

Monday, December 29, 2003

The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo, and ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts for which said Board so acts, met in special noticed session at 9:30 A.M..

PRESENT: Supervisors Harry L. Ovitt, Shirley Bianchi, Peg Pinard, K.H. 'Katcho' Achadjian and Chairperson Michael P. Ryan

ABSENT: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG LED BY CHAIRPERSON MICHAEL P. RYAN.

SUM AGN

1 PC This is the time set for members of the public wishing to address the Board on matters other than scheduled items.

Mr. Eric Greening: thanks the County for having the Lopez Dam retrofit completed prior to the earthquake; questions the status of the Salinas Dam with respect to retrofitting; questions damage assessment on the water and oil pipelines into the County; would like to see an item on a future agenda in support of the Mothers for Peace intervention suit on Diablo Canyon; would like to see Diablo Canyon moved as close as possible to "mothball" status.

Mr. Tom O'Malley: speaking as a council member for Atascadero, thanks Supervisors Ryan and Ovitt for all their assistance in the past week; states in Atascadero they have approximately 200 homes with significant damage; 40 businesses that have been impacted including damage to the City Hall; their estimate of damage from the earthquake is \$50 million; speaking as a Behavioral Health employee he addresses the assistance they have been providing since the earthquake on December 22.

Ms. Patricia Frank: asks that the Board take a formal action, to be forwarded to the NRC, regarding Diablo Canyon.

Mr. Klaus Schumann: feels it is premature for PG&E to state that no damage occurred at Diablo Canyon based on all the pipelines that are associated with this plant; addresses his concern regarding the safety of the plant.

Ms. Jill Zamek: representing Mothers for Peace, asks the Board to support Senator Boxer's request for an independent review on Diablo Canyon.

Ms. Kim Dunn: supports all the comments by prior speakers; states she is a real estate broker and addresses all the shifting she has seen in homes since the earthquake; believes that Diablo Canyon is at a high risk for a disaster. **No action taken.**

2 A-1 This is the time set to consider a request to ratify a proclamation of local emergency relating to the December 22, 2003 earthquake and any updates as required.

Mr. David Edge: County Administrative Officer (CAO), provides a brief overview of what staff needs the Board to do with respect to ratifying the proclamation of the local emergency when they activated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in response to the quake on December 22nd; the Assistant CAO's, Jim Grant and Gail Wilcox, went to the EOC (as he was out of the town and didn't get back for a couple of hours) and Mr. Grant issued the first proclamation of a local emergency; this was amended after he arrived at the EOC and both proclamations are in the Board's packet today; states it needs to be affirmed by the Board within seven days otherwise it goes away; if approved then there is a regular renewal process every fourteen days which will be set into the regular meeting cycle for as long as the County needs to maintain the local emergency situation.

Mr. Ron Alsop: Emergency Operations staff, provides an overview of the

disaster assistance process; beginning with the proclamation of local emergency; both Federal and State law have a process that staff is required to go through in order to obtain Federal disaster assistance; the first part of this process is the proclamation of local emergency and then asking the Governor to proclaim a State Emergency in San Luis Obispo County which has been done; indicates the State proclamation doesn't provide a whole lot of assistance to individuals, it does allow public agencies to offset up to 75% of a lot of the County's infrastructure damages; the State proclamation is important as this is needed to get a full Federal declaration of emergency; the Governor is required to make this request of the President; indicates in order for this to occur, the State and Federal agencies involved need to ensure that the damage done in the disaster is "sufficient enough" to warrant Federal disaster assistance; six damage assessment teams came into the County on December 26th and these teams are broken up into "individual assistance damage assessment teams" or IA, with three of the teams consist of representatives from the State Office of Emergency Services, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), United States Small Business Administration and a couple of the teams had representatives from the insurance industry and also some geologists; the other three teams were "Public Assistance Teams" or in this case public assistance referred to public agencies; states these teams went out into the County and outlines what they looked at in order to get an overview of what is needed; once their assessment has been completed the information will go to Sacramento and be compiled and a summary report will be prepared on both the individual assistance damage assessment as well as the public agency assistance assessment; outlines the next step which is to look at whether there is enough damage to have the Governor request the President to declare a Federal disaster proclamation; believes that this may be borderline and encourages members of the public to get in touch with our State and Federal representatives in order to elevate the pressure to get this accomplished; if the Federal proclamation is ordered it will allow for grant loans to be applied for and if it's not then the only loans that would be available would be through the Small Business Administration (this does includes homes).

Chairperson Ryan: reinforces the need for the public to contact State and Federal legislators indicating the Board members will also be making this contact.

Supervisor Bianchi: speaks to damage that occurred to a lot of broken fittings on water tanks.

Supervisor Achadjian: addresses damages that occurred in the Oceano area including the loss of all water and the order that was issued to boil any water before using it.

Mr. Alsop: states the damage was widespread throughout the County and comments on the four water line breaks that occurred in Oceano.

Supervisor Ovitt: states that Senators Feinstein and Boxer should also be contacted for their support.

Mr. Edge: confirms the need to contact both State and Federal legislators to get the Federal declaration.

Mr. Alsop: continues with his overview addressing the initial damage estimate report the County is required to file with the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the figures they provided are extremely conservative and do not take in all the damage that has occurred throughout the County; Individual Assistance (includes both businesses and members of the public) \$160 million; Government Assistance (public agencies) \$20 million; structures affected - residences that are destroyed is at 25 (realizing this number is hard to quantify) and their definition of destroyed is that the foundation is gone; major damage - with the official number being 150 but expect this number to triple; minor damage at 2500 but expect this to be higher also; affected with no physical damage - 20,000 homes; gives an overview of some of the public infrastructures indicating that not only were private individuals affected by water tank damage but also public agencies including Templeton Community Services District which has two tanks that may need to be replaced on one of the tanks the bolts actually blew out and there was buckling in the tanks and leaking, with a cost estimate of \$1-2 million; South County Sanitation

District's facility with initial estimates from FEMA (most likely a low end number) \$2 million; Atascadero City Hall had significant damage.

Supervisor Pinard: questions media coverage, giving "kudos" to KVEC for their reporting; comments on the Emergency Broadcasting System (EBS) and how it interfaced with an emergency such as this one.

Mr. Alsop: explains that the EBS was changed to what is called the Emergency Alert System (EAS) by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and explains how it works now; it was not activated during this emergency and why; addresses the two minute limit that they are limited to for the EAS as required by the FCC.

Chairperson Ryan: states that KPRL was also getting information out to the public and addresses the need to make sure there is media getting out to all areas of the County.

Mr. Alsop: states they set up a "media only" phone line at the EOC to get that information out.

Supervisor Pinard: addresses her concern to the two minute limit on information through the EAS and information should be more available than that.

Supervisor Achadjian: questions the damage on the levee in Arroyo Grande and who is the responsible party to repair this damage.

Mr. Noel King: Public Works, responds indicating they contacted the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and received permission to do emergency repairs; addresses the EOC they set up in their office whenever there is an emergency and how this interfaces with the County's EOC; addresses the loss of power at several wells and getting generators out to these locations to keep the wells operational; provides an update on both the Salinas and Lopez Dams and no apparent damages at either; with respect to the State pipelines there were only two pressure relief valves that opened and been closed; presents photographs of the Arroyo Grande levee and the damages at the same; comments on bridges that were closed and have been reopened; comments on several roads in the County and the levels of damage to these roads; addresses liquefaction that occurred on the roads and states his engineers have described this as taking a bunch of sand and shaking it up and all the wet sand goes to the bottom and all the water goes to the top, and they saw a lot of this on the base of the roads; states they have a very rough estimate of \$1 million for repairs on this type of work; they will have detailed estimates prepared over the next 3-4 weeks; rough estimate is that the department will get \$235,000 to \$655,000 back on this million dollar estimate; highlights various staff that have been out working all week on damages.

Supervisor Pinard: thanks all the Public Works crews that have been out there working; addresses her concern to the channels; questions the impact on the channels if there had been any compromise or break in the dams; suggests the channels are the main source of flood control and is concerned about keeping them open, with Mr. King responding.

Mr. Dan Turner: County Fire/CDF Chief, gives a summary of fire/rescues on December 22nd; outlining the actions they took to search and rescue in rural areas and looking for folks who might not be able to call for help; addresses assistance they received from outside agencies; comments on damages they observed to residences including mobilehomes; outlines the role of County Fire to coordinate and work with other agencies.

Mr. Steve Mathieu: Morro Bay resident and representing SLOSPAN, states there is an opportunity here to have his group help with getting information out through Channels 20 and 21 at Charter Communications; indicates they can set up at a moments notice.

Mr. Edge: responds indicating the Cable TV has a limited audience and addresses the need to get this information out to the radio stations which will have a

broader audience.

Mr. Mike Whiteford: District representative for Senator Thomas, compliments all the various agencies for their work during this disaster; states this is the number one issue for Senator Thomas at this time; to reach Senator Thomas folks can call the local phone number - 461-1034 and/or the Bakersfield number - 661-327-3611.

Ms. Ann Steele: states the County was very “blessed” for what did not occur with this quake; addresses the loss of electricity and phones and her concerns regarding the same.

Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Bianchi, seconded by Supervisor Ovitt and on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors **Bianchi, Ovitt, Pinard, Achadjian, Chairperson Ryan**

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

the Board ratifies the proclamation of local emergency (as presented in the staff report dated December 29, 2003) which was made on Monday, December 22, 2003 at 12:05 p.m. by Assistant County Administrator Jim Grant, who at the time was acting in the capacity of Director of Emergency Services.

Supervisor Bianchi: asks that the Board request that items be placed on future agendas to (1) request of the NRC that it do a really thorough evaluation of the structure of Diablo Canyon and (2) that the Board request that whoever places faults in a special study zone do so for the Nacimiento-Oceanic-Huasna Fault, which is the one that ruptured and is not in the Alquist Priolo special study zone; thanks KVEC for the great job they did in keeping the public informed; states she has heard from folks in the County about the great job Mr. Alsop and County Fire did during this disaster.

Supervisor Ovitt: commends all those folks who assisted during this emergency; addresses the loss of phone services for folks who only had battery operated phones in their homes and encourages folks to have at least one land line phone in their home.

Supervisor Bianchi: mentions the Safety Element that is available for public review.

Chairperson Ryan: thanks everyone for all their work and assistance during this emergency.

Supervisor Achadjian: thanks all the folks who went out to the EOC including staff from Administration, Public Works, General Services, County Counsel, Sheriff’s Department and the California Highway Patrol; thanks the various groups that have helped out in Oceano.

Supervisor Pinard makes a motion that the Board officially request a complete analysis from the U.S. Geological Service on all current information regarding earthquakes and that this information be incorporated into any approvals or licensing needs by Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant.

Chairperson Ryan: states he will not accept the motion as this issue is not on today’s agenda.

Supervisor Bianchi: suggests that the Board could request that this be on a future agenda, with Chairperson Ryan indicating that can occur.

Supervisor Pinard: asks that this issue be set on an agenda for a date certain.

The Board members agree to add this item to the January 13, 2004 agenda.

Mr. Alsop: states the cities and special districts worked very well with the EOC; the U.S. Geological Services will be meeting with them on agricultural damages; thanks key staff members from various departments for their assistance at the EOC.

On motion duly made and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo, and ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts for which said Board so acts, does now adjourn.

I, **JULIE L. RODEWALD**, County Clerk-Recorder and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo, and ex-officio clerk of the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts for which said Board so acts, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the meeting held Monday, December 29, 2003, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo, and ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts for which said Board so acts.

JULIE L. RODEWALD, County Clerk-Recorder
and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: /s/Vicki M. Shelby,
Deputy Clerk-Recorder

DATED: December 31, 2003
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