



Emergency Communications Committee

Tuesday, February 1, 7:02 pm to 9:05 pm. Virtual via online video conference

Members	Call Sign	Attendance
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	P
Sam Wood	K6MSR	P
Council/Staff		
Lisa Schmidt, LAH Council	Council Liaison	P
Associate Members		
Larry Carr - associate	KE6AGJ	P
David Gilmour - associate	WQ1K	A
Robert Johnson - associate	KG6UWZ	A
Kjell Karlsson - associate	KD6BPP	P
Neil Katin	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	A
CERT/Guests		
J Logan LAHCFD, General Manager		P
Victoria Bebee LAHCFD	KN6HOU	P
Peter Pirnejad - LAH City Manager		P
Dawn Smithson - CAL Water		P
Susan Cordone - CAL Water		P
Dave Barnett - LAHCFD, Operations Manager		P
Rajiv Bhateja, town volunteer.		P
TOTALS: Members: 10; Assoc:5; Liaison: 1; Public/Presenters:7.		TOTAL: 23

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

1. Welcome and Advisory: Meeting auto-recorded.
 - a. Welcome to all attendees and to guests Peter Pirnejad, LAH City Manager; and Cal Water representatives Dawn Smithson and Susan Cordone.
 - b. Roll call. Dru KG6LAD, ECC co-chair; Eduardo Arias, ECC co-chair.

- c. Jan. 4 DRAFT Minutes for approval: Submitted by Victoria Bebee KN6HOU- Sam Motion: Ed Jones, Second. Pass – based on changes to minutes: approved 9, 1 absent
- 2. New Business. Part1: Consideration of Victoria Bebee KN6HOU for associate membership.
 - a. Victoria would like to join the ECC as an associate member. Vote member roll call. Motion to approve Bebee to be considered for associate membership: Ben Hu, Second: Sam Woods. Roll Call: 9 approved; 1 abstained as not in prior attendance.
- 3. Public comments and information:
 - a. Peter Pirnejad, LAH City Manager, updates on the town’s 2022 goals and highlights of the Standing Committee reports to Council on Jan. 10, and other action.
Report:
Call to action to ECC: consideration of expanding charter to build more communications structure within town.
Recommendation to collaborate with the new technology committee, Town Council and Los Altos Hills Fire District to start looking at other elements for risk prevention and disaster and efforts to expand work efforts within all the groups. There will be an all committee meeting in hear future to look at collaborative opportunities
Update on town request for replacement for emergency services manager part time; waiting for final negotiations to commence
 - b. Rajiv Bhateja Resident update on newly-formed Technology committee.
 - c. Report: He is forming the group; group projects include cyber security at City Hall, working with the community fiber group.
 - d. Community relations commit has created checklist for residents to prepare themselves for an emergency. Call to action to ECC to extend to safety preparedness in general
- 4. Committee Council Liaison: Councilmember Lisa Schmidt. Updates and report.
 - a. Report: Lisa Schmidt motioned in last Town Council meeting for consideration on how to address Fire Safety, earthquakes, and build more structure around emergency preparedness for the town
- 5. Cal Water representatives: Introduction of guests by Eduardo Arias, ECC co-chair.
 - a. Dawn Smithson (District Manager) and Susan Cordone (Conservation Coordinator) of Cal Water will present a detailed insight into the Cal Water tank and fill operations, including the monitoring and aspects of the measurement of the fill. They will describe the agency’s water conservation procedures, and the facilities and coverage of the Cal Water service area.
Presentation focused on: District Overview, SCADA operations, Prohibited uses of water; conservation tools
Los Altos Suburban district includes 70,000 people in LAH, Cupertino, Los Altos, Mountain View, Sunnyvale
SCADA Alarm System: water flow control; Cal Water’s job; can control how water flows and where is flows through SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) system
All generators are at critical stations and at portables that can be moved around with transfer switches (run on fuel).
Conservation efforts: November and December great (33% for Nov and 28% for December). Check out more detail on the calwater.com website
- 6. Other Public Comments: Events, topics, of general discussion without action.
 - a. Technical ideas from Craig Miller and Neil Katin K2LL. As HAM tech committee, get additional capabilities that support HAM radio and other tech ideas for overall communication of all kinds.

- b. Potential training requirements for ECC members and associates were discussed.
7. **LAHCFD CERT program events:** First Half 2022 calendar and general highlights. Victoria Bebee, KN6HOU, CERT Program Analyst.
- a. Look to <http://www.lahcfd.org> for all upcoming classes/ trainings for public and for CERT- highlight “Stop the Bleed” classes monthly at the Hillview Community Center.
 - b. Look for more trainings: [Los Altos PREPARES | City of Los Altos California](https://www.cityoflosaltos.org/department/2022-01-10-los-altos-prepares-city-of-los-altos-california).
 - c. Call to action ECC/ CERT members to attend the Spring Drill, May 15. County drill.
8. **New Business. Part 2:**
- a. EC Report: ARES/RACES upcoming trainings/activities. Neil Katin K2LL, EC.
 - b. 2022 Goals: Neil K2LL, EC: County Drills Feb19th, May 21, August 27 (in collaboration with CERT); EOC Radio Room Orientation (5 max); Message passing: next training in July. Message pass drill on February 15 on Resource Net; Drill With CERT; Non radio EOC Support; County Credentialing: Type 4, Field 111.
 - c. Action: Recommended upcoming key course offerings important to the town’s EOC-to-County radio communications; and procedures recommended for committee members and associates for updated EOC procedures training and participation. January annual SPECS board highlights: Neil K2LL: There were no quorum Ideas for LAH section of the local Monday night net. Should there be a “tech issue” aspect to the roundtable to identify/discuss any tech issues for participants?
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 - b. Net history, procedures, and background are available at: www.specsnet.org
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 - b. Ideas for LAH section of the local Monday night net. Should there be a “tech issue” aspect to the roundtable to identify/discuss any tech issues for participants?
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10. **Old Business.** Share final submittal of Jan. 10 “Committee Goals Special meeting.” Achievements of 2021; goals and objectives for 2022. ECC co-chairs: KG6LAD/KM6LSX.
11. **Thanks to all attendees. Adjourn;** Motion to adjourn: Sam Second: Ben Hu. Unanimous
- 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 Northern SCC ham activities. Click “Monday night net” to access the script for reference and net participation results.