

Florida SART Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 10, 2012 – 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Alachua Regional Service Center 14101 Hwy. 441, Alachua,
FL 32615



Attendance

Stephen Barineau, FDACS/DAI
Laura Bevan, HSUS
Haven J. Cook, Big Bend DART
Dale Dubberly, FDACS/AES
Kim Duffiney, USDA/APHIS/AC
Tony Duffiney, USDA/APHIS/WS
Joan Dusky, UF IFAS
Frankie Hall, Florida Farm Bureau
David John, UF CVM
Joe Kight, FDACS/DAI, ESF-17

Larry Mack, Seminole Feed
Tim Manning, USDA/FSA
M.J. Maruca, Hillsborough County
Maggie Murphy, SE Milk
David Perry, FDACS/DAI, Co-Chair
Rick Sapp, SART Sentinel
Kendra Stauffer, USDA/APHIS/VS
Paul Studivant, FACA
Ken Vetzal, Hillsborough County
Consie VonGontard, FSARC

1. Meeting Opens

SART Co-chair David Perry opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

2. Emergency Vector Control

Dale Dubberly reported on efforts to control the massive mosquito outbreak in June following Tropical Storm Debby.

His teams worked 32 days in 16 counties at a cost of \$1.4 million (FEMA reimbursable). The totals sprayed were 225 road miles with four trucks and 900,000 acres with four airplanes. The chemical sprayed from the air was a 0.66 ounce/acre solution of Dibrome; the chemical sprayed from the ground was Permethrin.

The team operated following an ICS command structure and integrated the efforts of people from state and national agencies such as the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the Florida Department of Health.

“Hordes of mosquitoes,” Dubberly said, “will slow recovery following a disaster and because they may carry several diseases add an element of danger, too.”

3. Nuclear Exercises

Joe Kight reported on nuclear preparedness exercises scheduled for October 31 (table-top only) and June 18-19, 2013.

Three nuclear power plants – Turkey Point in Miami-Dade, St. Lucie in St. Lucie County and Crystal River in Citrus County – operate in Florida, and Jackson County plus

adjacent sections of six other northwest Florida counties, lie within a 50-mile radius of the Farley, Alabama nuclear plant. The Dept. of Health is lead agency in the exercises.

A new brochure, *Agriculture & Nuclear Power in Florida*, is now available for distribution.

The USDA is studying farm animal decontamination, noted Dr. Kendra Stauffer. After the Japanese disaster at the Fukushima Daiichi plant, money became available.

4. NASAAEP Conference

Kim Duffiney reported on the recent NASAAEP (National Alliance of State Animal and Agricultural Emergency Programs) Conference held in Virginia, September 11-13, and gave a power point presentation. The national approach is evolving from a strict focus on pets and companion animals to the inclusion of emergency response for large and even exotic animals. Joe Kight and Dr. Kendra Stauffer were also in attendance. "It was the first conference where we began to see the focus shift from a total emphasis on pets to animals in agriculture," Kight said.

5. FSA Damage Assessments

FSA State Director Tim Manning talked about the FSA response to Tropical Storms Debby and Isaac. Debby, he noted, dropped 26 inches of rain in just 18 hours causing enormous problems with sinkholes. There has not been a program for agricultural losses due to sinkholes, but they are working on one now because sinkholes negatively affect farm acreage and become real dangers for animals and equipment. Following Debby, new sinkholes appeared in Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties.

Manning discussed changes in the USDA and changes in Secretarial Disaster Declarations that would speed up the flow of assistance to the agricultural community.

6. DHS Funding

Florida ESF-17 ECO Joe Kight discussed the SART funding request for 2013 and reported on the continuing county visits: "We try to visit each county once a year. No other ESF does that and it makes a difference because counties see us directly supporting their local efforts."

DHS has approved the Large Animal Technical Rescue Course developed from cooperation from SART and the University of Florida's IFAS and Veterinary College.

Consie Von Gontard reported that more than 700 people have now taken the Small Animal Emergency Sheltering Course that Florida SARC teaches.

Kight introduced Stephen Barineau as the new SART Planner.

7. Other

David Perry reviewed efforts in Palm Beach County to respond to flooding of horse pastures from Tropical Storm Isaac. "The wind doesn't have to blow a hundred miles an hour to have a real storm emergency," Perry reminded the Board.

David John of the UF College of Veterinary Medicine brought the VETS animal emergency response trailer for attendees to review.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. [Rick Sapp - October 23, 2012]