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AGENDA

**PALOS VERDES PENINSULA
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022
7:30 A.M.**

VIRTUAL MEETING

In accordance with Assembly Bill 361 (AB361), due to the continuing state of emergency, including masking and social distancing directives as a result of the threat of the COVID-19 virus, the Palos Verdes Peninsula Regional Emergency Preparedness Committee for Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 7:30 a.m., will be conducted via teleconference using the Zoom platform. Please see separate cover for public participation options.

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

NOTE: *This is the appropriate time for members of the public to make comments regarding items not listed on this agenda. Pursuant to the Brown Act, no action will take place on any items not listed on the agenda.*

- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 2022**
- VI. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO) UPDATE (SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT)**
 - B. UPDATE ON THE PENINSULA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TASKFORCE (RHE VERBAL REPORT)**

- C. ZONEHAVEN PRESENTATION (COUNTY OEM)
- D. STATUS UPDATE ON WILDFIRE CAMERAS (RPV – VERBAL)

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. BRUSH CLEARANCE UPDATE (LACoFD - VERBAL)
- B. FUTURE MEETING FORMAT DISCUSSION

VIII. OTHER MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

NOTE: *This is the appropriate time for Committee Members to direct the placement of items for future action on upcoming agendas.*

Next regular meeting Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 7:30 a.m.



**PALOS VERDES PENINSULA
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MINUTES TO MEETING ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2022**

I. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Public Safety Committee was called to order by Chair Dieringer at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Rancho Palos Verdes

David Bradley, Mayor
Eric Alegria, Councilmember

Rolling Hills Estates

Frank Zerunyan, Mayor
Steve Zuckerman, Councilmember

Rolling Hills

Bea Dieringer, Mayor
Patrick Wilson, Councilmember

Palos Verdes Estates

Dawn Murdock, Councilmember
David McGowan, Councilmember

ALSO PRESENT:

Rancho Palos Verdes

Ara Mihranian, City Manager
Karina Bañales, Deputy City Manager
Jesse Villalpando, Emergency Services Coordinator
McKenzie Bright, Administrative Analyst
Larry Maizlish, Emergency Preparedness Committee Chair
Ruth Braswell, Emergency Preparedness Committee Member

Rolling Hills Estates

Greg Grammer, City Manager
Alexa Davis, Assistant City Manager
Lauren Pettit, City Clerk
Jessica Slawson, Management Analyst

Rolling Hills

Christian Horvath, City Clerk
Ashford Ball, Senior Management Analyst

Palos Verdes Estates

Tony Best, Police Chief

Marcelle Herrera, Community Relations Officer

Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District (PVPUSD)

Brenna Terrones, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services

Richard Phillips, Board Member

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Captain James Powers, Lomita Sheriff's Station

Los Angeles County Fire Department

Acting Assistant Chief Brian Bennett, Division 1

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chair Dieringer.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2021

Motion by Member Bradley, seconded by Member Zuckerman to approve the minutes as presented.

AYES: Members: Bradley, McGowan, Murdock, Wilson, Zuckerman and Chair Dieringer

NOES: Members: None

ABSTAIN: Members: Alegria and Zerunyan

VI. COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION

Chair Dieringer nominated Member Zuckerman as Chair and Member Zerunyan as Vice Chair. Member Alegria seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Member Alegria thanked Member Dieringer for her service as Chair over the last year. Member McGowan and Member Wilson echoed Member Alegria's sentiments.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO) UPDATE (SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT)

Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District (PVPUSD) Assistant Superintendent Brenna Terrones reported that the School District was awarded \$213,750 for a California Healthcare Research and Prevention Tobacco Grant which will be divided between the four cities and the school district to help cover the cost of the SROs over the next three years beginning July 1, 2022. She noted that the School District will be working with the SROs, emphasizing prevention through student education and assemblies, while also focusing on traffic issues at the school sites.

Assistant Superintendent Terrones confirmed that continuation high school returned to the Rancho Del Mar campus in August 2021, with Kelli Keller as Principal, in response to Member Wilson.

Assistant Superintendent Terrones explained that Rancho Del Mar High School is part of the Distance Learning Academy and Independent Study Program, with approximately 50 high school students enrolled, in response to Member Dieringer. She further explained the enrollment numbers in the various programs that use the Rancho Del Mar campus.

Member Alegria inquired about the traffic review analysis currently being done around three elementary schools. Rancho Palos Verdes (RPV) City Manager Mihranian explained that the Silver Spur Elementary traffic review report has been received, and that they are waiting on three other studies to be completed.

PVPUSD Board Member Rick Phillips reported that bell schedules will be changing next year, with the high schools changing from an 8:00 am to 8:30 am start time, and discussion being had regarding changing elementary and intermediate start times as well. Board Member Phillips thanked the four Peninsula cities for contributing to the SRO program.

B. UPDATE ON THE PENINSULA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TASKFORCE (RHE VERBAL REPORT)

Rolling Hills Estates (RHE) Management Analyst Jessica Slawson reported that the Peninsula Emergency Preparedness Taskforce meeting was held virtually on February 1, 2022. The group provided updates for each respective city and partner agency operations. The Peninsula cities are collaborating as a region on various grant opportunities and city staff is communicating safety information to the community, including information regarding upcoming brush clearance. She reported that the City of Rolling Hills was awarded the Helen Putnam Award for their Block Captain Program.

Management Analyst Slawson noted that the School District was also present at the Taskforce meeting and reported that they are actively working on brush clearance, and

students are back to in-person learning with large-scale in-house COVID-19 testing operations for students, family and staff. The School District successfully facilitated emergency drills including hand radio tests, with additional drills planned for spring.

Management Analyst Slawson noted that the Lomita Sheriff Station was also present at the Taskforce meeting and reported that their volunteers have returned for certain station duties and community events, the Mounted Posse has returned to patrolling trails, and retiring Deputies Tami Bouse, Reece Souza and John Despot were recognized for their years of service. The Palos Verdes Estates Police Department continues to send out weekly safety information to residents.

Management Analyst Slawson reported that a representative from the American Red Cross was also present at the Taskforce meeting, who reported on the current blood shortage and need for donations.

Management Analyst Slawson reported that the Peninsula CERT Coordinator was also present at the Taskforce meeting, and that they will be partnering with Los Angeles County Fire Department to establish CERT trainings this spring.

C. STATUS UPDATE ON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR PENINSULA WIDE MASS EVACUATION PLAN (RPV)

RPV Emergency Services Coordinator Jesse Villalpando provided a high-level update on the request for proposals (RFP) for Peninsula-wide mass evacuation plans. He outlined the proposed scope of work, a summary of the key elements of the deliverables, and a summary of the Zonehaven Evacuation Project. He explained that the Zonehaven program represents only a portion of the identified key components of an effective mass evacuation plan, and that additional information is needed to determine the relationship between the development of a Peninsula-wide mass evacuation plan and the Zonehaven evacuation management platform.

Emergency Services Coordinator Villalpando explained that the chosen vendor would take into account the four cities' current and future Housing Elements with respect to increasing density when creating a comprehensive plan, in response to Member Bradley.

In response to Member Dieringer, Emergency Services Coordinator Villalpando explained that Zonehaven is a program funded by the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and the program would be free to participating cities. He also explained that the cities are currently reviewing and making edits to the Zonehaven-proposed zones within each city, but the official implementation date was not yet known. Lastly, he noted that staff would need to gather more information in order to determine if and how uncovered areas could be incorporated, in response to Member Dieringer.

Chair Zuckerman suggested providing OEM with a copy of each city's Traffic and Circulation Elements even though they have not been formally approved.

Emergency Services Coordinator Villalpando noted that many California cities and counties have implemented Zonehaven, including the City of Santa Rosa, in response to Chair Zuckerman. Chair Zuckerman requested links to websites of cities currently using the platform for the Committee to review.

Emergency Services Coordinator Villalpando explained that the Zonehaven platform considers the Peninsula as four separate cities, with each city having control in establishing its own zones and boundaries, in response to Member McGowan. Member McGowan stated that consideration of zones and boundaries should be done in a coordinated approach with all four cities.

Emergency Services Coordinator Villalpando explained that he is aware of two to three vendors on the market with the specific skills set outlined in the RFP, but that portions can and may be subcontracted out if needed, in response to Member Murdock. Member Murdock emphasized the importance of communication when implementing Zonehaven, highlighting potential difficulties in accessing this information if the power went out or for someone without access to a computer. She stated that the chosen vendor should be directed to work with each of the four cities to access existing communication plans and resources that are already available and utilized within the cities. Coordinator Villalpando explained the "Know Your Zone" outreach campaign, and noted that ultimately the Los Angeles County Fire Department and Sheriff Department can send mobile notifications or go door to door for evacuation notices if the power went out.

Member Dieringer inquired if Zonehaven was one of the vendors that could provide all of the services outlined in the RFP, and about the process Zonehaven uses to develop zone boundaries if it is not done using an evacuation time study. Emergency Services Coordinator Villalpando explained that Zonehaven offers the evacuation management platform, and would not be an option for a vendor to create the Peninsula-wide mass evacuation plan. He further explained that Zonehaven uses a proprietary software that automatically generates zones, and that it is up to each city to review and modify the zone boundaries.

Member Dieringer inquired if it would be most efficient to first do an evacuation time study to help define the zones, or make adjustments to the zones after they are initially determined by Zonehaven. Coordinator Villalpando explained that the City is at the preliminary stages of this process and more information was needed, however the Zonehaven platform is being used very successfully in other cities and counties so he is confident in their determination of zones. City Manager Mihranian further explained that

the RFP has been paused in order to gather more information to determine what services Zonehaven can provide to the City and to determine if any gaps exist before proceeding with the RFP.

Vice Chair Zerunyan summarized his concerns about Senate Bills 9 and 10 and a one-size-fits-all approach to any major Peninsula-wide evacuations, including those for fires, earthquakes, events of terrorism or cyber security attacks, and urged staff to continue to customize our Peninsula-wide mass evacuation plan to fit the specific needs of this community.

Public comment was received from Larry Maizlish, RPV Emergency Preparedness Committee Chair, who emphasized that the Zonehaven platform is not new, it has been in wide-use throughout the state, and summarized how Zonehaven works and how it fits into the overall Peninsula-wide disaster management plan. He noted the large amount of time that will be required to enter all of the details in order to take full advantage of the platform, and that the detail work may need to be incorporated into the RFP with a consultant. He further explained the capabilities of the platform, and areas that are not covered by Zonehaven.

Discussion ensued regarding the tight timeline for revising and approving the proposed zones, and how the RFP fits into this timeline.

Public comment was received from Ruth Braswell, RPV Emergency Preparedness Committee Member, who echoed Mr. Maizlish's comments, and commented that after reviewing the initial designation of zones by Zonehaven, the algorithm does not adequately capture the unique aspects of the Peninsula, making the evaluation of the zones by each city extremely important. Lastly, she highlighted that Zonehaven will require residents to sign up for the alerts in order to participate.

Emergency Services Coordinator Villalpando suggested that the Peninsula City Managers review the RFP and take it to each City Council, rather than waiting for the Committee's review since the Committee only meets quarterly, in response to Member Murdock. City Manager Mihranian explained that the RFPs do not necessarily need to go to each City Council, but the selection of a vendor would go to the City Councils for final approval. He further summarized that staff is recommending the Committee receive and file this report, allow staff to continue to work with Zonehaven, and provide more information at the next meeting.

Member Zuckerman confirmed that each respective City Manager will update their City Councils with updates throughout this process.

Member McGowan confirmed that any emergencies occurring in the ports of San Pedro requiring the evacuation of the Peninsula will be included in this mass evacuation plan.

Motion by Member Dieringer, seconded by Member Alegria to receive and file the report, defer solicitation of proposals until additional information is gathered, and direct City Managers to communicate updates to City Councils.

AYES: Members: Alegria, Bradley, Dieringer, McGowan, Murdock, Wilson, Zerunyan and Chair Zuckerman

NOES: Members: None

ABSTAIN: Members: None

D. STATUS UPDATE ON WILDFIRE CAMERAS (RPV)

Emergency Services Coordinator Jesse Villalpando provided a staff report, summarizing the City of RPV's investigation of the development of a wildfire camera detection system, and outlining the two separate options within the scope of work in the RFP: Option #1 which ensures coverage of the six high-risk areas identified by the City of RPV and its respective Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC); and Option #2 which ensures coverage of all six high-risk areas identified in Option #1 and expands the installation of wildfire detection sensors/technologies, as well as associated equipment to cover the majority of the Palos Verdes Peninsula's high fire risk areas as identified in the RFP. He then outlined the associated project tasks included in the RFP, the RFP deadline extension and potential grant funding sources.

Emergency Services Coordinator Villalpando explained that the notice of interest submitted to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for grant funds provided through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) were for both Options #1 and #2, in response to Member Dieringer.

Emergency Services Coordinator Villalpando explained that the RFP required pricing for both Options #1 and #2, and that there were approximately four to five vendors who have expressed interest, in response to Member Dieringer.

Chair Zuckerman inquired about the possibility of the cameras being independent of the electrical grid, using solar panels and/or batteries, in which Emergency Services Coordinator Villalpando confirmed.

Member Dieringer requested an update on this project at the next Committee meeting, and that updates be provided to the City Managers to provide to the City Councils between now and the next meeting

There being no objection, Chair Zuckerman so ordered that the item be received and filed, with an update to be agendized at the next Committee meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. COVID-19 STATUS UPDATE

RHE City Manager Greg Grammer provided an update on the current status of the City of Rolling Hills Estates, noting that City Hall is open to the public with limited staff and that appointments are encouraged. Equipment upgrades have been made to allow for hybrid (virtual and in-person) City Council meetings beginning on February 22, 2022.

RPV City Manager Mihranian reported that City Hall is open to the public by appointment, and that the Planning Commission and City Council are meeting in-person, with virtual participation offered to the public.

Rolling Hills Senior Management Analyst Ball reported that City Hall is open to the public, and that all meetings are being held in-person with masks and social distancing, with the exception of the Block Captain Program which is being held in a hybrid format.

Palos Verdes Estates Police Chief Tony Best reported that City Hall is open by appointment only, the Police Department is open 24 hour a day, City Council, Committee and Commission meetings are being held virtually, and discussions are being held regarding shifting to hybrid and/or in-person meetings.

IX. OTHER MATTERS FROM REGIONAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Dieringer requested updates on the mass evacuation program, the wildfire camera program, and the school resource officer program, at the next Committee meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY OF FALLEN FIREFIGHTER JONATHAN FLAGLER

There being no further business before the Palos Verdes Peninsula Regional Emergency Preparedness Committee, Chair Zuckerman adjourned the meeting at 9:11 a.m. in honor of fallen firefighter Jonathan Flagler. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, May 12, 2022, beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Approved,

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Zuckerman, Chair
City of Rolling Hills Estates

Lauren Pettit, City Clerk
City of Rolling Hills Estates



MEMORANDUM

TO: PENINSULA PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
FROM: CITY MANAGERS
DATE: MAY 12, 2022
SUBJECT: ZONEHAVEN PRESENTATION
PREPARED BY: JESSICA SLAWSON, MANAGEMENT ANALYST

RECOMMENDATION

Invite the County of Los Angeles Office of Emergency Management to provide a presentation on the Zonehaven program, ask any questions, receive, and file report.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Peninsula Public Safety Committee (PPSC) has discussed mass evacuation planning for the Peninsula over the last year. Staff has conducted preliminary research to better understand the significance of neighborhood ingress and egress routes, identify concerns about impaired access, establish communication best practices, and how to repopulate an area in the event of an evacuation.

During that process, staff was contacted by the County of Los Angeles Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to discuss evacuation planning for cities located in fire prone areas within Los Angeles County. Based on recommendations from the 2018 Woolsey Fire After Action Report, as well as growing use of technology to support alert and warning systems, emergency public information, and cross jurisdictional coordination during evacuations, the County of Los Angeles OEM is seeking local jurisdictional collaboration in the development of evacuation zones for the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones across the County. Evacuation zones can be generally defined as pre-designated geographical areas that emergency responders use to enhance coordination and span of control during a disaster. In the event of a large fire or other disaster, officials may use established Evacuation Zones to quickly determine the timing, order, and routes of evacuation for specific areas, making evacuations more effective and avoiding traffic bottlenecks. At its meeting on February 10, 2022, the PPSC was presented with information regarding the County of Los Angeles OEM Zonehaven

Evacuation Project. The County of Los Angeles OEM is the lead agency for the Zonehaven Evacuation Project, which is currently funded by the County for the next three years.

Zonehaven is a cloud-based evacuation management platform that leverages critical data and assists local public safety personnel by providing actionable insight to emergency responders and the public in the event of a disaster. Zonehaven also serves as a tool for evacuation pre-planning and assists during real world incidents. The project's overarching goal is to develop a centralized online interactive map that divides a local city into evacuation zones based on geography, threat direction, jurisdictional boundaries, population density, and other regional and/or city specific factors. Public Safety Officials will have access to Zonehaven's restricted "[EVAC](#)" platform during an emergency, allowing them to dynamically adjust the community-specific evacuation zone number being evacuated based on the status of the ongoing incident. It also has a public-facing website in which residents can determine what zone they are in and whether they should evacuate in the event of a major incident or disaster or determine when it's safe to repopulate after an emergency event has impacted the area. Throughout the duration of an emergency, pertinent data can also be fed into the online public facing "[AWARE](#)" Platform, such as current evacuation status, live incident updates, and relevant resources such as shelter options.

Operations Section Chief Bennett Cummings with the County of Los Angeles OEM will be present at the PPSC meeting on May 12 to provide an overview and update on the Zonehaven Evacuation Project.

In addition to the four Palos Verdes Peninsula cities, the Zonehaven Evacuation Project includes: Avalon, Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu, Palmdale, Santa Clarita, Westlake Village, Arcadia, Azusa, Bradbury, Burbank, Claremont, Covina, Diamond Bar, Duarte, Glendale, Glendora, Irwindale, La Canada Flintridge, La Habra Heights, La Verne, Monrovia, Pasadena, Pomona, San Dimas, Sierra Madre, Walnut, West Covina, and Whittier.

CONCLUSION

The close collaboration of the Peninsula cities, public safety partners, and the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management can be leveraged with strategic evacuation planning to help the communities of the Palos Verdes Peninsula be more prepared for disasters and emergencies. Staff will continue to keep the committee updated throughout the program process, reassess the Peninsula's evacuation planning needs, and identify possible gaps to address accordingly.