

# Animals in Disaster Working Group Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 29, 2022

**This meeting commenced at 1:34pm.**

**In attendance:** S. Brown, S. Buhl, D. Chapman Huizar, D. Clifford, DVM, Z. Corbo, J. Griffith, J. Kerr, DVM, A. Jones, DVM, W. Lin, Lt. P. Maradiaga, L. Mendoza, G. Miller, DVM, B. Munk, DVM, J. Maretti, N. Murray, K. Nielsen, L. Olson, J.K. Osborn (M.A.), N. Shirell, G. Smith, C. Sonder, DVM, L. Stanley, N. Tobias, and B. Whipple.

**Absent:** J. Albrecht, K. Anater, E. Baker, R. Busch, M. Francesconi, J. Horan, N. McKenney, N. Richmond, L. Quiroz, A. Raj, K. Riley, M. Vasquez, M. Zaccardi.

**Guests:** J. Peaveler, and R. Soulsby.

## I. **Review and approve Meeting Minutes**

Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

## II. **New Business**

### **Guest Presentation**

- John Peaveler, Position Resource Typing of Animal-Related Resources Presentation (Power Point Presentation is attached to the meeting minutes)
  - Q: Have these animal types been used in other counties, and have they met the needs?
  - A: San Diego is a county that is currently using these animal types and has met the need.
  - Q: Status of official approval process, and recognized as official resource with the state?
  - A: They are not under consideration, but there are ways to utilize this typing without having agencies that would need to. We are open to the typing being adopted or modified as needed.
  - Q: Since ACOs have statutory authority to use chemical capture, will it be adding into an advanced category?
  - A: That language is included within this typing – for example, ACO type II possesses valid certification for chemical capture if ordered for that purpose. Can order an ACO with that provision. Same is true for euthanasia.
  - Comment: Though there is no official resource typing yet, the goal is to order resources efficiently. Difficult to obtain volunteers for animals and don't want to make more difficult by disqualifying people.
  - Recommendation: Use these guidelines for this fire season.

## **Resource Typing**

- CDFA: Created resource type document with detailed descriptions in lieu of position typing. Will be revising the document to include chemical capture.
- Calaveras County: Potential for communication issues if resource typing becomes more descriptive and complex. Gear resource typing to be universal where any disaster team, in any state, can recognize.
- Reminder: This is a State/Regional Committee and more about how resources are moved across the state when a local area is exhausted.
- Q: Any concerns with examples of resource typing from John Peaveler presentation?
  - Cal Animals: Decision needs to be made on resource typing (federal or large description).
  - CVMA & CV Medical Reserve Corp: Concern with medical equipment. Will require more build out and specifics.
    - Stafford Act: Medical equipment falls into a larger category called “medical supplies miscellaneous” therefore not necessary for each item to be listed if the above term is listed.
  - EMMA: Do not teach ordering ACOs via EMMA.
  - Cal Animals: In reference to the CARES document for resources requests, does the State allow recognized resource typing? Defining resource types would benefit local authorities.
  - Sonia Brown, CDFA: Talk to MARACs about how they feel about resource typing.

## **Napa CART – Napa Valley Equine**

- Agency Roles in Animal Response Document: divide tasks assigned in the document and meet again on progress checks. There is a lot of overlap on these groups.
- CARTs use the existing training on resource typing against their own training requirements.

## **C-VET**

- Still developing roles and responsibilities of C-VET MOU but will be geared more as a veterinary resource.
- Ability to help with training for Cal Animals or a particular county.

## **Cal Volunteers**

- Can designate and swear in volunteers to be certified and recognized.

## **LEMA/EMMA**

- Some counties have animal control within their law enforcement agency, therefore animal requests typically go through LEMA. Other counties have a separate agency.
- Cal OES Law: Recently completed a survey on animal control in all 58 counties and survey shows variations. Animal control falls under the Sherriff's department, local police department, or private organization. Therefore, Cal OES law felt LEMA was not as effective as EMMA to request animal resources.
- EMMA: Decision for animal control requests under EMMA has not been made. Not all requests fall under EMMA nor all under LEMA.
  - Decision for EMMA has to come from deputy director. Multiple system ordering can create issues, therefore recommend using a single system when possible.

ACTION ITEM: Retrieve clarification from upper management on LEMA vs. EMMA.

### **National Guard's Role in Disasters**

- The National Guard is not to be mission tasked for animal resource requests unless it is an extreme circumstance.

ACTION ITEM: Danielle Chapman Huizar will ask Noele Richmond if delivering feed would be considered a special circumstance.

## **III. Meeting adjourned at 3:37pm.**