



Emergency Preparedness Committee
Twice Yearly Update and Workplan
For the period of July-December 2025

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This executive summary highlights the most important updates from this twice-yearly report, showcasing the EPC's accomplishments to date and the major initiatives in progress.

- Explored the feasibility of a City Emergency AM Radio Station
- Continued presence at City and regional events, hosting a booth and sharing invaluable emergency information with residents
- Supported City readiness, providing feedback, review, guidance, and support for City Emergency plans and events

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) is to advise and make recommendations to the City Council on matters pertaining to emergency preparedness to help ensure the City develops and maintains a high state of readiness to respond to a wide variety of emergencies and disasters (Resolution No. 2008-61).

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Over the past six months, the EPC has accomplished the following tasks or Projects, based on its current Work Plan:

- **July 2025**
 - Reviewed and provided feedback on City's preparedness webpages and Fire Weather Protocol
- **August 2025**
 - Explored the potential development of creating a City emergency AM radio station, conducting testing and providing guidance and support to City Staff.
- **September 2025**
 - Provided ideas and feedback on different wildfire related projects (Pano AI, Wildfire Home Hardening Expo, Pool Sign giveaway)
- **October 2025**
 - Reviewed and provided feedback on the City's Emergency Operations Plan Update
- **November 2025**

- Assisted City Staff in conducting a EOC Functional Exercise
- **July to December 2025**
 - Hosted 5 meetings held to touch base on active emergencies and readiness work.
 - Developed and distributed 6 monthly messages to provide preparedness information to residents
 - Attended 10 Events where EPC members provided disaster readiness information to residents
 - Developed and refined summary documents on Emergency Notification Sources
 - Monitored local and regional emergency incidents and provided feedback on incident response to City Staff (regional wildfires, local fires, tsunami advisory, refinery fire)
 - Update the Equine Resource Handbook

WORK PLAN

Over the next six months, the EPC will continue to make progress towards its current Work Plan, which includes a range of tasks and goals to achieve its mission.

Task or Project	Current Status	Due Date
Develop a Public Outreach Plan to encourage residents to have situational awareness of their emergency zones and local alert and notification systems	The plan is under development	July 2026
Support City Staff in the development of a peninsula equine readiness event in 2026 and finalization of the peninsula equine resource handbook.	Planning will begin Jan 2026	2026
Support City Staff in development of a Wildfire readiness event in 2026	Planning will begin Jan 2026	2026
Develop a Wildfire Home Hardening Model Project in partnership with local schools and the Youth Advisory Committee	Outreach to schools is ongoing, guidelines for the project have been drafted and will be refined upon school buy-in to the project	Spring 2027
Support the potential development of an RPV Emergency Radio Station	Pending City Council Approval	TBD
Host booths at City and Peninsula events to share emergency preparedness information	Ongoing	N/A
Develop and distribute a monthly message to encourage resident disaster readiness	Ongoing	N/A
Monitor and provide feedback on local emergency response efforts	Ongoing	N/A

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Review City emergency plans and webpages as they are developed or updated	Ongoing	N/A
Maintain and deepen partnerships with local community groups, and other pertinent organizations to strengthen neighborhood safety and enhance emergency readiness	Ongoing	N/A
Support and advise City Staff on community hardening education, guidance and advocacy projects	Ongoing	N/A
Bolster the development and coordination of comprehensive resources for the evacuation and sheltering of large animals and equines within the Rancho Palos Verdes community.	Ongoing	N/A

CONSIDERATIONS

None at this time.

MEMBERSHIP AND MEETING TIMES

Meeting Times and Location:

Regular meetings are scheduled on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Meetings are held at the Ken Dyda Civic Center Community Room. To participate virtually, please visit

www.rpvca.gov/participate.

Membership:

Name	Term Start	Term End
James Sprinkel, Chair	06/18/2024	06/30/2028
Donald Campbell, Vice Chair	03/07/2023	06/30/2028
Diane Robinson	03/07/2023	06/30/2026
Edward Blake La Mar Jr.	06/06/2023	06/30/2026
Andrea Nolen	06/18/2024	06/30/2028
Tamara Himmelstein	03/07/2023	06/20/2026
Wouter van Biene	06/06/2023	06/20/2026

City Support:

The EPC is supported by Mayor Paul Seo and Staff Liaison Luna Mohammad.

Contact information and details about the Committee are available at:

<https://www.rpvca.gov/167/Emergency-Preparedness-Committee>