



Emergency Communications Committee Minutes

Tuesday, June 2, 7:00 to 8:20 pm

Meeting was held via Google Meet Online Video Conference

Members	Call Sign	Attendance
Dru Anderson, Co-Chair	KG6LAD	P
Eduardo Arias, Co-Chair	KM6LSX	P
Bob Anderson	KC6ZWG	P
Ben H. L. Hu, Secretary	KK6HH	P
Edwin R Jones	W7WPO	P
Terry Kearney	KM6LTQ	P
Andrew Kirk	WB6CLS	P
Scott Overstreet	N6NXI	P
Jay Sutaria	KN6JAY	P
Sam Wood	K6MSR	E
Council/Staff		
Kavita Tankha,	Council Liaison	A
Associate Members		
Larry Carr	KE6AGJ	P
Peter Evans	AI6MV	P
Dave Stewart	KJ6JQT	P
Neil Katin, EC	K2LL	P
Guests:		
Marsha Hovey	KG6CYV	P
J Logan, LAHCFD		P
Denise Gluhan, LAHCFD	KM6IFY	P

1. At 19:02 hours, Dru KG6LAD, Co-Chair called the online meeting to order.
 - (a) Roll Call: Ben KK6HH called roll. Attendance: 16 including 9 members, 4 associates, and 3 guests. Andy WB6CLS joined the meeting at 19:30 due to some technical login difficulty and J. Logan of LAHCFD, joined shortly after that.
 - (b) Minutes of May 5 2020 approved subject to a revision. Terry KM6LTQ pointed out on item 4a that Denise KM6IFY did an update on her programs on the audio link. Terry KM6LTQ moved to approve the revised May minutes. Approved by 8 members present in during the roll call vote. Andy WB6CLS was absent for the vote as noted on (a).
2. No update from the Council Liaison Kavita Tankha as she was absent.
3. EC Report Update and Activities - Neil K2LL, EC:
 - (a) The Earthquake Activation process remains largely unchanged but would be updated to reflect conditions of the current Shelter-in-Place (SIP), Neil suggested allowing the IC to decide how to implement “social distancing” in the

current, rapidly-changing environment. For example, the IC could decide whether to allow 2 persons in the car for surveying the damage.

- (b) Neil is drafting plans for the training/drill and would then discuss with Marsha KG6CYV and Denise KM6IFY.

4. Public comments from the floor:

- (a) Denise Gluhan KM6IFY, LAHCFD Emergency Services Manager, alerted all present to the extensive training and discussions for her regular Wednesday evening virtual meetings. PG&E's presentation on the Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) would start at 17:30. This one is particularly important and would be recorded for those who could not attend the meeting.
- (b) Dave KJ6JQT reported that he had completed the sizing survey with responses from about 70 CERT/ECC and 8 ECC members. He is putting together a plan for a quotation for about 100 custom-made vests, and then submitting to LAHCFD for approval, and is hoping to have the vests ready in June. He commented during his vest survey that some CERT members had expressed their renewed interests to become active. Denise commented that since the ARK would be accessible starting 6/3, the training/drill could start with members in new vests.
- (c) Dru KG6LAD reported that Eduardo KM6LSX and she received a notice about an agenda item on the 5/21 Town council meeting discussing a modification to appoint associate members. They submitted a one-page opinion on behalf of ECC for the Town council to consider and she spoke in the 5/21 Council meeting. Dru showed the page to ECC members. She reported that Mayor Wu planned to meet with her and Eduardo on the concerns.

5. New and Old Business

- (a) Jay KN6JAY reported that he would start online check-in and out for the ECC radio equipment. He asked whether any lending procedure would be needed for the books. Dru expressed some procedure would be needed to track these materials.
- (b) Neil reported that the authorization for funding EOC purchases had been obtained but he had not had a chance to order online due to SIP.

6. Tech Talk(s): ECC 2020-21 Goals

- (a) Jay KN6JAY asked and discussed the scopes of Goal #1 of the ECC
 1. To develop an outreach to the license amateur operators: Marsha mentioned that she had sample mailing materials from the outreach of Cupertino and would email Jay and Ben, after Dru's request. She suggested that some wordings in the outreach letter as to what training, vetting, and time commitment would be needed.
 2. To encourage folks in the town to study/pass Amateur radio licenses examinations. More discussion is to be done for the next meeting.
- (b) Goal #2 of ECC: Coordinate the training/participation activities with the Town's Emergency Manager team guidelines (Marsha Hovey) to ensure common objectives of town/LAHCFD emergency communications preparation.
 1. Discussions are to be held among Marsha, Denise, and Neil, who will then report back.

7. Reminders: Please check online schedules for activities in the following:
- a. LAH town events: <http://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/calendar.aspx>.
 - b. County ARES/RACES courses & events:
<http://www.scc-ares-races.org/aresraces.htm>
 - c. CERT activities:<http://www.lahcfd.org/community-programs/public-classes>
 - d. EMERGENCY ALERTS:
 - i. LAH: <http://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/381/EMERGENCY-ALERTS>
 - ii. AlertSCC: <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/alertscc/Pages/home.aspx>
 - b. SPECS Monday Night Net information: www.specsnet.org. Northern SCC emergency ham radio volunteer activities.
8. Adjourn: Before the conclusion of the meeting, Dru did a health & welfare check for all the attendees in the meeting and all responded doing well. At 20:20 hours, Bob KC6ZWG moved to adjourn; Terry seconded, and the motion was passed with a voice vote. Andy WB6CLS did not voice his consent due to his audio difficulty.

Respectfully submitted: Ben Hu KK6HH, Secretary