

AGENDA

1. Roll Call by County

Approximately 26 counties in attendance. Additional counties joined after roll call.

2. Introduction – Rick Tippett

Reminders on conference call decorum (mute phone, don't put on hold)

3. CEAC/CSAC Update – Marina Espinoza

Legislature adjourned for emergency recess. Plan to return 4/13. Senate Pro Tem says return date unlikely. No word on plan. CTC workshop scheduled for 4/9. Discussion on RMRA eligibility and need to extend schedule. Looking to add 2nd webinar. CSAC requested deadline extended to 7/1. Next stimulus package on federal side proposed to focus on small business and individuals. Democrats proposed infrastructure funding but likely not to be included in next funding stimulus. Perhaps as part of future discussions.

4. Items of Discussion (Aiming for 5-10 minutes per item) Will stop at 4:20.

a. *I have an employee that has Corona Virus; Here is what we did (need presenter)*

One County DPW employee has tested positive. More information to follow next week.

b. *The PW staff will likely be procured as Disaster Service Workers (DSW) per state law to assist health care response to the virus emergency, how will this be handled (LA – Doudar).*

LA County – 50% of workforce out. Using Microsoft Teams and teleworking. Doing everything to continue services. Health care infrastructure needs support and asking for disaster workers.

What happens if workers aren't eligible to utilize gas tax dollars to perform non-road related work. LA reached out to OES. For work unrelated to core duties they will fund both regular time and overtime but concerned about floating gas tax dollars or other funds for years.

San Joaquin County has policy not to expect reimbursement from OES. Hope to get reimbursed in future but expecting to eat costs. Steve Lederer from Napa – once event occurs Auditor sets up account, departments charge that account.

Rick from Trinity – if it's not road related use general fund account and ask board to replenish funds in future.

Josh Pack, Calaveras – similar to Napa. County approved borrowing from traffic fee program as part of previous FEMA disasters to provide short-term cash flow to fund repairs until FEMA reimburses at later date.

c. *There is lack of clarity on how PW agencies will be reimbursed for the work of the DSW they make available. There is also confusion on what DSW can initially charge their time against, especially that most work for special districts, such as a flood control district, or their typical work is funded through gas tax, or other restricted funds. (LA – Doudar)*

LA County – concerns about how state controller will interpret use of gas tax funds for emergency work.

Rick – wondering how state auditor will interpret these actions as part of next year's report.

Hoping to get reimbursed.

LA County – still not clear if there is sufficient funding for reimbursement.

d. ***Napa DPW is turning an airport hangar into a facility for COVID positive, but not hospitalized, homeless persons. What are the challenges and what needs to be done? (Napa - Steve Lederer.)***

Steve with Napa – lots of attention for Napa County. Multiple levels of homeless care. Various levels of care based on level of homeless. EOC asked Public Works to build facility for homeless that be exposed but otherwise not require care. Initially no facility but modified existing airport hangar. Cleaning crews wouldn't go in to area. RFP out to find company to provide services. Wrapping fences around hanger and security. Deputies involved as well. LA County – did building official sign off for occupancy? Napa – yes. Targeted for homeless who have virus but not ready for hospitalization.

(?) – question on fire alarm issue. Napa – security firm provides fire watch. Hanger didn't have the correct alarm, so a fire watch (Security Guard) has to be posted.

Continuously monitoring building for fire. Marshall signed off. Building has good egress. Big hanger.

Brian from Contra Costa – looked at it for storage. FAA came down hard on county. They used fairgrounds. Fire Marshall wouldn't allow certain buildings. Also using hotel rooms for those testing positive.

Napa – 2017 fires – national guard used area for staging. FAA had no issues.

Brian Contra Costa – likely not doable in their county due to feedback from FAA. Napa – hanger was not being used for other activities.

Rick Trinity – the FAA likes to be notified about these things right away. FAA wanted general fund to rent facility at fair market rate for airport.

e. ***With the recent additional restrictions seen in urbanized areas – has anyone revised their policy to reduce or eliminate non-essential construction activity? (Calaveras – Josh)***

LA County continues planning to deliver all horizontal and vertical construction. Permit activity down 50-55% LA City inspectors looking for hygiene issues but otherwise moving forward
Contra Costa County – clamped down considerably since order this past week. One major project been buttoned down due to rain. Rest of horizontal construction scheduled for next few weeks. Delayed for a few weeks at least. Vertical construction on case by case. EOC continuing. Admin on hold. Fire building continuing. Maintenance projects are considered essential. Immediate repairs (potholes, guardrails) will continue along with weed abatement. Thinking end of April before even considering ramping back up.

Many other counties still pushing out projects.

Tony Marin – all horizontal projects moving forward with exception of vertical if they involve parks or tenant improvements. CAO / County Counsel directed

Humboldt moving forward but some contractors and subcontractors not able to perform.

Rick Trinity continuing on but contractors have checklist to fill out. Hotel decided not to rent – Rick had to write letter identifying crews as essential workers. Letter can be found in Basecamp. Contra Costa seems to be an outlier in this area.

San Joaquin not seeing social distancing issues on project site. Contractors are concerned about hammer coming down and state shutting down work. Firms worried about getting sued.

Calaveras moving forward but allowing flexibility including suspension of working days.

Developing checklist for contractors to use onsite.

Humboldt giving force majeure for sub issues. No additional costs but giving extra working days. Contractors don't appear to be pursuing claims.

Contra Costa County CM potentially considering claims for work shutdown.

f. ***We are in between counties that have a quickly rising infection rate. What have you done for inter-county transit. (Trinity – Rick)***

Public Health Officer wanted to defer reduction of services to transit to CAO or Board. CAO supported decision to cancel, then Health Officer concurred.. Transit drivers had significant concerns. Routes eventually pulled back to limited service.

g. *Kris Balaji (San Joaquin) – federal leave declaration. San Joaquin gone to essential services for road crews. Rotating shifts. When not at work they can't perform telework. They are going home complying with order. They use this 80 hours of federal leave. Use accrual leave after.*

h. *How to deal with CDC recommendation of wearing cloth coverage of face. Glenn County ordered about 60 or so.*

Rick Trinity – Risk Management handed out few hundred masks to staff.

Calaveras – use of face coverage is not required. Santa Cruz – same thing except for health workers. Up to decision of individuals. San Bernardino just handed out masks and employees are 'encouraged' to wear masks. Riverside it's a recommendation at this point. Departments providing bandanas. Humboldt custodians using masks since this started.

Other Items

1. **Internet Blog for discussion reminder (Pack Calaveras)** – reminder that system is in place to help assist with a chat room and file sharing function. Reach out to Josh Pack at Calaveras with any questions.
2. **Roundtable (Sierra County interested in help on FEMA declaration information).**
3. **Adjourn (@ 4:32 pm)**