



Madera Local FEMA Board

1225 Gill Avenue
Madera, California 93637-5234

Regular Meeting
Community Action Partnership of Madera County, Inc.
Local FEMA Board Meeting

Date: Wednesday April 16, 2025
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Community Action Partnership of Madera County
1225 Gill Avenue
Madera, CA 93637

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AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

The first ten minutes of the meeting are reserved for members of the public to address the Local Board on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of our Agency. Speakers shall be limited to three minutes. Attention is called to the fact that the Local Board is prohibited by law from taking any action on matters discussed that are not on the agenda, and no adverse conclusion should be drawn if the Local Board does not respond to the public comment at this time.

D. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
(vote required)

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

All items listed below will be enacted in one motion unless removed from the consent calendar for discussion.

E-1 Minutes of February 19, 2025 (vote required)

F. DISCUSSION ITEM

None to present

G. ATTENDANCE REPORT

G-1 Please review the attendance report.

H. CORRESPONDENCE FROM FEMA

H-1 – None to present

I. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION (open)

I - 1 - Roundtable discussion

J. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

K. Adjourn (vote required)



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E-1

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MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairperson Rico Peralta called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM

B. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present

Rico Peralta, Community Based Organization
Mee Wang, Department of Social Services
Ryan Mc Wherter, Madera Food Bank
Jeff Negrete, Catholic Charities
Jesse Chavez, Madera Rescue Mission
Art Galindo, Madera Behavioral Health
Valerie Mull, Office of Emergency Services
Mark Ford, Salvation Army
Kevin Belizaire James, United Way Fresno Madera

Board Members Absent

Lori Wilson, Red Cross
Flora Leyva, (alternate) Holy Family Table

Other

Ana Gudino, Community Action Partnership of Madera County
Jeannie Stapleton, Community Action Partnership of Madera County
Chelsi Johnston, Central California Food Bank
Noe Hernandez, Madera Coalition for Community of Justice
Linette Lomeli, Madera Coalition for Community of Justice

C. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

D. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Motion: Approved as presented. Moved by Valerie Mull, seconded by Mee Wang.

Vote: Carried unanimously.

C. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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E. **Approval of Minutes**

E-1 Approve Minutes from Regular Board Meeting – January 14, 2025

Motion: Approved as presented. Moved by Valerie Mull, seconded by Mee Wang

With corrections to Round Table Discussion - the Madera Rescue Mission will hold their Ribbon Cutting for the Tiny Homes on March 14, 2025 at 11:00 AM. Ryan McWherter with the Madera Food Bank informed the group that the open house for the new Madera County Food Bank is To Be Determined. Correction of the names for Jeff Negrete, Ryan McWherter, and Valerie Mull. Rico Peralta mentioned he is trying to find the red cards in the Hmong language and if he cannot find them, they may need to be recreated. He would like the minutes to reflect that. Jeannie Stapleton informed him she copied the minutes from his e-mail. Linette Lomeli from Madera Coalition offered up that she has a template where the cards can be printed out to recreate them on your own or order them from the site.

Motion to approve by Valerie Mull and seconded by Mee Wang

Vote: carried unanimously.

F. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

F-1 Review and Approve the FEMA funding suggested award amounts to Local Recipients for Phase 42.

Rico Peralta, Valerie Moll, and Mee Wang were appointed as ranking committee members. The following amounts were awarded to the Local Agencies.

Phase 42	Amount Agencies Applied For	Recommended Award Amount	Percentage of Suggested Award
CAPMC – Administration	\$1,910	\$1,910	100%
Madera Food Bank – Other Food	\$50,000	\$50,000	100%
Madera Coalition – Other Food	\$25,000	11,114	44%
Madera Rescue Mission - Served Meals	\$15,000	\$5,000	33%
Madera Rescue Mission -	\$15,000	\$15,000	100%

Mass Shelter			
Food Inc., DBA Central California Food Bank – Other Food	\$15,000	\$10,000	66%
Catholic Charities Other Food	\$15,000	\$2,500	16%
Total	\$136,910	\$95,524	

Rico Peralta opened the floor for discussion from the group.

Rico informed the group the Ranking Committee consisted of Rico Peralta, Mee Wang, and Valerie Mull, they met on February 12, 2025 to review the applications and allocate the funds to local agencies who applied.

Jeff Negrete with Catholic Charities reported that Phase 42 has been reduced by \$7,500 and this year five agencies applied besides administration. This Phase the allocations increase for all except Catholic Charities. Madera has over two hundred non-profit agencies. Catholic Charities has increased services in Madera County. Catholic Charities continues to serve Madera County with less than 8 percent reduction and some agencies even received more. Jeff indicated this creates a challenge for him.

Ryan McWherter asked Jeff to look at the numbers of people served in Madera. Ryan also informed Jeff that he partners with every agency but Catholic Charities. The agencies that are receiving funding have been for many years. The Food Bank does provide food to Catholic Charities, but nothing is paid. Catholic Charities can partner together with the Madera Food Bank.

Jeff stated he has program managers who work in Madera County with the Madera Food Bank and Ryan is unaware of them. Jeff works with the Public Health Department reached out to Catholic Charities because they could not get the food from the Food Bank.

Ryan stated he has connections with the other agencies and would like to reach out to Catholic Charities.

Rico informed the group that the decision for the allocation was made by the Ranking Committee group, Rico, Valerie and Mee. The presentation of data was given and how many individuals were served in Phase 41 at what expense and how many times Catholic Charities came to Madera. Once in Ripperdan and once in Chowchilla serving 1,300 residents. The Ranking Committee even asked for clarification of how many times Catholic Charities was in Madera. The opportunity to review and based on other funding was what made the decision about what was going to keep Madera County residents served in this Phase 42 period with the most access to food and shelter as possible. Agency applications totaled \$136,910. The County of Madera was allocated \$95,524 which left a shortfall of \$41,386 and that is a considerable from Phase 41.

Mee Wang added that the ranking committee looked at all the services provided in Madera County.

Jeff Negrete added a point of clarification that the AFSP is supplemental funds and for outreach but

let it be know to Madera Community what Catholic Charities when you talked about a specific number served that is an erroneous number and with our Disaster Case Management there is only one agency in Madera County providing that for the floods by FEMA and that is Catholic Charities. We are serving our immigration program, Senior Companion Program. I just want to make sure people know we are here and will continue to serve with the reduced percentage allocation.

Rico shared that information will be shared in the minutes and I think we have an unprecedented turnout for FEMA EFSP Madera County, and I think everyone is represented. Rico has been on the Board for several years now first with the United Way and Now Binational. With the decisions it is not about who is claiming what is served but what was presented on the application and it was for \$15,000, 3,000 meals at \$5.00 a piece, we made decisions to fund both Food Banks and yes we increased the amounts and the resounding increase in need and our Food Banks they serve across the multiple agencies in this room and some not in this room which alleviated some of the pressure on this decision. Otherwise, they would have been requesting \$15,000 to \$20,000 and for the record Rico was shocked that Holy Family Table did not apply even extending the deadline to January 31, 2025. There were more resources left on the table to allocate to the agencies for the six that did apply.

Kevin Williams added for the purpose of supporting all the work and one thing that is important (could not hear this part) there are two hundred organizations in Madera and when we make decisions we have to think about all two hundred organizations – do not put all your eggs in one basket. We must acknowledge the work that Catholic Charities has done, and it is important to find ways to support the other baskets and support that other basket.

Jesse Chavez if we collaborate more with each other and not compete we can help each other out such as Catholic Charities may need help you can call me and if I can help I will. Amongst all of us there is a vast number of resources and supplies that we have and can help each other. It may not always be money just giving a hand at a site. It is about the people who need help. If we can submit a list of services, we provide we can call that agency for help.

Jeff Negrete added that just for the record, Ryan at the Food Bank has never called him.

Rico added during Phase 41 there was an e-mail that went out to all and in relation to what services were provided. And I did not see any responses to that thread, and it was from the Red Cross that we do not see you in that nature it was something that needed to be addressed and I am happy to share it with you. There have been attempts to connect and with Jesse's point of collaboration over competition, these funds are scarce, and it is hard to navigate around. Being in this room with servant minded leaders to share what other resources and there are other sources of funds in Madera County.

Ryan McWherter shared the numbers speak for themselves and last Phase he gave up funding that was allocated to the Food Bank to give \$5,000 to someone else. I am not about competing, I am about collaborating. I have clearly shown that in this community. I like to get the needs to the community met.

Rico asked for a motion to accept funding allocation from Phase 42 recommendations.

Motion to approve by Ryan McWherter and seconded by Valerie Mull

Vote: 8 Ayes, 1 Nay

Motion passed

A suggestion was made that a Google calendar be shared with the group, Lynette with Madera Coalition and Mee with Department of Social Services both offered to create a calendar.

Rico Peralta added that he has reached out to Laura in the Bay Area to make sure we are using the best practices. Kevin will also reach out to her.

Mee Wang inquired as to how soon the numbers could be uploaded into the EFSP / FEMA website. Jeannie Stapleton explained as soon as EFSP updates the menu to add the Board Plan it can be done.

G. ATTENDANCE REPORT

G-1 Rico Peralta asked LRO members to review the attendance record. (Information only)

H. CORRESPONDENCE

H-1 EFSP e-mail regarding final reporting dates for Phase 39, 40, ARPA-R and 41.

Timeline dates:

Next meeting April 16, 2025 at 10:00 AM here at CAMC with a zoom conference as well for those who are not able to attend.

A motion was made by Valerie Mull to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 AM, seconded by Kevin Williams.

Vote carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jeannie Stapleton

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