



Santa Cruz County ARES Membership Meeting Minutes



Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 1900;

In-person at the Emergency Operations Center, 5200 Soquel Avenue

Welcome

John N6QX

Introduction of New Members

Bob KO6XX (bob@slvares.org)

- Nine new members – those that were in the room were introduced. Welcome all.

Upcoming Activities

All

- Sea Otter Classic April 16 – 19
- SAR Training April 25
- Big Sur Marathon April 26
- Strawberry Fields May 17 <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA9A822A4F4CE9-62939044-2026>

New public safety radio system

Jim KE6IMJ

- Jim reviewed the of existing analog system and shared the planned updates. Discussions are ongoing regarding encryption will or will not be used (We have requested his slides – when received we will share)

Review of Activation

John N6QX

- John reviewed the activation procedures

Search and Rescue Training event

John N6QX

- John presented an upcoming volunteer opportunity on April 25th with SAR. Contact John if you are interested.

Successful Emergency Communications Test Between EOC and Neighborhood Groups

John N6QX

- The most recent neighborhood communication exercise was discussed (see newsletter article for greater details). We are making some additional streamlined improvements

Navigation Primer and Exercise *Deferred until next month*

John N6QX
JoMarie KM6URE

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Voice of the members

- Random topics & questions from the membership

Net Control Recruitment

Roberta AJ6KN (AJ6KN@slvares.org)



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Wed NET Date	ARES Repeater	Repeater NET Controller
Apr 22	K6BJ	Pete, KN6TYR
Apr 29		AdHOC
May 6		AdHOC
May 13*	W6SLG	Ben, KO6CNT
May 27*	WRAOK	Dan, N6RJX
Jun 3	WR6AOK	Ed, N6EMA
Jun 10		
Jun 24		

Next meeting May 20th at 1900