

Dear VOAD Partners,

As the outgoing President, it is my pleasure to thank our VOAD Board Officers who are finishing their two year terms:

Mary Lynn Perry, City of Sacramento/DOVIA - Vice President

Gregory Larkins, United Way – Treasurer

Mika Guevarra, HandsOn Sacramento – Secretary

Also thank you to our longtime VOAD Coordinator, Valeri Mihanovich.

Thank you all for your great service to our VOAD!

I am proud to introduce you to our new VOAD Board Officers:

Mary Lynn Perry, DOVIA – President

Patrick McGuinn, The Salvation Army – Vice President,

Holly Brown, Regional Center for Volunteerism, HandsOn Sac– VOAD Coordinator

Holly Brown, Treasurer & Secretary (Interim until positions filled)

I have full confidence in this team that has been active with our VOAD in recent response efforts and has years of experience in disaster response, nonprofit and government community service program management, and a dedication to service.

It has been an honor to serve as your Sacramento Region VOAD President the last two years with such a wonderful Executive Team who have done outstanding work to communicate, coordinate, cooperate, collaborate, and serve our community with our partner agencies in times of disaster. I will continue to serve on the VOAD Executive Team as Past-President as well as be an active VOAD partner representing the Sacramento Medical Reserve Corps.

Wishing you all health and happiness!

Lynn Pesely

VOAD Accomplishments/Activities over the last 2 years:

- COVID-19 Response – VOAD Staffed the EOC daily from March – May 2020, worked closely with Sacramento County Public Health and emergency response partners, kept members informed including Reconstituting Houses of Worship during COVID. Continues weekly with EOC activation.
- VOAD secured and distributed 310,000 FEMA donated cloth masks, 67,000 additional cloth masks from Cal OES, 6,500 handsewn masks and 678 cases of hand sanitizer from corporate donors to non-profit and faith-based organizations responding to COVID and wildfires throughout the Sacramento region and beyond.
- VOAD developed a faith-based subcommittee during COVID to interface with County Public Health officer for reconstitution of Worship when safely permitted.
- Northern CA Wildfires Response
- Animals in Disasters Summit (February 2019)/Tabletop Exercise (November 2019)
- Commodities Points of Distribution Functional Exercise with Sacramento County Office of Emergency Services

VOAD Partner Training Meetings:

- Regular communications through webinars & ZOOM during the pandemic with Sacramento County Public Health's Dr. Kasirye and other key guest speakers from FEMA, Sac County OES, Cal OES to keep our partners informed.

- Mid-Pandemic After Action Report (June 2020)
- Cal OES Volunteer Agency Liaison and FEMA Private Nonprofit Grant Update (March 2020)
- Managing the Donations Disaster (February 2020)
- VOAD Response to an Active Shooter Incident (Sept. 2019)

Presentations:

- Oct 2019 Ca Emergency Services Agencies presentation – Expanding Your Resources by Partnering with VOAD
- July 2019 Sacramento Employers Advisory Council – Partnering with VOAD
- April 2019 SacRegion VOAD partners Presentation (representatives from HandsOnSacramento, American Red Cross, The City of Sacramento OES, Sacramento Medical Reserve Corps, Southern Baptist Disaster Relief and SacRegion VOAD) all met with "Hope Bridge". 13 delegates from International Visitors studying Emergency Response from South Korea met with the VOAD partners introduced to the importance of having a VOAD in the community.
- July 2019 VOAD partners presented to World Trade Center Northern California (WTCNC) Disaster Recovery presentation with delegates from Indonesia received VOAD presentation as part of International Visitor Leadership Program by the United States Dept of State examining Disaster Recovery
- March 2019 VOAD partners presented to World Trade Center Northern California (WTCNC) Disaster Recovery presentation with delegates from the Middle East received VOAD presentation as part of International Visitor Leadership Program by the United States Dept of State examining Disaster Recovery (See post on Facebook )
- Sept 2018 World Trade Center Northern Cal (WTCNC) invited VOAD to present to delegates from Ukraine participating in the Open World Leadership Center's Open World Program, one of the most effective U.S. Exchange programs for countries of the post-Soviet era.
- Feb 2020, SacRegion VOAD presented to the Network Cafe' at Cal State University, Sacramento covering Disaster RESilience, Recovery and Leadership in Sacramento Region VOAD
- 2020 Sac Region VOAD presents to the San Joaquin non-profit orgs, Faith-Based Orgs and Government agencies involved with Disaster Response and Recovery for establishing a San Joaquin VOAD

Yours in service,

Lynn Pesely, Previous Chair Sacramento Region VOAD (2019 – 2021)  
Sacramento Medical Reserve Corps

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