

1 City of Yachats
2 **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE**
3 September 6, 2018

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5 Draft Minutes
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7 Chair Marc Courtenay called the September 6, 2018 meeting of the Emergency
8 Preparedness Committee at 3:00 pm in Room 1 of the Yachats Commons. Members
9 present: Marc Courtenay, Larry Nixon, Bob Bennett, Rick McClung, Tracy Crews and
10 Don Groth. Absent: Joan Davies and James Sanders. Audience: 2.

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12 **I. Minutes**

13 **A. August 2, 2018**

14 Commissioner Bennett moved to approve the August 2, 2018 minutes as presented:
15 Aye – 6; No – 0.

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17 **II. Public Comment - none**

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19 **III. Business**

20 **A. Tsunami escape routes and assembly areas; comments from Frankie**
21 **Petrick, Fire Department Chief**

22 Courtenay explained there is a need to establish a better escape route by Diversity
23 Drive, explaining that getting up the stairs along the Ya'Xiak Trail is impossible for
24 anyone with difficulties in walking. He suggested Peterson Drive as an alternate route.
25 Commissioner Groth suggested they work with the Trails Committee to find another
26 solution. Bennett recalled he presented Trails with a recommendation to put a bridge at
27 the end of Marine Drive and to provide access around the Ya'Xiak Trail. He also noted
28 there is no space along the Ya'Xiak where people could gather and the easement is on
29 private property. Bennett reported the Trails Committee indicated the Ya'Xiak could not
30 be used.

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32 Firefighter Shelby Knife stated the Yachats Rural Fire Department is planning to have a
33 gathering area at the new fire station. Knife added Drew Roslund from the Overleaf
34 was interested in helping develop a trail in that area for evacuation. He explained part
35 of Peterson was on Fire Department property and part on private property. Members
36 discussed which areas at the end of Peterson were out of the tsunami zone.

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38 Courtenay stated there was consensus that Diversity Drive was not a usable evacuation
39 exit. Courtenay asked Knife to discuss with Chief Petrick possible workable solutions
40 and respond to the Committee.

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42 Bennett suggested the Committee review other assembly areas, especially on the south
43 side, before they get signage. Courtenay suggested they have assembly areas on the
44 agenda for the October meeting.

1 **B. Distribution of keys to the storage containers to members of EP**
2 **Committee**

3 McClung stated members could go to City Hall to get a key to the storage containers.
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5 **C. Purchase and placement of new container**

6 McClung reported a new container would cost \$3,100-3,500 plus \$100 for delivery. He
7 asked the Committee to explore other places to put the container. He noted Crestview
8 continues past the South Tank, and a container could go in areas in that area. He
9 added there was power at the current site on the south end to run the dehumidifier. He
10 noted they should not set a container on blocks due to the instability during an
11 earthquake.

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13 McClung explained the logistics of replacing the container might warrant renting a U-
14 Haul, as the contents must be unloaded, the old container removed, the new container
15 brought in, the internal shelves rebuilt, and the contents restocked.

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17 McClung suggested they place the container above the south reservoir to ensure its
18 safety should a problem develop with the tank. He noted they would have to trench and
19 run electric lines up to the new location. McClung estimated that moving of the
20 electrical service would be near \$5,000. McClung noted there was \$5,000 in a CIP for
21 emergency preparedness and suggested the project could be a capital project with the
22 installation of new electrical service and an improved container.

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24 McClung moved to proceed with replacing the south container, including the cost of the
25 container, installation of electrical service, costs associated with unloading/reloading
26 and temporarily storing the contents, and Public Works staff time: Aye – 6; No – 0.
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28 **D. Plans for upcoming meetings and agendas**

29 Courtenay asked that this item be addressed last in this meeting.
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31 **V. Other Business**

32 **A. From Committee Members**

33 Bennett reported the EOP is with the Council, and he specifically instructed them to look
34 at the sections about the emergency declarations.
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36 **B. From Staff – none**
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38 **C. From the Floor – none**
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40 **D. Plans for upcoming meetings and agendas**

41 Courtenay read a prepared statement as follows:
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43 May I have your attention for five minutes, and to be brief, I want to read the
44 following statement:

45 Being a volunteer is meant to be a pleasant and supportive activity. Up to
46 recently that has been my experience, but when volunteering becomes onerous

1 and a volunteer is treated with hostility and disrespect despite their positive
2 efforts and devotion, there is only one course of action in my humble opinion.
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4 In this community we believe in mutual respect, cooperation, and tolerance. We
5 claim t be, as the vision statement above my head states a community which
6 protects and preserves both the natural resources and the rights of the citizens of
7 our community. My goal for volunteering was to support what I believe are the
8 values, vision and character of our village, often referred as “the gem of the
9 Oregon Coast.”
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11 Because my efforts and my volunteer service has been recently under attack by
12 prominent individuals in our community and I’ve been the target of false
13 accusations and hostility, and, in order for me to be able to volunteer and serve
14 more frequently at uplifting places, I am, effective today, resigning from the Chair
15 of the committee and will no long be willing to serve on this or any other
16 committee or commission including Public Works and Streets.
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18 Courtenay adjourned at the meeting at 4:10 pm.
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25 Marc Courtenay, Chair

_____ Date

26 Minutes prepared by H H Anderson on September 1, 2018
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