

# CERT Auxiliary Working Group

## *Summary*

*Saturday, March 8, 2024*

In attendance: Jo Marie Faulkerson, Lynn Gainey, David Dean, Ken Braly, Doreen O'Donovan, Catherine L. Green, Joyce Smith, Roberta Joiner, Joey Young, Shaidu Kiven, Chris Jong, Catherine L. Green, Liz Taylor Selling, Dan Selling, and Mary Edmund

- Welcome & Announcements:
  - Active Shooter Training scheduled for Monday-Friday, June 23-27
  - ARES Summer Field Day June 28 — unable to plan CERT participation exercise due to conflict with Active Shooter planned activation
  - National CERT Conference Aug 6-9 in Indianapolis, IN
  
- New Issues:
  - Google Work Space — adopting new platform for documents — more to follow
  - Sheltering Training. — in discussion with OR3, Red Cross, County Public Health, and Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) concerning tabletop exercise using CERTs and MRC for support with emergency sheltering. Requesting CERTs attend 3 Red Cross Trainings before exercise. OR3 awaiting further discussion with UASI, exercise planner, before additional meetings.
  
- Reports/Ongoing Discussion
  - Trainings
    - Spanish Basic Training in Pajaro starting March 16
    - Basic Training in Santa Cruz starting April 2
    - Utility Safety held March 13, 13 participants
    - Advanced Training Module 1 — March 20 on zoom
    - Advanced Training Module 2 — April 17 in Live Oak
  - CERT Walk & Talk activation Feb 11 — 300 (68 in person) households alerted to storm and high surf by 15 CERTs responding with 24 hour notice — requesting a drop down menu or some way to make inputting the home address quicker,
  - Team Leader Meeting held in February — Thank you Doreen for your support and leadership of the team leader meetings this past year. Joey Young is the new meeting facilitator. Group working on Leader's responsibilities to team

- Team Leader Reports
  - *David Dean, Live Oak/Soquel* — will repeat Power Presentation concerning all types of batteries — car, lithium, solar, etc — meetings are now in-person and on zoom (hybrid)
  - *Catherine L. Green, City of Santa Cruz* — possibly have Disasterville tabletop exercise
  - *Liz Taylor-Selling, Felton Area* — Team supported non-CERT radio training — next training will be in April — this month team will be reviewing SC(surf) application.
  
- Staff Roundtable
  - *JoMarie Faulkerson, Operations and Logistics*
    - Master list for inventory at all CERT equipment -- in Live Oak Container and Ben Lomond Annex will be moved to Google Wok Space
  - *Roberta Joiner, Communications*
    - Planning CERT Communication Exercise for May/June timeframe
    - Team Leaders please contact her for Communication exercises within Teams* — [robertajoiner1155@gmail.com](mailto:robertajoiner1155@gmail.com)

[Next Working Group Meeting Saturday, April 12, 2025, 10am](#)