



Animals in Disaster Working Group Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Agenda:

The meeting commenced at 11:05am.

In attendance: S. Brown, S. Buhl, W. Burke, D. Chapman, Z. Corbo, D. Ellis, M. Francesconi, A. Jones, DVM, J. Kerr, DVM, K. Leyden, W. Lin, Lt. P. Maradiaga, J. Maretti, N. McKenney, G. Miller, DVM, B. Munk, DVM, N. Murray, K. Nielsen, J. Ortega, J. Osborn, A. Patterson, DVM, A. Raj, N. Richmond, G. Smith, C. Sonder, DVM, L. Stanley, N. Tobias, M. Wakefield, B. Whipple.

Absent: J. Albrecht, K. Anater, E. Baker, R. Busch, DVM, D. Clifford, DVM, J. Griffith, J. Horan, R. Lovell, L. Mendoza, L. Olson, L. Quiroz, M. Vasquez, M. Ziccardi, DVM.

I. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

II. New Business

a. Update on CVET MOU

- Draft is ready to be routed through executive for signatures.
- Will clarify conversations had in these past meetings.
- Will focus on veterinary needs, as a responding resource.
- Spells out different roles during response and mitigation. Helps with typing for those resources. Talks about CDFA, UC Davis, and Cal OES dividing the functions that would overlap between agencies.
- Will clarify supply logistics.
- Cal OES Director is retiring and with this transition, products are moving slowly through the chain of command right now.

b. CVET Program Update

- Have conducted 22 county rep meetings. Remaining county rep meetings are on hold due to the holidays and will resume in 2023
- William Burke – add to roster
- Dr. Ziccardi met with Director Mark Ghilarducci two weeks ago to give update on program and the plan moving forward.
- Received more resources in logistics world.
- Continuing to hire staff for the program.
- Decision was made that previous CERT team will be pulled into CVET.

c. Animal Control Officer (ACO) Request Process

- Cal OES has been working closely with county partners and on issues regarding ACOs.
- Historically, ACOs requests did not align with what they should be utilized for.
- Working closely with EMMA staff at Cal OES, external county stakeholders, and regional ESCs to compile common unfit requests, pitfalls, and best practices for ACO requests.
- Cal OES created an initial ACO Fact Sheet Draft. Will finalize and send out to the group once a final draft is solid. Once finalized and approved, fact sheet will be pushed out to counties, MARACs, and external stakeholders.
 - Recommendation to crosswalk ACO Fact Sheet with FEMA ACO partners to ensure we are in alignment. Clarification: FEMA typing will not be subverted.

Action Item: Send an email to Noele Richmond if you are interested in participating in an ACO ad hoc. Collective body to ensure operational areas get the resource needed (tackling ACO topic first).

III. Roundtable (Member Updates)

- Lindsey Stanley (Cal OES Regions): EMMA committee met Monday 12/12/22. Discussed building better feedback processes on EMMA responders and clarity of scope of skills.
- John Maretti (North Valley Animal Disaster Group): New volunteer training on 1/21/23 -1/22. Returning volunteers training on 1/28/23. Working on reciprocity of trainings.
- Zach Corbo (Cal Volunteers): Working on approval process for CA-ESF 17. Working on training AmeriCorps members in animal emergency response for additional support/resources.
- Naomi Tobias (Central California Animal Disaster Team): Between Oak and Mariposa fires, the team responded to approximately 1,000 animals. Upcoming CART Summit will be at the end of February 2023, all will be receiving a flyer.

Action Item: Naomi will send a flyer to Danielle Chapman to send to the group.

- Brian Whipple (Cal Animals): Rewriting animal annexes for updates.
- Asha Raj (CDFA): CDFA activated when ESF-11 was activated, but few requests from the 2 major fires in Siskiyou and El Dorado County. Resource catalog is being utilized by OAs, thanks to CAREs for putting catalogue together.
- Scott Buhl (UC Davis): Will be reaching out to Cal Volunteers. Thinking of minor details of response and resources and how best to coordinate when mission tasks are requested.
- Sonia Brown (CARES, CDFA): Participating in stakeholder agency coordination and NGO meetings on donated commodities (future Cal OES donation portal), animal issues, volunteer requirements, and identifying funding/grants

opportunities. Working directly with the Cal OES NGO/private sector unit on the CA-ESF plan. Upgrading CARES website – several county annexes and plans now on the website. Hoping for more standardization with the Emergency Operations Plan checklist.

- Claudia Sonder, DVM (Napa CART): Curious of percentage of counties that have ACOs comfortable working with livestock?
 - Ashley Nicole Patterson (UC Davis): UC Davis is trying to keep note on what ACOs are comfortable/not comfortable with livestock.
 - Sonia Brown, response to care supply caches: includes disposable bowls, clipboards, horse neck id bands, dog/cat id bands, three different size cages, cat litter, leashes, disposal plates or cat litter pans, foot cargo storage container, storage cart, zip ties, and storage bins. Some counties may have added to that cache.
- Michael Francesconi (Fairs & Expeditions, CDFA): Encourage local OES agencies to reach out to their fairgrounds to complete MOUs. Received \$90 million to update fairgrounds.
- Greg Smith (Law, Cal OES): New process for ACO requests through EMMA will help streamline process. If there is overlap with law enforcement (LE) on requests, LE can still help and engage.
 - Lindsey Stanley (Cal OES Regions): Continue messaging with LE agencies with non-use of LEMA for ACO requests and ongoing educational outreach on law branch side.
- Garrett Thomsen (Coastal Region, Cal OES): Hiring for four positions, hoping to have positions filled by the end of year.
- Kim Nielsen (Inland Region, Cal OES): Encourage counties to develop MOUs with their non-profits. Placer County will enter into an MOU with Holder Horses (spelling). Hiring additional Senior ESCs.
- Noele Richmond (Cal OES): Next meeting will be scheduled for early March 2023, after the CART Summit and will hopefully present the finalized MOU.

IV. Adjournment: 12:06 pm.

V. Next Meeting: Early March, 2023. Date to be determined.