



**BABCNC Emergency Preparedness Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, July 17, 2019 7:00 pm**  
**Bel Air Ridge Clubhouse - 2760 Claray Los Angeles, CA 90077**

EP Committee Member Name			EP Committee Member Name		
Chuck Maginnis, BABCNC EP Committee Chair & At-Large Representative; Bel Air Rd. EP Captain; CERT	X		Michael Schlenker, Bel Air Crest EP Chair; HCEC Communications Cmte Chair; LAFD ACS & CERT	X	
Maureen Smith, BABCNC Franklin-Coldwater Representative	X		Ron Cornell, Bel Air Ridge EP Committee, HCEC Ham Radio Group		X
Irene Sandler, BABCNC Bel Air Crest Master Association Representative	X		Dan Palmer, BABCNC Residents of Beverly Glen Representative, RoBG EP Chair	X	
Jacqueline Le Kennedy, BABCNC Business Rep & Treasurer		X	Hildreth Simmons, Residents of Beverly Glen RoBG EP Committee Member		X
Danielle Cohen, Bel Air Ridge Resident; EPAC Co-chair, Ham; CERT	X		Seema Hassan, Doheny Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association (DSPNA)	X	
Maureen Levinson, BAA; HCEC Communications; C-PAB	X		Rob Farber, Bel Air Resident	X	

**Attendees:**

- Daniel Tamm, LA Sanitation & Environment
- Robin Greenberg, BABCNC Board President, Past President of Bel Air Hills Association (BAHA)
- Cathy Wayne, BABCNC, Laurel Canyon Association (LCA) Representative
- Joe Kennedy, BAHA
- Julie Quinlan, BAHA
- Joan Herman, Bel Air Ridge (BAR) Chair EP Advisory Committee, BAR
- Shelley Seltzer, Colina Glen HOA EP Committee Chair
- Catelina Grode, Laurel Pass/Wonderland School Community, EP Comm Team, Laurel Pass, Laurel Canyon
- Gregory Haller, South of Sunset
- Luisa Bottari, Doheny Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Assn. (DSPNA) Emergency Preparedness (EP)
- Robert Schlesinger, Benedict Canyon Association (BCA), BABCNC Planning & Land Use Cmte. Chair
- Don Loze, Benedict Canyon Association (BCA) & BABCNC BCA Representative
- Lynn Heymont, Benedict Canyon Association
- Bruce Heymont,, Benedict Canyon Association
- Elizabeth Parry, Benedict Canyon Association
- Rich Valente, Benedict Canyon Association
- Richard Balomben, Benedict Canyon Association
- Lea Kaufman, Benedict Canyon Association
- Barbara Berkowitz, Benedict Canyon
- Judie Hulett, Brentwood HOA & Brentwood Community Council EP Committees & LAFD ACS HAM
- Cathie Forstmann, Coldwater Canyon
- Cathy Palmer, BABCNC Board Administrator

1. **Call to order – Chuck Maginnis, Chair:** Chuck called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.
2. **Roll Call and Introduction of Attendees:** Chuck called the roll and quorum was met with 7 members present initially. Dan arrived at 7:17 and Irene at 7:21 pm, for a total of 9 present.
  - Attendees introduced themselves.
  - Don Loze, of Benedict Canyon Association (BCA), representing BCA on the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council, related that he was here to encourage people to come out from Benedict Canyon, to get together to help do the kind of organizing that Chuck has been leading other canyons through, and get some captains to get better organized in the Benedict Canyon.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Motion to approve January 16, March 20 & May 15, 2019 Minutes:** Moved by Rob seconded by Maureen S. 7/0/1 abstention: Danielle. Passed.

5. **Public Comment: Daniel Tamm**, formerly West Area Rep. for Mayor Garcetti, is now Program Marketing Specialist at the Dept. of Public Works, LA Sanitation & Environment, which he described as “the City’s EPA, dedicated to protecting the public health.”  
Daniel’s email: [Daniel.tamm@lacity.org](mailto:Daniel.tamm@lacity.org) LA San & Environment: <https://www.lacitysan.org>

Below, A Photo Op presented itself prior to Daniel Tamm (bottom left) addressing the group.



Daniel showed a brief video about the other things that the city’s Department of Sanitation does, including but not limited to solid resources, clean water and watershed; free bulky item collections; trash collection and recycling. He additionally mentioned “RecycLA – make waste history,” noting that all waste water gets treated; mentioned watershed protection; the city is addressing storm water, transforming neglected alleys with green walkways; restoring parks; a Prop O project to improve wildlife habitat from urban runoff; a Green Business program, with regular inspections of restaurants/facilities on sustainable disposal.

He mentioned the Lopez Canyon Environmental Center, formerly a landfill which is now an Environmental Center. (From the website: A section of the landfill has been dedicated for the Lopez Canyon Environmental Center, where green waste is collected and ground into mulch for reuse by L.A. Residents. The new Lopez Canyon Environmental and Education Center is designed to reflect all aspects of production and use of different mulching and composting products.) (They give away mulch for free!)

He mentioned LA San One-Water LA program, for long-term water supply, greater resiliency; developing a biodiversity index. He mentioned the Digester Gas Utilization Project (DGUP) which converts digester gas produced at Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant to electricity and steam, to be used to meet the plant's power and heating demands, moving the plant toward full sustainability with this renewable energy source and reducing the carbon footprint. He mentioned the Annual Earth Day event.

Daniel related that LA San teaches visitors about waste reduction; has environmental learning center and water reclamation plants. He mentioned the Japanese Garden at the water reclamation plant and noted that you can tour all four water reclamation plants. Call 800-773-2489 or go to myla311 <https://www.lacity.org/myla311> to request service or go to <https://www.lacitysan.org> He mentioned "LA Sanitation Roadshow" especially former landfills. Solid resources goes to Hyperion plant; massive trucks get filled up that goes to Green Acres farm. The water reclamation plant is cleaning wastewater three times then sends it all over the Valley and also to the Japanese Garden, fills the pond, irrigates the garden, then goes onto the entire Balboa Park where they irrigate it with recycled water. More and more, he stated that we are moving to recycled water. Daniel Tamm continued that Mayor Garcetti has set a goal of 2035 to have 100 percent recycled water including potable recycled water. He says that the technology exists; they're doing it in San Diego County now. It will take time to scale it up. If we can reduce the amount of water we're importing, save money, use recycled water, they're working hard on that.

Below, Daniel Tamm presents sanitation and environment advancements to the group.



Daniel passed out flyers on LA Biodiversity, LA Open Spaces and Wildlife Corridors. He noted that there is also a program in the Valley ensuring LA's water future, where water goes back down into the earth, the natural process purifies the water naturally; mixes with the aquifer that is pumped up again for drinking water. Go to [www.lacitysan.org](http://www.lacitysan.org) on the website you'll find all this. He noted that we can plan a tour at the DC Tillman Plant next to the Japanese Garden or to the Hyperion Plant in El Segundo. He related that the docents at the Japanese gardens are amazing.

Shelley Seltzer asked him as to EP, noting statistic as to water supply: 85% of our water for sources up north and 15% more local municipal sources, and that there is a six-month supply in SoCal for emergencies. Daniel responded that he thinks the resources are more in our favor now; that we want to get to 100% local water. Now he thinks it's closer to 50/50. Asked further as to the reserve supply, if we lost all of our supply from the aquifer, how much and how much time, Daniel said that he will communicate the answer to Chuck.

## **6. EP Notifications & News – Chuck Maginnis**

**Joan Herman** gave report on the North Topanga Canyon Fire Safe Council, who came out with the "Topanga Disaster Survival Guide" noting that they have mounted a service for their residents to inspect homes for things to do to make the homes more fire safe. She provided a flyer on NFPA's (National Fire Protection Association's) two-day classroom training "Assessing Structure Ignition Potential from Wildfire" which certifies people as structure evaluators. She noted that the newest research says that the best way to keep your house fire-safe is from the inside out. Go online for the two-day training, \$400-500 for two days if you sign up individually. She noted that this opportunity is totally free, August 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> at the Malibu Public Library. Their motivation is to help other communities start the evaluation service that they have going. [Jherman20@roadrunner.com](mailto:Jherman20@roadrunner.com)

Chuck asked EP Committee members, Irene Sandler & Dan Palmer, who arrived after the attendees introduced themselves, to introduce themselves. Irene (who is BABCNC Traffic Committee Chairperson) invited those in attendance to join committees on this NC.

Chuck read aloud an announcement by Mayor Eric Garcetti, a recent letter to the neighborhood councils, about being prepared for an earthquake following the recent earthquakes in Ridgecrest. Chuck then displayed the recent Sunday Times article on what to do to prepare for an earthquake, in which Bel Air Crest was highlighted. Judie Hulett related that there are other communities following suit. Other news: Assemblyman Richard Bloom has his Hollywood Family Health and Resource Fair on Saturday.

## **7. Tutorial Overlay Hazards Presentation – Michael Schlenker**

Michael provided a 2-page handout entitled "Community Self-Evaluation: Quickly assess vulnerabilities & threats as well as response and recovery assets.". He encouraged those present to actively take on this assignment. This draws on the use of an online map and overlays to identify threats and vulnerabilities near your communities. Michael gave credit for the idea to use this website tool to Conrad Starr from the Greater Wilshire NC.

Michael created a map specifically for the BABCNC area, which includes existing maps and overlays provided by government agencies. If you go on the link <https://www.arcgis.com> and search for "BABCNC" it will give you the map that he set up. Once you identify community assets or threats, you can use that information to help complete Map Your Neighborhood or other EP plans.

Below bottom left, Michael Schlenker begins his tutorial on hazard map overlays as all 30 attendees listen and take notes.



The handout states that the purpose of this assignment is to help us develop and complete our Resiliency plan for the Bel Air and Beverly Crest Communities. Our plan will incorporate the four phases of Emergency Management: Mitigation, Preparedness, Response & Recovery.

Examples in the hand-out of what to look for: Vulnerabilities and Threats, Response and Recovery Assets & Resources include: 1) Seismic, Liquefaction & Landslide, 2) Hillside, Brush Fires, Wildfires; 3) Waterways, Flood & Tsunami, 4) Structures & Engineering; 5) First Responders, Emergency Centers & Hospitals, 6) Shelters & Disaster Routes, 7) Infrastructure – Power, 8) Infrastructure – Transportation, 9) Population Centers, 10) Demographics & Populations, 11) Partner Organizations, 12) Climate, and 13) Multilayer maps.

He encouraged everyone to look at where you live, work, go to school, and all the types of threats that can occur in a disaster. His area has already done Map Your Neighborhood (to find your neighbors and how they can help you). This map shows threats further out, e.g., major gas lines or waterlines, down your street. This is more like a community map your neighborhood.

He noted that every community has unique risks: Some live near bridges, some downhill from a reservoir, etc. He recommends that you use this map to help identify safe areas to put your command & triage centers or where to house displaced families, etc.

Michael suggests that you look at your area and start to write it down or look on a map to identify your assets and resources. What could you use for your recovery? He lives across the street from a country club and could use that lawn for displaced families, irrigation systems for water, or golf carts for batteries. In a disaster scenario, make friends... churches, golf courses, your HOA.

Maybe you have some resources you can provide to neighboring communities, e.g., doctors. Identify military organizations, American Legion posts, who welcome the community; look for businesses close to the area that may provide supplies and equipment. He noted that his community has contact with the Getty Center via ham radio and that they are a great asset. They may need doctors, and Michael has a neighborhood full of doctors.

Michael explained how to use the map online. He showed the Santa Monica Fault that runs along Hollywood Boulevard which shows fault lines. He noted that there are many maps and you need to use specific key words. Search “BABCNC” and this map shows up.

He showed pipes on the maps, sewer and water pipes, which he stated are right next to each other. He noted that if it breaks it will make a hole, it will be contaminated. If there is a big puddle of water, there might be an electrical line next to it. Turn off water if there is a 5.4 earthquake in your area, it keeps the water in your house and will not be contaminated if a larger line breaks. Judie related that there are inexpensive water purifier systems specifically designed for pool water or contaminated water. There is a map to show all the fire hydrants in your community.

He pointed out FEMA disaster routes; liquefaction zones and local fire stations. He added that Fire Departments down the street may not be available and additional resources may be called in from a different area. He also explained the “PulsePoint” app, which allows people who are able to, to provide emergency CPR, if trained, and mentioned the “Citizen” app.

#### **HOA discussion on EP Status, Advancements and Issues**

- HOA Attending Leads – Chuck spoke about his email list, which he continues to add to, and feels it is a potential lifesaver, so that people can notify each other. Another person in attendance spoke about email networks, to be set up by HOAs.

#### **9. Adjournment** Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 18, 2019 7:00 pm (3rd Wednesday every other month)**

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