

AGENDA
DISASTER SYMPOSIUM II
May 26 & 27, 2022

Island Palms Best Western, San Diego
2051 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego, CA 92106

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Complimentary Registration (includes two lunches, Thursday dinner & Friday breakfast)

12 REHS Contact hours may be received by submitting an evaluation after the event

THURSDAY 1000 MAY 26, 2022

1000 OPENING REMARKS – Grand Marina

1010 REVIEW OF SURVEY RESULTS - MARIO TRESIERRAS, LA County Fire Dept. and GARY CANTWELL, Yuba County Environmental Health Dept. (CFB Emergency Response Co-Issue Coordinators)

1100 DISASTER EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PLAN (DEAP OVERVIEW) –WILLIAM JONES, Retired Division Chief, LA County Fire Department

1200 LUNCH SPONSORED BY CCDEH – Sunset Meeting room

1300 DEAP OVERVIEW (CONTINUES)

1330 LA COUNTY OEM KEVIN MCGOWAN, AND CAL OES, RYAN BURAS PERSPECTIVE

1445 CAL EPA – JASON BOETZER/JOHN ELKINS

1530 BREAK

1545 US EPA – STEVE CALANOG/BILL JONES

1630 ENDING COMMENTS

1830 DINNER EVENT SPONSORED BY CFB at Bali Hai

FRIDAY 0800 MAY 27, 2022

0700 Full Breakfast provided 7-8am – Grand Marina

0800 OPENING REMARKS

0810 DTSC - ADAM PALMER

0900 CAL RECYCLE - JULIE MATTOX

0945 CDPH - Dr. MARK STARR/JOHN WOGEC

1030 BREAK

1045 INCIDENT WALKTHROUGH/MINI TABLETOP

1215 LUNCH SPONSORED BY CCDEH Sunset Meeting room

1315 PANEL DISCUSSION AND Q&A - MARIE WOODIN/MARIO TRESIERRAS

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1430 CLOSING COMMENTS – Turn in evaluation form

Disaster Symposium Speaker bios

Mario Tresieras, LA County Fire Department (CFB Emergency Response Co-Issue Coordinator)

Mario Tresieras is currently the Division Chief for the Health Hazardous Materials Division of the Los Angeles County Fire Department. He is also a member of the CUPA Forum Board and was recently re-elected for two more years as the Participating Agency Representative. He was promoted to Chief and became a member of the board in October of 2019. As a Board Member he is involved with AB 480 Imminent & Substantial Endangerment bill, Title 27 and Evaluation Committees, a member of the Refinery Task Force, and is the Co-Chair as an Issue Coordinator for both Emergency Response and Disaster Emergency Assistance. Mario believes in and supports the divisions mission statement; "To protect the public's health and the environment throughout Los Angeles County from accidental releases and improper handling, storage, transportation, and disposal of hazardous materials and wastes through coordinated efforts of inspections, enforcement, site mitigation and emergency response."

Gary Cantwell, Yuba County Environmental Health (CFB Emergency Response Co-Issue Coordinator)

Gary has been a member of the CUPA Forum Board as a Northern California representative since 2016. He is the CUPA Forum Board Nor Cal UST Steering Committee Issue Coordinator and the CFB Emergency Response Co-IC. He has been on the CUPA Conference planning committee since 2018 as a Co-Chair for the ER Track. He has been the CUPA Conference Student Day Chair since 2019. Additionally, he is the LEPC Region III Chair and the Operations Co-Chief of the Yuba-Sutter Hazardous Materials Response Team. He is also a member of the California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health and participates in the Emergency Response and IT committees. Gary is from Chico and a 2004 CSU, Chico graduate with a degree in Biology. He has been with the Yuba County Environmental Health Department in the CUPA program since 2005. He has been the Environmental Health Supervisor since September 2016.

Bill (William) Jones, Retired from LA County Fire Department

Bill Jones retired as the Chief of the Health Hazardous Materials Division in the LA County Fire Department in 2019 and was responsible for implementation and enforcement of a variety of hazardous materials/waste programs through unified program implementation. Mr. Jones began his career in hazardous materials in 1982, was the first Chairperson of the CUPA Forum Board from 1997 - 1999 and paved the way towards the current interactions, structure and relationships between State, federal agencies and the CUPA Forum Board. Mr. Jones is involved with a variety of Statewide committees and workgroups including ones addressing enforcement, data and CERS implementation, the Refinery Task Force, legislation including the current efforts to change Chapter 6.95, emergency response, and site mitigation to name a few. He has an undergraduate degree in Biology from UCLA and a Masters from Cal-State University, Northridge in Environmental and Occupational Health.

Kevin McGowan, LA County OEM

Kevin McGowan serves as the Director of the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management. Leading an all-hazards emergency management program, Mr. McGowan is responsible for countywide emergency management preparedness, planning, coordination, training, response, recovery and mitigation efforts. During his tenure with Los Angeles County and in previous emergency management positions, Mr. McGowan has led preparedness, response and recovery efforts for multiple presidential major disaster declarations and for numerous natural, technological and human caused disasters such as wildland fires, debris flows, severe winter storms, a mass fatality shooting and hazardous materials events.

A native of Southern California, Mr. McGowan holds a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a master's degree in Public Policy from Pepperdine University. Mr. McGowan has attended a variety of emergency management educational programs, to include FEMA's National Emergency Management Executive Academy, the Naval Post Graduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security's Executive Leaders Program and Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government Leadership in Crises.

Ryan Buras, CalOES

Ryan Buras is the Deputy Director of Recovery, which includes directing disaster recovery operations and managing hazard mitigation and debris operations. Prior to this, Buras was director of the National Qualification System in the National Integration Center at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, since 2017, where he served in several positions since 2005, including senior advisor in the Office of Recovery Public Assistance and acting executive officer of the Office of Response and Recovery.

Jason Boetzer, CalEPA

Jason Boetzer is the Assistant Secretary for Local Program Coordination and Emergency Response. He has more than 20 years of experience working in the environmental health field and 11 years as a manager/director implementing and leading environmental and public health programs at the state and local levels.

In his current position, held since August 2019, he oversees the states implementation of the Unified Program and its 81 certified local agencies, disaster and emergency response activities for CalEPA, and represents the Secretary of CalEPA on the Site Designation Committee for hazardous material site clean up

John Elkins, CalEPA

John Elkins is the Emergency Response and Refinery Safety Program Manager for California's Environmental Protection Agency.

Mr. Elkins has over two decades of experience in the emergency response and hazardous substance management field. He started his career as an Environmental Specialist for Sacramento County's CUPA program specializing in hazardous materials, hazardous waste, underground storage tank, aboveground tank, and emergency response programs. Mr. Elkins then moved to the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) Underground Storage Tank Program as an Environmental Scientist. More recently, Mr. Elkins held the position of Program Manager for the SWRCB's Emergency Management Program.

Bill Jones, USEPA

Bill started his career at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) in 1990. His work on both coasts and along the U.S.-Mexico Border has provided him with a unique perspective on a range of issues including: children's environmental health; ports and goods movement; air quality planning and regulations; diesel emissions reduction technologies; alternative fuels; ambient air quality monitoring and research; and issues associated with unconventional oil and gas extraction. His current portfolio focuses on emergency planning and preparedness coordination with State Emergency Response Commissions, Local Emergency Planning Committees, Industry, First Responders and range of other constituencies. He is the Co-Coordinator of the Regional Response Team 9 and the Oceania Regional Response team and serves as the U.S.-Mexico Border Emergency Preparedness and Response Coordinator. Bill also serves as the Regional Emergency Support Function 10 Coordinator as well as Liaison Officer and has responded to numerous wildfires, typhoons and other disasters in that role.

Steve Calanog, USEPA

Steve Calanog has been a US EPA Federal On-Scene Coordinator since 1995. He is a DHS certified Incident Commander (IC) and has served as EPA's IC on nationally significant events such as Hurricane Katrina & Rita, the 2015 Gold King Mine Incident, the 2017 North Bay Fires, the 2018 California Fires (Camp, Hill, Woolsey), 2020 CA Fires, and most recently the 2021 Dixie and Caldor Fires. In addition to serving as EPA Region 9's IC he serves on EPA's National Incident Management Assist Team (IMAT) in the IC role.

Adam Palmer, DTSC

Adam Palmer is the Supervisor of the Emergency Response Program (ERP) for the Department of Toxic Substances Control. He joined DTSC in 1989 in the Site Mitigation Program where he oversaw the cleanup of state superfund sites. In 2002 he joined ERP and became Supervisor in 2003. Since 2007, DTSC's ERP has conducted Phase 1 Operations on over 70 wildfires statewide as well as the Sonoma County Floods in 2019. In addition to overseeing responses to statewide disasters, he is also responsible for managing the Off-Highway and Illegal Drug Lab Programs administered by ERP.

Julie Mattox, CalRecycle

Julie Mattox leads the Engineering Services Section of CalRecycle's Disaster Debris Recovery Operations. She is actively engaged in various collaborative tasks related to state and federal disaster assistance programs that support the statewide recovery priority of disaster debris removal. Julie has over 25 years of serving the state as a Civil Engineer. She has supported emergency response and recovery for numerous state disasters, including the 2017 Oroville Dam Failure, the 2020 Statewide Fire Debris Removal Operation, and current operations supporting recovery efforts following the devastation of the 2021 Dixie, Caldor, Monument, and River Fires. Julie holds a BS in Civil Engineering, an MBA in Project Management, and has had a PE license since 2000. Additionally, she has twice earned Toastmaster International's highest accolade, the Distinguished Toastmaster Award.

Dr. Mark Starr, CDPH

Mark Starr is a Deputy Director in the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and is the designated State Environmental Health Director. He leads the Center for Environmental Health, which includes an Emergency Preparedness Team that focuses on environmental health aspects of preparedness and response with local, state and federal partners.

He was the Director of Public Health for Placer County 2007-2012, he was with the Division of Communicable Disease Control in CDPH/DHS from 1995-2007, including four years as Division Chief, and he was the Chief Epidemiologist for Sacramento County from 1990-1995.

Dr. Starr earned his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) and Master of Preventive Veterinary Medicine (MPVM) degrees from the University of California, Davis and spent four years in private veterinary practice. He is board certified by the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine (1991) and by the ACVPM's Epidemiology Specialty (1994).

He has taught courses in epidemiology, public health, and environmental determinants of health at the University of California Davis, California State University Sacramento, and Chapman University.

John Wogec, CDPH

Currently serves as the Exercise Coordinator in the Emergency Planning & Response Branch in the Emergency Preparedness Office (EPO) at the California Department of Public Health. Also serves as a subject matter expert in CDPH's Medical and Health Coordination Center (MHCC) where he has served as the Director and Planning Section Coordinator and representative at the State Operations Center since 2007. Has served in the departmental duty officer program since 2009.

John received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Western University of the Health Sciences and Master of Public Health from the University of California at Los Angeles. Also completed a residency in Family Medicine at Methodist Hospital in Sacramento, California.

Marie Woodin, CCDEH – California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health

Marie Woodin has recently retired as the Director for Sacramento County Environmental Health Management Department. She has worked for the Department for the past 34 years and as the Director oversaw 34 Environmental Health Programs. She received her Bachelor Science Degree from San Diego State University in Environmental Health Science and is a Registered Environmental Health Specialist. She was responsible for implementation and enforcement for a variety of environmental health including the retail food safety and hazardous materials/waste programs. While working in the specialist series, her primary focus has been in the Unified Program, which included hazardous materials/wastes, tiered permitting, and underground tanks, enforcement cases, and disaster and emergency response. She is presently the Chair for the Disaster Emergency Response Committee for CCDEH (CA Conference of Environmental Health Directors).



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