

Preparedness Town Hall Q&A with links (2/5/20)

The questions below were compiled by the TSPC. The answers were provided by either Cal Fire, SLO Sheriff's department, CA State OES, SLO County OES or CHP. Answers in red were provided during the Town Hall. Links in blue were provided by the agencies mentioned above prior to the Town Hall. The blue links provide comprehensive information which you can reach by copying them from this document then pasting them in your internet browser address field.

- What are the specific emergencies we should be aware of? (Fire, Earthquake, Power loss, Natural Gas leak, Chemical spill, Weather, Tsunami, Nuclear release) https://www.prepareslo.org/en/hazards-and-safety.aspx
- How would we be notified of an imminent threat in each of the above scenarios? https://www.emergencyslo.org/en/index.aspx
 https://www.prepareslo.org/en/alert-and-notification-systems.aspx
- 3. What are the responsibilities and corresponding authorities of Cal Fire, PG&E, Sheriff, CHP and OES organizations in a crisis?

https://calfireslo.org/about/

https://www.pge.com/en US/safety/safety.page

https://www.slosheriff.org/emergency_services.php

https://www.chp.ca.gov/Find-an-Office/Coastal-Division

https://www.emergencyslo.org/en/index.aspx

4. What services should we expect from Cal Fire, PG&E, Sheriff, CHP and OES during a crisis?

https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Administrative-Office/Emergency-Management/Services/Emergency-Related-Information-Links.aspx

- 5. How should we respond to each specific identified emergency? https://www.prepareslo.org/en/actions-in-an-emergency.aspx
- 6. Do the homes in Monarch Dunes have ember proof roof vents?

 Monarch Dunes homes have roof surface and under eve vents that employ a 1/8" mesh to block embers from entering the attic.

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7. Do the vineyard vines in Monarch Dunes present a fire hazard? Not significant.



- 8. What should we do around our home to mitigate the danger from fire (landscaping to reduce sources for fuel, ember proof roof vents, safe storage of flammables, etc.)? <a href="https://www.readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/get-ready/defensible-space/https://www.readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/get-ready/fire-resistant-landscaping/https://www.readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/get-ready/hardening-your-home/https://www.readyforwildfire.org/prevent-wildfire/one-less-spark-campaign/
- 9. What should we do if we live next to the Butterfly Habitat or eucalyptus stands around our community if it catches fire?

Withdraw to a safe area.

https://www.prepareslo.org/en/fires.aspx

https://www.prepareslo.org/en/fires.aspx#When-a-Wildfire-Is-Headed-Towards-Your-Home

10. Are there any active earthquake faults in our area?

http://myhazards.caloes.ca.gov/

https://www.prepareslo.org/en/earthquakes.aspx

https://usgs.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=5a6038b3a1684561a9b0aadf88412fcf

https://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/map/

11. Where are the locations of the most hazardous utility or pipelines underneath our community?

Underground utilities and pipelines are everywhere and information about their locations is not widely distributed to mitigate the potential for terrorism activities per the sheriff's department.

- 12. Are the deep wells in the Monarch Dunes area likely to be damaged by an earthquake? The Woodlands Mutual Water Company (WMWCo) uses submersible well pumps which have a low risk of damage from an earthquake. Well pumps of this type were in use in Los Osos in 2003 when a 6.6 force earthquake occurred 7 miles northeast of San Simeon (San Simeon earthquake) and no well damage occurred. http://myhazards.caloes.ca.gov/
- 13. What provisions have been made to provide potable water to the Monarch Dunes community during an extended power outage?

The Woodlands Mutual Water Company (WMWCo) has a diesel backup power generator which can support water pump operation for the community for at least 5 days with appropriate restrictions on water use. Provision has also been made to provide gravity fed water locally at the water tank facility on Kingston should the water mains in the community be inoperable after an earthquake.

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14. Is our area subject to liquefaction during an earthquake?

Monarch Dunes and Black Lake are not subject to liquefaction.



https://www.usgs.gov/faqs/what-liquefaction?qt-news_science_products=0#qt-news_science_products
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soil_liquefaction

15. Are Monarch Dunes and Black Lake at risk of tsunami damage? Monarch Dunes and Black Lake are not at risk from tsunami damage. http://myhazards.caloes.ca.gov/

16. Would Potassium Iodide (KI) be distributed if a nuclear event occurs and how would it be provided?

Only areas within the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant emergency planning zone have access to free KI. Monarch Dunes is outside the nuclear emergency planning zone. The first link below describes how to acquire KI in advance of an emergency if you wish to do so. No provision to distribute KI during a nuclear emergency exists. KI should only be taken when notified to do so by the emergency response agencies.

https://www.prepareslo.org/en/potassium-iodide-information.aspx

https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/radiation/emergencies/index.htm?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Femergency.cdc.gov%2Fradiation%2Findex.asp

17. What are examples of shelter in place scenarios?

Anytime moving from current location is more dangerous than staying in place.

18. What should we do during "shelter in place" scenarios?

https://www.prepareslo.org/en/shelter-in-place.aspx

https://www.ready.gov/shelter

https://emergency.cdc.gov/shelterinplace.asp

19. What are examples of evacuation scenarios?

https://www.prepareslo.org/en/evacuation-terminology.aspx

https://www.ready.gov/evacuation

https://www.readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/go-evacuation-guide/evacuation-steps/

20. Have evacuation routes and shelter locations been determined? If yes, how can we get the information?

Potential shelter locations have been established but which specific shelter locations and associated evacuation routes activated during an emergency are situation dependent and will be determined on an as needed basis.

21. Under what circumstances should we shut off the main gas line to our home? How do we do it?

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https://www.pge.com/en_US/safety/gas-safety/gas-safety-tips.page#p3 https://www.socalgas.com/stay-safe/emergency-information/shut-off-natural-gas



22. What should we be doing now to prepare? https://www.prepareslo.org/en/family-preparedness.aspx

23. What is a personal ACTION PLAN and how do we go about creating it? https://www.ready.gov/plan https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/etools/evacuation/eap.html

24. What supplies should we have in place (water, food, means of cooking, first aid, medicine, personal hygiene, backup power, flashlights, candles, radios, etc.)? https://www.prepareslo.org/en/disaster-supply-kit.aspx https://www.ready.gov/kit

25. What should be in a go bag?

https://www.readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/get-set/emergency-supply-kit/https://www.pge.com/mybusiness/edusafety/naturaldisaster/preparedness/emergencykits/https://www.prepareslo.org/en/disaster-supply-kit.aspx

26. Where can we get information about emergency kits?

https://www.prepareslo.org/en/disaster-supply-kit.aspx https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1553273223562-797451b5cb0bee8d35d3e4e85e3830d6/Checklist.pdf https://www.ready.gov/kit

- 27. Is there a place in SLO county where we can purchase preparedness supplies? Hardware stores, Costco, Lowes, Home Depot, Amazon, Walmart, etc.
- 28. How will communication occur between response agencies and the community if power and/or communications are not available?
 NOAA weather radio, Emergency Alert System (AM/FM) radio, responders going through your neighborhood bagging on your door and/or putting notes on your door.
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- 29. How can we communicate with law enforcement during an incident?

 Reverse 911
- 30. How will law enforcement communicate with us during an incident? Door to door or notes on your door. https://www.prepareslo.org/en/alert-and-notification-systems.aspx
- 31. How do we secure our property when ordered to evacuate?

 https://www.prepareslo.org/en/alert-and-notification-systems.aspx
 https://www.fema.gov/protect-your-property