

CITY OF BENICIA

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

2019 UPDATE



Community Meeting
February 28, 2019

Introduction & Agenda

- Logistics
 - Emergency exits
 - Restrooms
 - Refreshments
 - Phones
 - Introduction
- Agenda
 - Purpose
 - Goals
 - Ground rules



Introduction & Agenda

- Overview of EOP
 - Review of Annexes
 - Public Information
 - Exercise
 - Evacuation
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 - Mass Care & Shelter
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 - Dam Failure
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- Recap of Input
- Next Steps



Overview



Overview

- City of Benicia is responsible for protecting lives and property
 - Natural, man-made, and technological disasters
- EOP supports California Emergency Services Act
- Compliance with Federal, State, Local regulations
 - Compliance Review – West Coast Consulting
- FEMA Guidance
 - *Don't Reinvent the Wheel* – Using Solano County Plan as template
 - Added Benicia specific information; removed items not pertinent
 - *Don't Go It Alone*



What does the EOP do?

- Complies with Federal, State, Local regulations
- Provides guidance for City's response to major disasters
- Outlines Emergency Operations Center functions
- Ensures efficient coordination with partner agencies
- Provides for the protection of life and property

"The local EOP focuses on the measures that are essential for protecting the public. These include warning, emergency public information, evacuation, and shelter."

(FEMA - Guide for All-Hazard Emergency Operations Planning)

What the EOP does not do?

- The EOP is not an emergency preparedness document
 - It is a response plan
- The EOP does not provide specific direction
 - Plan must be fluid and flexible to adapt to disaster situations
- The EOP does not analyze all potential hazards
 - Identifies hazards with highest potential
 - Guidance from Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP)
- The EOP does not address every specific scenario
 - Plan more general; annexes more specific

Community Questions

- What does the community need/want to know

- What is happening?
- Where can I get accurate information?
- Do I need to evacuate?
- What do I need to be prepared?
- If evacuated, where do I go? How do I get there?
- How did City draft the EOP?
- Who is responsible for activating and executing the EOP?
- How can I volunteer to help?
- What about repopulation? How/when do I go home?



Other questions? - Exercise

EOP Volume I – Emergency Operations Plan

- EOP provides direction, operational concepts, procedures, and guidance to City and supporting agencies
- Basis for effective response to any hazard that threatens Benicia
- City equipped for day-to-day, routine responses
 - Disaster response requires additional resources, interface, and coordination with outside agencies
- Implementation of Standardized Emergency Management Systems (SEMS) and National Incident Management System (NIMS)



EOP Volume II – EOC Guidance Documents

- Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
 - Centralized facility for coordination of all emergency related services
- EOP provides guidance on EOC training, activation, roles, responsibilities, and operational response



Overview – EOP Annexes

Benicia Annexes to EOP

- Public Information
- Evacuation

(currently being developed by Benicia Police Dept.)

- Mass Care and Shelter
- Dam Failure



Overview – EOP Annexes



Solano County Annexes to EOP

- [Solano County Earthquake Annex](#)
- [Solano County Animal Care & Shelter Annex](#)
- [Solano County Access & Functional Needs Annex](#)
- [Solano County Flood & Tsunami Annex](#)
- [Solano County Terrorism Annex](#)

Public Information Annex

- Uniform policies for the effective development, coordination and dissemination of emergency information to the public
- Consistent with the CA Emergency Management Plan and the Federal Response Framework format for emergencies and disasters
- Coordination with County, California State, non-profit and non-government organizations, and possibly Federal agencies
- Alert, warning and notification of emergency information to the public
 - Accurate, clear, timely information
 - Access and functional needs; those who speak or read a language other than English

Public Information Annex

- Alert Solano
 - Emergency alerts only
 - Register at www.alertsolano.com
- IPAWS – WEA, EAS, UAS, NOAA
- Sirens
 - Post WWII technology – not primary notification method
- City of Benicia website (www.ci.Benicia.ca.us)
- Social Media
 - Facebook, Twitter, NextDoor
- Cable TV
 - Comcast Cable Channel 27 and AT&T U-Verse Channel 99



Evacuation Annex

- City is divided into 5 Evacuation Zones to organize and control any potential evacuations
- Each Zone has its own evacuation route to facilitate an orderly and rapid evacuation
- For identification purposes each zone has its own color and number

Zone 1

Zone 2

Zone 3

Zone 4

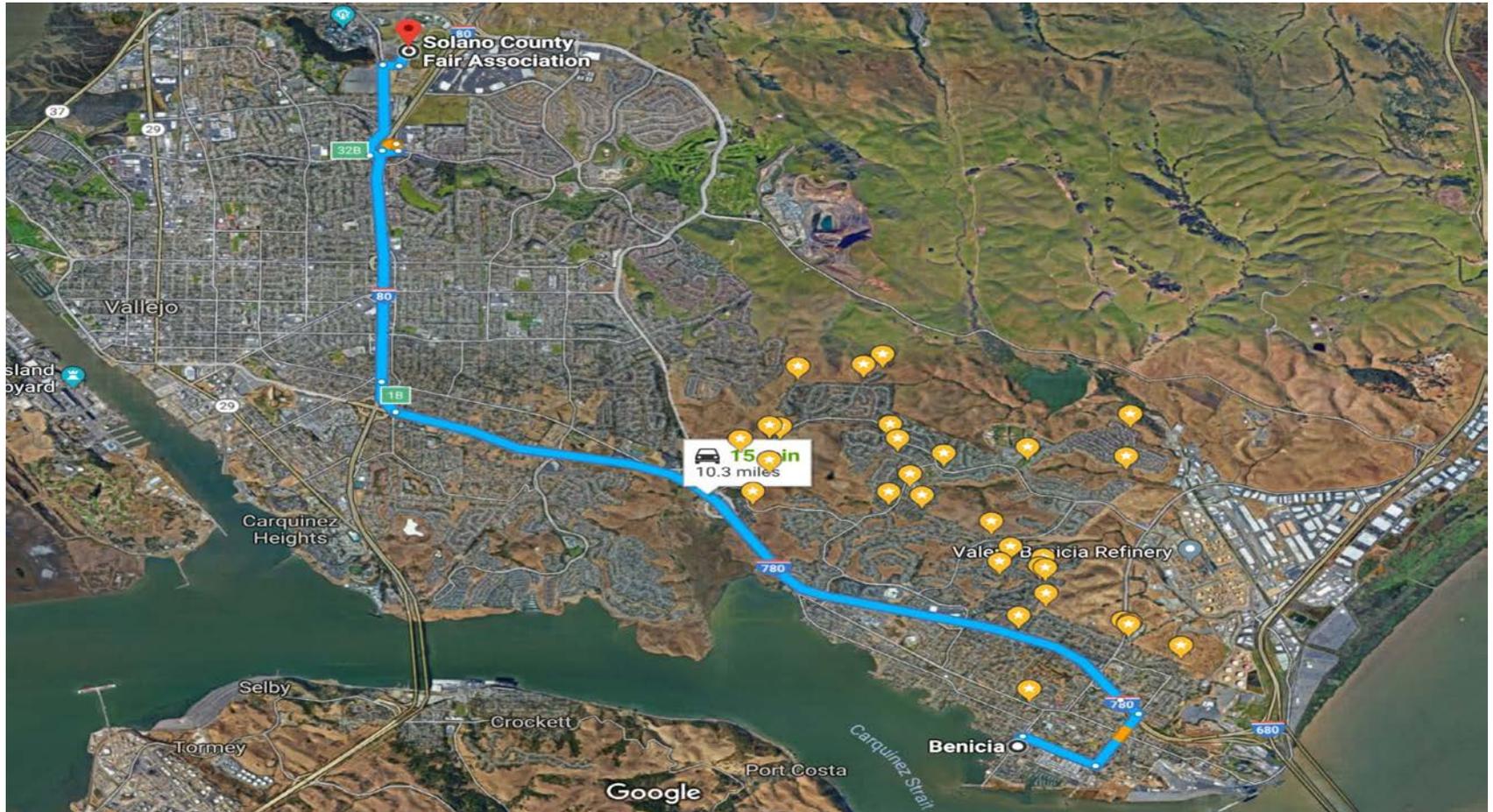
Zone 5

- Zones also allow for the evacuation of just a portion of the city, if necessary
- Should the zones or City need to be evacuated, Evacuation Arrival Points have been identified outside the City

Evacuation Routes & Zone Map



Evacuation Arrival Point - Solano County Fairgrounds



Evacuation Arrival Point

- Contra Costa County Events Center



Evacuation Annex

- Evacuation Arrival Point
 - Check in to record safely evacuated. Option to leave on their own or stay.
 - Choose to stay - provided temporary shelter and information until the incident has concluded.
- Individual evacuation plan is essential for people who may need additional time to evacuate such as those with:
 - Disabilities or others with access and functional needs
 - Small children
 - Recently undergone a medical procedure
 - Pets
 - Limited access to personal transportation
 - Language barriers

Mass Care & Shelter Annex

- Aligns with the Emergency Support Function #6 (ESF #6) of the National Response Framework for mass care
- Aligns with the Emergency Function for Mass Care in the California State Emergency Plan
- Temporary relief to disaster victims by providing emergency care:
 - Shelter, food, liquids, health care, information, communication, and other human services
 - City/American Red Cross identified sites
 - Access and functional needs; not medically fragile
 - Solano County & American Red Cross to operate shelters
- Repopulation – When and how to get residents home

Dam Failure Annex

- Emergency Action Plan (EAP) - Requirement of the Division of Dam Safety
- Lake Herman Dam
 - Responsibilities
 - Mitigation actions
 - Failure procedures
 - Notification scripts



Overview – EOP Update Process

- Public Outreach
 - Website, Town Hall Survey, Social Media, Meetings (Stakeholders & Public), Cable Channel, Press Release
 - Comments to be incorporated (as appropriate)
 - Tracking all comments
- Final Draft – March 2019
- City Council Adoption – April 2019
- Ongoing review and updates



Next Steps

February
2019

- **Public Review & Input**

March
2019

- **Finalize Draft EOP**

April
2019

- **City Council Review & Adoption**

Ongoing

- **Review, update, and training**

Resources

FEMA: www.ready.gov

American Red Cross: <https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/make-a-plan.html>

CAL FIRE: <http://www.readyforwildfire.org/Go-Evacuation-Guide/>

Cal OES: <https://www.caloes.ca.gov/for-individuals-families>

Questions & Comments

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Emergency Operations Plan