

PEER EXCHANGE/STATEWIDE CONFERENCE CALL NOTES – APRIL 17, 2020

Roll Call by County

Amador, Butte, Contra, El Dorado, Glenn, Humboldt, Imperial, Kings, Lake, LA, Madera, Marin, Mendocino, Modoc, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Trinity, Tuolumne, Yuba

Introduction – Rick Tippett

CEAC/CSAC Update – Chris Lee

Not much to update this week as it relates to public works. Big push this week was interim relief bill for hospitals, SBA, etc. After relief bill, CSAC will be focusing on a recovery bill with infrastructure funding. It would be helpful to know anticipated impacts to the county's infrastructure/transportation and future outlook, and to identify major shuffle ready projects. Deadline to provide updates: before May 4.

Items of Discussion

We have an employee that has Corona Virus; here is what we did:

John Gay - Imperial

5th COVID case within Imperial county and 1st in public works; employee's wife was sick first. Determined that the employee's vehicle and office were affected. Contracted out with a hazmat company and cleaned the areas and waited for employee's recovery. Imperial has a process for bringing employees back, i.e. monitoring temperatures (need to log employees in the morning). Plan will be available on CEAC's COVID webpage i.e. locking down offices, noticing employees, 24-hour to clean, post "do not enter" signs. They have four companies on standby to assist with sterilization of affected area(s). Temperature initially is only for those that may have been exposed, but soon it will be expanded to all employees. HIPPA issue with checking temperatures? They ran the temperature check through county counsel and public health. John's not sure if it's a HIPPA violation but will follow-up. Rick asked if you could use asphalt thermometers to measure human temperature – per: Howard, no.

What agencies are doing...

Mattson – Humboldt

Board took employee-related action and gave 5% hazard pay, doubled sick leave and uncapped vacation time to those working in the EOC i.e. janitorial staff, park employees. Did a survey and only about 3% are available for disaster surface work. If temperature is over 99.5%, you can't get in the EOC. Installing plexi-glass at counters and public areas in preparation of reopening. Tax collector has waived all late fees if it can be related to COVID (due to the high number of businesses that pay in cash). Parks are still open. Went from 5 to 40+ cases due to passengers

arriving at their airport. Can't close airport due to Federal regulations. Tippet - on jail project, take temperatures and report employees by zip code (not by name).

Doudar - Los Angeles

No report

Balbas - Contra Costa (CCC)

Just announced a new "cover your face" order that goes into effect next Wednesday; any member of the public must have a mask on if going in to an essential business or using public transportation. CCC has 648 positive cases, 38 hospitalized and 3 additional deaths in the last 24 hours. CAO has been active in taking care of recovery assistance and help track the county and costs. **Gave an additional 80 hours sick leave and 64 additional COVID-related sick days (?) (cap on the 64) to ALL county staff (not just exempt or non-exempt).** County is buying 2 cloth reusable masks for every employee; partnering with the unions. They have 4 alternative care sites, but haven't needed to use them yet. EOC is operational 7 days per week. They've started making child care available for first responders and health care providers. Public Works anticipates that they'll continue working from home through end of May. Had a maintenance labor disruption; only 50% showing up. Elderly facilities hot spots; using hotels/motels to house some.

Machado - Santa Cruz

Population 275,000 and 2 deaths. Public Health Officer said as of May 4, there's the intent to steer toward a community-immunity concept promoting the younger folks to "get back to normal" to create a "herd immunity."

Pat Echols - Marin

BOS approved MOU for Families First. Building maintenance division were deemed as non-exempt because there were sufficient numbers available; created some turmoil within the division.

Thoughts on reopening?

No comments

Roundtable

Last COVID bill included a lot of money for airport improvement (?). Per: Howard, needed 5% match on airport projects; suggested checking out CARES funding match.

Meetings every other week?

Group to email Rick with their opinion.

Adjourn @ 4:17pm