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Combined Meeting
Crest Forest & Lake Arrowhead Municipal Advisory Councils
Mountain Emergency Response and Preparedness

MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 23, 2020 6:30 p.m.
Location: Held Via Zoom

1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by San Bernardino County Supervisor Janice Rutherford

2.0 INTRODUCTION OF MAC MEMBERS: Supervisor Rutherford introduced the members of both MACs.

Crest Forest:

Chair Steve Garcia
Vice Chair Kyle Schulty
Connie Bracher
Gil Flores
Rick Dinon

Lake Arrowhead:

Chair Scott L. Rindenow
Vice Chair Michelle Ambrozic
Duane Banner (absent)
Ken Stowe
Jim Grant Sr.

3.0 REPORTS: Topic of the meeting is *Mountain Emergency Response and Preparedness*

Supervisor Rutherford: She discussed the importance of registering for the Ready SB app and the TENS reverse 911 system. She also shared the members of the new Lake Gregory Community Advisory Committee.

San Bernardino County Hazard Abatement: Andres Diaz, Code Enforcement Officer III - discussed the weed abatement process. How inspections are done and the fine/abatement process

Southern California Edison: Jennifer Cusack, Government and Legislative Affairs - discussed their program of removing trees threatening power lines, PSPS, and the need for targeted power outages to repair infrastructure.

Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council: Laura Dyberg gave an excellent overview of the role of fire safe councils in communities. She discussed the MRFSC mission of providing grant money to people in need as well as coordinating chipping programs throughout the mountain area.

San Bernardino County Fire: Chief Dan Munsey / Chief Katherine (Kat) Opliger - They discussed how different fire agencies work together during a fire. They also discussed the importance of being prepared and evacuating when ordered.

US Forest Service: Battalion Chief Brian Grant - discussed the USFS role in a fire incident.

CAL FIRE: Chief Shane Littlefield – discussed CAL FIRE’s areas of responsibility. Also discussed cooperation between agencies and CAL FIRE’s air resources.

San Bernardino County Sheriff: Captain Don Lupear - discussed the Sheriff's role in a fire emergency / evacuation. They assist with road closures and evacuations. After evacuations they patrol neighborhoods to protect people's property from robbers / looters

California Highway Patrol: Lt. Michael Salinas - Discussed CHP's role in road closures and evacuations. They take direction from the Joint Fire Command.

Caltrans: Jocelyn Whitfield, Cal Trans, Manager, Governmental and Legislative Affairs - shared Cal Trans' role in an evacuation. Shared that they do not make the decision to close roads, that is up to CHP & Joint Command.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT:

MACs receive comments on non-agenda items. Public comment is limited to three minutes per item per person. Limitations during Public Comment are at the discretion of the MAC Chairperson. Items discussed included short term rentals and enforcement of the closure of the national forest.

5.0 NEXT MEETING:

- a. The next meeting of the Crest Forest MAC will be on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, 6:30 pm, via Zoom
- b. The next meeting of the Lake Arrowhead MAC will be on Thursday, October 1, 2020, 6:00 pm, via Zoom

6.0 ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM