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Moving on: Where do we go from here?

The Town Hall meeting in Ridgecrest Sunday was all about recovery and moving on, but one bit of business at the meeting’s outset reminded everyone that no one can say whether the earthquake emergencies are truly over.

Public Information Officer Anthony Romero kicked things off with instructions about keeping the aisles clear and how to exit safely in the case of another quake.

“These are not things we want you to worry about, but we just want to make sure everybody is safe,” said Romero. “We just want to make sure that we are safe in case something happens.”

The room at the Kerr McGee Center was indeed packed, with people filling all available seats and lining the walls. One estimate put the number at 500 in attendance.

Romero is PIO for what is being called “The Crest Incident” and is also a captain with the Kern County Fire Department.

After Romero’s introduction, a string of speakers spoke about the transition toward recovery from the historic July 4 and 5 quakes while still remaining prepared in case another quake hits.

RIDGECREST CHIEF OF POLICE JED McLAUGHLIN

McLaughlin said that the city is now transitioning to recovery mode.

“The question is, Where do we go from here?” he asked. “This has been a difficult time for each and every one of you. It had to be.”

McLaughlin said that RPD has done what they can to protect the

“Thank you to the First Responders who worked through the night to ensure the safety of our community. May God bless the citizens of Ridgecrest and those that serve at China Lake.”

KEVIN MCCARTHY
Paid for by Kevin McCarthy for Congress
TRONA — Under the shade of a sail cloth, several residents were sitting on the steps of the First Baptist Church of Trona, which has been destroyed by the twin earthquakes. They were talking about the damage and the recovery efforts.

“The first one was devastating,” said Kevin, as he played with his dog. “I saw my house collapse, and I was just in shock.”

Another resident, RoseAnn Austin, said, “My house is wrecked. And I’m just tired. This is No Man’s Land.”

A sleeping bag was laid out on the patchy grass in front of the church. People had tried to rally community spirit, but it was not enough.

“The population has declined dramatically, along with the aesthetics; abandoned homes litter the already parched landscape. On the way into town, someone apologized, saying a sign advertising a San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department satellite substation with the face of a pig.

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His entourage included First District Supervisor Steve Brandau, Kern County Supervisor Bladburg, City Manager Sarah Beth Bloomer, and Kern County First District Assembly member Mike Gatto.

During the tour of Trousdale, Newsom inspected some of the buildings, some of which were either partially or completely demolished from their perch or destroyed.

“This was quiet,” said one woman who was holding down the fort while residents were elsewhere.

Residents James Combs and Lori Churchill were under a pair of shade structures with Michelle Hewitt, who was visiting from Los Angeles.

Newsom inspired about the condition of the mobile home park, the need for its residents to take pictures or video of their loss and to serve as a testament or help for those who have been hurt or there has been much damage.

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Cerro Coso sustains significant quake damage

College Administrators at Cerro Coso Community College have confirmed that the Ridgecrest campus has sustained substantial damage as a result of the recent 6.4 and 7.1 earthquakes, and the campus is closed until safety inspections and possible repairs take place.

Although the buildings weathered the movement, similar to other buildings and businesses in the area, several buildings have experienced ceiling and drywall damage, computers and printers are strewn about, T-bar ceilings have collapsed, file cabinets and bookshelves were knocked over, and glass was broken.

“We are very fortunate the college was closed for the holiday in light of the damage we have sustained,” said Cerro Coso President Jill Board. The college was on summer hours and is closed on Fridays. The staff were off for the holiday and looking forward to a nice long weekend.

“It is nice that the staff and students could focus on their own families and homes during a major crisis like this,” said Board. Kern Community College District Chancellor Thomas Burke immediately approved the recommendation to maximize risk management and close all buildings until further assessment of the damage could be made.

“Experts have been called in to survey the damage and inform the college’s next steps. Cerro Coso closed the Ridgecrest campus on Monday. This includes the Child Development Center. The campus will remain closed until structural safety is confirmed.

“Despite the damage, on behalf of the entire CCCC community, I want to thank all of those who have come to the aid of our cities at this critical time,” Board said. “Our thoughts are with everyone in Ridgecrest and the surrounding areas affected by these earthquakes.”

Reader photos: Earthquake damage around town

PHOTOS COURTESY OF CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ABOVE: The administrative conference room at Cerro Coso Community College’s Ridgecrest campus sustained damage during 6.4 and 32 quakes last week.
RIGHT: Many items were knocked to floor on second floor of Learning Resource Center at Cerro Coso College.

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From left to right: Books on the floor at Red Rock Books, merchandise on the floor at Jo-Ann Fabric, and cleaners spilled at The Home Depot.

From left to right: Chimney damage at a local home, pantry items spilled on the floor of a local kitchen, and game room items spilled.
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church, he works for the local water company.

"After the 6.4 we found about eight main-
line leaks," he said, "We just pulled the lines on the
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A home on F Street in Argus is shown suffering significant damage. As of Sunday, the
home had not been officially inspected, but the owner said he suspected it to be de-
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The most significant indication of something being wrong is the fact that the Searles Valley Mineral plants all happen to be shut down. Although unable to confirm officially the plants are designed to automatically shut down some operations in case of an emergency. At least one chlorine tank at the Trona facility had reportedly partially collapsed.

Crackers and buckled walls. More than 90 people were reported to be shaken to the core. The county is aiding the federal and national agencies in creating a local disaster & recovery services. As of Monday afternoon, the Bakersfield Police Department and the Kern County Sheriff’s Office continues to assess and search for those who may be unaccounted for. More than 90 people were expected to be dead in a Red Cross shelter in Ridgecrest by Monday night as transportation between the shock zone and surrounding areas improved. A park space behind the Shaker at Arctiva Community Center in Ridgecrest was also used by many who were not permitted to return.

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For detailed information: www.KernPublicWorks.com/waste-management/disposal-sites/

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Options for disposal when cleanup...

Trona still in recovery mode.
A copy of said Order to Show Cause on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court in and for Kern County, State of California, at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, First Floor, Bakersfield, California, 93301.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
COUNTY OF KERN
CASE NUMBER RI 19-05-27

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

You are hereby notified that a Petitioner, Julie C. Sangster, has filed a petition with this Court to change her name. The Petitioner presents as follows:

Petitioner’s Full Name: Julie C. Sangster

Petitioner’s New Name: Joanna Nicole Sax

THE COURT OF SUPERIOR COURT OF KERN COUNTY ORDERS that all persons interested in the matter file their objections with the Clerk of the Superior Court at the hearing on the petition, or within 90 days thereafter. The petition should not be dismissed because of a failure to file objections within the 90-day period.

Upon filing objections, a copy of the objections shall be served on the Petitioner.

If no objections are filed, then the name shall be changed as indicated on the petition.

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PETITION

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many after shocks also kept local residents on edge. "People were back to where we need to be, but there's still a cloud of uncertainty around many aspects of the community," Dumpfer added.

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"Our Mobile Branch gives us the Desert Valley offers $1M loan support to community after earthquakes

City in need of volunteer engineers for calls, inspections

The City of Ridgecrest put a call to retired or current civil servants as it continues its goal of inspecting businesses and homes impacted by the 6.4 magnitude and 7.1 magnitude earthquakes that hit Thursday and Friday.

In a post, the Public Works Department not ed it needs current or retired general contractors to screen / evaluate phone calls of residential and commercial properties to prioritize inspections. "If interested, contact Public Works Director Justin Dampier. "We’re be - ing very conscious of that (residents) that knew something goes down, we’ve got emergency personnel around to deal with it affectively."

"We’re slowly evolving our routines. Hopefully mother nature will cooperate with us," Dumpfer added. "We’ve got groups of people, especially neighbors, doing a proactive, preventive endeavor, "

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"We have seen tremendous support from the community, our business partners and the State EMS agency," Bruen said. "And the deduction and commitment from our own employees is something that cannot begin to thank everyone for."

"We can’t think fast enough of the need and getting the hospital open quickly. The support of Liberty Am barance staff, with additional support for San Bernardino AMR ambu lance and Hall Ambulance, allowed us to keep providing patient care," Dumpfer said.

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