – Honors outstanding CERT volunteers. Greig Rose was the inaugural (and lone) member up to now and with his recommendation Ken Braly and Joyce Smith were recognized. The Rose Society now has three members. More members will be added through the year.
- John Hanley, Safety Officer, on COVID-19 in Santa Cruz County; 104 deaths, 10,108 cases. Speak to neighbor, make sure neighbors do not get complacent. The vaccines are effective against variants. A lot of questions about whether the vaccine impacts DNA. Answer is No. 55% cases from Watsonville, 25% from Santa Cruz. Greatly impacted by social and economic inequality in the County. Get flu shot, pneumonia, and shingles immunizations. Pharmacists technicians can be trained to give vaccine dentists are also looking into being able to participate. County health services has a table on vaccine tiers. Tracking the vaccine who got it, when is 2<sup>nd</sup> shot is of major importance.
- Activations
  - *Debris Flow county plan*. Temporary Evacuation Points (TEPs), Felton, Davenport, Boulder Creek (2), Scott's Valley. CERTS role will be primarily traffic control and support to the individual TEP's, help at the sand bunker. Volunteers will work 4-hour shifts (morning, afternoon and evening). Morning shift will include traffic control/setup; evening shift tear down, ensure exit. **Branch leaders will be provided an alert message in another email to use or develop their own message to send to CERTs, but not send county plan.** Red Cross has shelter management training and working in a COVID environment if people so

desire, send names of those interested to Bill Monroe ([wkmunro@comcast.net](mailto:wkmunro@comcast.net)).

- *Temporary Evacuation Points.* County has identified 5 temporary locations (confidential at this time) acting as sites for evacuated people to wait up to 24 hours to see if the debris flow actually happens. Plan to announce evacuation 24-48 hours before possible event. If evacuated people will stay in their cars 4-8 hours with access to food, water, medical personnel, phone charging, etc. if there is a debris flow the residents will then move on to evacuation locations they have identified or receive assistance from Red Cross with possible locations to stay or else sent to County Fairgrounds. Or if no debris flow returning to their homes. *Stranding points* are also identified, where residents who choose not to evacuate will lose egress and may need up to 2 weeks of food and water for will be unable to leave their neighborhoods due to debris flow impacting roads.
- Progress Reports
  - *Merit* -- Dawn Mackey: No new progress. Data on active members is essential. Branch members should poll branch members for active members. Send information to: [dawnmackey411@gmail.com](mailto:dawnmackey411@gmail.com) for inclusion in an Active County-wide CERT Listing. Two beta test teams were in the CZU fire. Aptos Branch will review MERIT for inclusion in beta test.
  - *Activation Packs* – postponed until next month. See attachment for list of suggested items.
  - Communication Network – Liz Taylor-Selling --Mission is to coordinate various CERT related groups, ARES, MURS, etc. Branch area MURS training. Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. A MURS exercise is planned in first quarter, also a county wide MURs event. *Request a written communication network be outlined.*
  - Branch Leader Page on Website – Asked Branch Leaders to communicate Branch information for inclusion on website to Ken Braly ([ken@kenb.com](mailto:ken@kenb.com)).
- Branch Leader Reports

- Catherine Green, City of Santa Cruz -- After December meeting reached out to Marie Brayman about Bridging Project. Reviewing roster on DSW badges. Training on hold, advising people to use the FEMA Independent Study (IS) training on internet.
- David Sonneberg and David, Dean, Live Oak/Soquel -- Meeting next week.
- John Collins, Scotts Valley/Branciforte – Will be getting debris flow information out.
- Laura Miyakazi, Watsonville –First meeting -- currently planning.
- Dawn Mackey, Bonny Doon -- Phoenix rising from the ashes. Meeting planned for next week. Trying to re-gather the group.
- Bill Monroe, Boulder Creek -- Met with BC Fire Chief, reviewed FEMA National Risk Index, used for insurance rates. – *Go to FEMA.gov -- search for “National Risk Index for Natural Hazards (NRI)”*.
- Liz Taylor-Selling, Felton Area -- Meeting 1/16 on debris flow at the request of Fire District.
- Doreen O’Donovan, Aptos/LaSelva -- no report
- Susan Marx, La Selva -- Staying Safe (Jan), Search and Rescue (Feb).
- Bob Fike, ARES -- Radioactive! ARES scavenger hunt scheduled. Will start General License Course on Monday. If licensees increase, may access additional frequencies.
- Jamshid Kiani, Red Cross – Request CERTs sign-up for Red Cross training “Functioning in a COVID-19 Environment”.

Next Meeting – **SATURDAY, February 13, 10-noon, ZOOM**