



## Emergency Communications Committee

*Tues., Jan. 4, 2022 @ 7 – 9 p.m. Virtual Meeting, ECC, Los Altos Hills, CA*

<b>Members (9)</b>	<b>Call Sign</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Dru Anderson, Co-Chair	KG6LAD	P
Eduardo Arias, Co-Chair	KM6LSX	P
Bob Anderson	KC6ZWG	P
Ben H. L. Hu	KK6HH	P
Edwin R Jones	W7WPO	P
Terry Kearney	KM6LTQ	P
Andrew Kirk	WB6CLS	P
Scott Overstreet	N6NXI	P
Jay Sutaria	KN6JAY	E
Sam Wood	K6MSR	P
<b>Council/Staff</b>		
Lisa Schmidt, LAH Council	Council Liaison	E
<b>Associate Members (3)</b>		
Larry Carr - associate	KE6AGJ	P
David Gilmour - associate	WQ1K	A
Robert Johnson - associate	KG6UWZ	E
Kjell Karlsson - associate	KD6BPP	P
Neil Katin – EC, associate	K2LL	P
Bill Lattin – associate	KK6PCA	A
Duncan MacMillan - associate	KI6VMY	P
Craig Miller - associate	WA6OXK	P
Greg Olsen - associate	K6XM	A
Dave Stewart – associate	KJ6JQT	P
<b>CERT/Guests</b>	<b>Call Sign</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
J Logan LAHCFD, General Manager		P
Victoria Bebee LAHCFD	KN6HOU	P
<b>TOTALS: Members: 9: Assoc: 6 Liaison: E; Public/Presenters: 2.</b>	→	<b>TOTAL: 17</b>

### **LAH ECC AGENDA: Co-chairs Dru Anderson KG6LAD / Eduardo Arias KM6LSX**

1. **Welcome and Advisory:** Meeting auto-recorded. Meeting started 7:00pm
  - a. Roll call. Dru KG6LAD, ECC co-chair- 9 members present; Jay Sutaria KN6JAY: excused absence
  - b. Dru advised the group that Victoria KN6HOU will be taking notes this meeting; and her request for associate membership will be on the agenda at the Feb. 1 meeting.
2. **Oct. 5 and Nov. 2 DRAFT Minutes for approval:** Motion to approve 10/5 minutes: Sam Wood K6MSR, Second: Eduardo KM6LSX. Roll call: 8 approved; 1 abstention: Ed Jones,

was absent that meeting). Motion to approve 11/2 minutes from: Ben Hu KK6HH. Second: Sam Wood K6MSR (all approved except Ed Jones abstained as absent the meeting.)

**3. Public Comments: Events, topics, of general discussion w/o action.**

As noted: Victoria Bebee KN6HOU, who has volunteered to take meeting notes, will be on the agenda for associate consideration at the next meeting. Dru and Eduardo thanked Victoria for volunteering.

**4. Committee Council Liaison:** Councilmember Lisa Schmidt, not in attendance.

**5. Possible ARES/RACES upcoming trainings/activities.** Neil Katin K2LL, EC.

- a. Query for next County Drill – February 19<sup>th</sup>. Discussion on comfort level for in person EOC drill. Resolution to do spring drill with CERT, date to be announced next week.
- b. Still need two people for SPECSNet this month, please contact Neil Katin if interested.

**6. LAHCFD: CERT program events** update:

Victoria Bebee KN6HOU, CERT Program Analyst.: She noted that she'd cancelled Hybrid check in day for Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>, will consider postponing Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> Skills check-in day: She said she is setting date for Spring Drill by end of week, will update group

**7. Old Business:**

- a. SPECSnet Monday night. An open activity for ham operators Mondays @ 8 p.m. for practice and experience in SPECSnet and local net control operation. Mentors can be available. Signup w/Neil K2LL, EC. Background at: [www.specsnet.org](http://www.specsnet.org)
- b. Inventory Results. Further updates pending. Defer due to Jay's absence.

**8. New Business.** Upcoming schedules/activities.

- a. Discussion/committee vote on agreement on: Achievements of 2021; goals and objectives for 2022. Due for presentation to council by the chairs on Jan. 10, per town instructions received. – Approval for document given with editing suggestions from meeting (Motion: Ben Hu: Motion to approve document that details Committee Achievements of 2021; Project Ideas and Goals for 2022 with appropriate editing suggestions from group at meeting/ Eduardo Arias second. approval from 9 members (Jay Sutaria excused absence)
- b. Suggestions to add commentary to incorporate language to reflect a goal of building focus on technology improvements. Co-chair Dru KG6LAD noted she will accommodate the proposed addition in preparing the final presentation documentation for Council. She suggested it would be akin to Committee would work on or look for methods / mechanisms to improve better infrastructure for Data communications/ emergency communication in times of need- need link to county backbone use their data system to the EOC).
- c. Suggestion details offered by Craig WA6OXX relative to adding a technology focus in 2022 for the group: Add aspect relative to develop, refine, and test more reliable emergency communication channels both within the town and externally with County and State Emergency communication centers. Craig noted that some of the aspects to consider looking into are VHF/UHF repeaters with multi-day battery power backup resources, ARDEN MESH networks, and HF comm links (e.g., NVIS to Sacramento State HQ) on 40 meters.) This latter aspect would entail new antenna and radio site construction.
- d. (Postscript NOTE: Information regarding the town committees' presentations to Council on Jan.10 is on the town website).

- e. Sam K6MSR noted as an FYI that proposed community fiber to ARK is on the agenda for the local citizens' Community Fiber group agenda for consideration for underground fiber, as is the town hall location .
- 9. **Roundtable:** Thoughts for the New Year!
  - a. J Logan, GM for LAHCFD, noted to the group that she and her team are looking forward to providing support in 2022 to ECC and to the Town.
- 10. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn: Bob Anderson KC6ZWG. Second: Sam Wood K6MSR. Meeting adjourned by Dru Anderson at 8:34pm.

**Reminders:** See online schedules for activities in the following:

**LAH town events:** <http://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/calendar.aspx>.

**EMERGENCY ALERTS: LAH:** <http://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/101/Emergency>

**AlertSCC:** <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/alertscc/Pages/home.aspx>

**CERT activities: LAH County Fire District:**

<https://www.lahcfd.org/preparing-for-emergencies/take-a-class/>

**County ARES/RACES courses & events:**

<http://www.scc-ares-races.org/aresraces.htm>

**SPECS Monday Night Net information:**

[www.Specsnet.org](http://www.Specsnet.org) Northern SCC ham activities. Click "Monday night net" to access the script for reference and net participation results.