

Caspar Emergency Preparedness/Shelter Planning Meeting Notes - March 27, 2017

Present: Ellen Buchner, Jef Schultz, Lisa Weg, Dana Fox, Caroline Schooley, Annie Lee, Gary Grahame, Sally Stewart, Margie Enos, Bill Imhoff, Paula Glessner

Dates are still tentative for the next CERT training in Fort Bragg, which is anticipated for 3 consecutive Saturdays beginning the last week in May. For further info check the CERT-Fort Bragg website at <https://city.fortbragg.com/592/CERTDiscussion> <<https://city.fortbragg.com/592/CERTDiscussion>>, or fortbraggcert on facebook.

Lisa, Dana, and Ellen clarified the role of C.E.R.T. in emergency planning. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program helps train volunteers to respond safely and effectively in emergency situations. The free, 3-day training emphasizes preparedness, damage assessment, search and rescue, triage, and teamwork. The training is available without further obligation, but if there were sufficient interest, a County authorized CERT team in Caspar (min of 6), could support shelter operations with house-to-house search and rescue efforts, and interface with the County's Incident Command System (ICS) and emergency responders on behalf of residents who are injured and/or trapped in their homes.

Regarding the size, nature, and location of a container for emergency shelter supplies, Bob suggested that we wait to decide on purchasing options until we know exactly what we will be storing. Once the materials are assembled in Caroline's shop, we'll have a better idea how large a container will be required. Lisa suggested that if a Coastal Development Permit is required to site a container, there could be a considerable delay (years), before the supplies have a permanent home.

Margy gave a brief update on neighborhood mapping, and provided a copy of the updated registration sheet for households that would like to be included in neighborhood search and rescue efforts (see attached). Lisa will ask Sienna to add this document to the list of materials available on the Caspar Commons website. The Community Resource Inventory form and suggested supply list are currently available online. The link is <http://casparcommons.org/Resilient/index.php> - emergency <<http://casparcommons.org/Resilient/index.php#emergency>> or Caspar Commons Library Emergency Preparedness.

We reviewed and expanded the list of subcommittees contributing to emergency/shelter planning to include emergency water and emergency sanitation, with the expectation that existing utilities may not be operable in the event of a disaster. We also attempted to list the people that had expressed an interest in contributing to each subcommittee (thank you Ellen!). PLEASE LET MEMBERS OF YOUR SUBCOMMITTEE KNOW IF YOUR INTERESTS ARE NOT RECORDED CORRECTLY. **The group requested that phone and email addresses be made available for planning purposes (see below).

The next emergency preparedness meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 24 at 7pm at the Community Center. IT WILL HELP MOVE THIS PROCESS ALONG IF EACH SUBCOMMITTEE WOULD PLEASE PREPARE A PRELIMINARY BUDGET, TIMELINE, AND/OR OUTLINE <> to share at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted, and best wishes to all - Lisa

Emergency Preparedness Subcommittees

Storage Unit: Bill, Bob, Gary, Star, Wayne, Ed

Food: Dana, Paula, Ellen, Marty

Communications: Bob, Meredith

Shelter Supplies: Ray, Judith, Annie
Mapping: Margie, Sally, Gary, Paula, Lisa, Ray
Shelter in Place: Jef, Bob
Shelter Management: Lisa, Annie, Dana, Ellen
First Aid: Miriam? Sally, Jim, Margie
CERT: Lisa
Emergency Water: Paul Shulman?
Sanitation:

[[email addresses & phone numbers suppressed]]

** Only the people that attended the March meeting are included in the contact list above.