

MEETING OF THE EMERGENCY SERVICES

January 18, 1994

2:30 p.m.

The City Manager met with the emergency services representatives from the fire, sheriff, highway patrol, water, gas and Edison companies.

The following was discussed and/or updated:

Water - Santa Clarita Water company are encouraging residents to boil their water before using, if they have water. Crews are coming in from other cities and areas to help. Water pressure dropped and other breakage occurred with the after-shocks. Bouquet/Seco Cyn. areas are being activated. Leaks are being fixed as they arise and wells are being taken care of. Once the system is leak proofed, then they will chlorinate and bacteria test.

Castaic Lake Water Agency - tremendous leaks. They shut off main line. Have four major leaks in the 54" concrete cylinder pipe. One between the dam and the water treatment plant on the west side of the afterbay; Rye Canyon has three leaks. Hasley Canyon/Val Verde area has no water.

Valencia Water Company - water affected west of I-5, Sunset Point, Stevenson Ranch. These areas do not have water at this time. Lost two tanks and a third tank may hold water. Storage is damaged. Repairing tanks and once that is complete, water pressure will be up. The Larwin tank in Sunset Pointe has been destroyed. Half of customers are out of water in the Valencia Water area.

Newhall Water Company - Pinetree and Castaic are back on line. Newhall system damaged to several tanks which caused them to lose water. Well pumps put on line starting 11:30 this morning. As soon as base system leaks are corrected, base zone will be under control and the remainder in 3 to 4 days.

Drinking water is being brought in from the County--50,000 2 liter bottles; a truck was sent to Bakersfield to pick up water and juices. Asst. City Mgr. asked the fire dept. to get a 15,000 gal. truck to Canyon Country Park. Castaic to supply plastic water bottles. Fire dept. to bring tanker to Canyon Country Park and we need someone to fill plastic water bottles to distribute to people. The 50,000 bottles will be brought to the corporation yard and the EOC for distribution to shelters. City to arrange for pickup to CLWA. Fire department concerned about fire flow, dry weather, lack of water.

Transportation - City Manager requested CHP to discourage people from traveling Sierra Hwy. and to work with Metrolink on the transportation. City does not want gridlock and would like people to travel 135 going east. CHP Captain Greg Augustus reported that I5 is closed and 138 is the only way in and out. Access out of Santa Clarita is difficult. Information to use other routes is being disseminated. The Old Road near Gavin Canyon is open; freeway on both sides is gone. The Old Road will be closed for about a week while the remainder of the damaged freeway is being removed. South 14 and south 5 truck lanes are open. San Fernando Rd. being used now. Caltrans is working to open the Old Road as soon as possible (7 days, approx.) I5 will be long term delay. City Manager asked if we could encourage people to use buses through a staging center at College of the Canyons, would the CHP give them priority or escort the buses.

Road Closures - Need alternate plan to traverse people through here is we are going to accommodate commuters. If we allow traffic to go through, we need to make sure rescue vehicles are able to get through. CHP, City Mgr. to regroup.

Dennis Welch reported on closures--Magic Mtn. bridge, McBean by Newhall Ranch Rd. to Magic Mtn., Wiley Canyon, Lyons southbound closed, lane restrictions on Bouquet, almost gridlock on Sierra Hwy. on 1/18 in the a.m.

Gasoline is limited due to station closures. Long lines at gas stations.

Discussion on the bridge to be taken down by dynamite near a rail line and would prevent rail access. Could cause serious problems. Jeff Kolin reported 500-600 people used Metrolink on 1/18 for their means of transportation. Metrolink added 10 cars to the trains with eight trains out. Metrolink will accept script or passes and not charge us for them. Commuter buses can carry 400 people a day to Los Angeles. Have not run the commuter busses because of problems on Sierra Hwy.

City Mgr. suggested working with Magic Mountain to arrange some kind of parking and need to dialogue with the regional rail. Buses also needed to go into San Fernando Valley.

Shelters - Have three shelters, Newhall Boys & Girls Club, Saugus High School, and Canyon High School. Saugus had 100 people, Newhall 150, Canyon 240, 150 Sierra Vista Jr. High. All three shelters opened tonight. Getting extra space at Canyon. No problems except for water. City rented andy gumps for shelters. Crisis counseling has begun at the shelters for those in need.

Power - Power is on. Looking at about 1400 people without power. Lyons and south have no power. Transformers blown. Help from other cities are here from Edison. If all equipment needed is available, problem will be cleared up in afternoon. Bulk power system on Rye Canyon needs major work and no estimated time but possibly 2-5 weeks. Anything City can do to minimize use of power for air conditioners, etc., would be helpful. In very good shape. One major problem is trying to get large equipment trucks into the City which are coming from San Jacuin Valley, Antelope Valley, etc.

Need damage assessment figures as soon as possible.

Gas - Restored all residents in Rainbow Glen area. In process of getting use to Val Verde. Approx. 800-1200 residents need to be restored. Will be working in the late evenings. Outages are self-induced by people turning on their gas. Approx. 1-3 days to be restored. Lyons & Wiley finished by this evening; McBean and DelMonte - no status; Magic Mountain, Gablehouse - no status. 1100 residents out at mobilehomes. People have to get everything back into the mobilehome and have mobilehome inspected before a turn on.

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City Mgr. suggested fire department work with gas company to facilitate turn ons and work together to utilize the manpower.

Hazmat - Fire dept. has eight teams going through buildings that are potential hazmat hazards. No new problems.

Public Information - What to tell public: water, transportation, gas, don't drink water, don't start fire places, CHP and transportation, shelters, water at Canyon Country Park, disaster assistance through FEMA.

Insurance - Citizens asking about insurance--what is alternative if you do not have insurance. KBET giving regular updates; work with fire dept. PIO for dissemination to media of all information.

School superintendents to meet tomorrow at 1:00 p.m., 1/19 to discuss school problems. City to call at 2:00 for updates. Price gouging has been reported.

Groceries - All Hughes Markets open, Lucky to re-open, Sav-on Drugs open.

Condemnation - Rueben Barrera reported on the process to close a building. Inspector goes into building, if building is obviously a hazard and unsafe, a notice is posted on the building. At least ten commercial buildings are in bad shape. Lots of minor damage to commercial buildings. Mobilehome parks have major damages. If a person in a single resident feels they may have major damage, they are to call EOC and it is reported to inspectors who will investigate the damage. 63 units apartment building in Newhall has been claimed unsafe and is posted.

Edison will turn off power to those buildings who have been condemned.

Retroactive Code - Fire Chief Gary Nelson -- list of things going to be going through in the City should consider a one step process. Fire department and Edison ready to help. Edison also will help anyone who has lost a building and will rebuild.

Future Emergency Preparedness - Will be demobilizing over the next few days and what steps do we need to take to do this. Is it going to be any different next time? Post meeting will be held to access what has happened.

FEMA - FEMA needs estimated figures to allocate monies to this City. Need estimates as soon as possible.

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