

Washoe County Local Emergency Planning Committee

General Membership Meeting

MINUTES

THURSDAY ~ DECEMBER 15, 2011 ~ 9:00 A.M.

REGIONAL EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

5195 SPECTRUM BOULEVARD, RENO, NEVADA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL - (Non-action item)

Chair Magenheimer called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. A quorum was established.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Beekman – Washoe County Security and Communications; Jim Caughron – Washoe County Risk Management; Aaron Kenneston – Washoe County Emergency Management; Chris Magenheimer – North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District; Tracy Moore – Washoe County School District; Tim O'Brien – Reno Fire Department; Phil Povey- Truckee Meadows Community College; Rob Reeder – Regional Transportation Commission; Scott Smiley – Washoe County Department of Water Resources; Eileen Stickney – Washoe County Health District; Dee Stueve – Associated General Contractors; and Jeff Whitesides – Washoe County Health District. Joe Nishikida – Reno Fire Department (HazMat), joined the meeting at 9:16 a.m.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Katre – Reno Police Department; Brian Allen – Sparks Police Department; Marshall Emerson – Washoe County Sheriff's Office; Richard Gammick – Washoe County District Attorney; Mike Greene – Sierra Fire Protection District; Jim Gubbels – Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority; Jeff Kinder – Nevada Division of Environmental Protection; Andy Koski – Sparks Fire Department; Teresa Long – Washoe County Health District; Michael Munda – Renown; Debbie Penrod – University of Nevada, Reno; and Ron Percivalle – KTVN.

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Ed Atwell – University of Nevada, Reno; Stacey Akurosawa – Washoe County Health District; Eric Millette – Sparks Fire Department; Mitch Nowicki – Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority; and Russ Pedersen – Washoe County Sheriff's Office.

ALTERNATES ABSENT: Debra Barone – Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center; Christina Conti – Washoe County Health District; Diane Drinkwater – Washoe County District Attorney's Office; Dave Evans – Nevada Division of Environmental Protection; Tom Garrison – Sparks Fire Department; Michelle Gitmed – Reno Police Department; John Helzer – Washoe County District Attorney's Office; Bruce Hicks – North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District; Steve Keefer – Sparks Police Department; Mike Kryzstof – Sierra Fire Protection District; Tim Leighton – Sierra Fire Protection District; Chris Long – Washoe County Communications and Security; Tammy Lopes – Reno Fire Department; John Madole – Associated General Contractors; Chris Maples – Sparks Fire Department (HazMat); Matt Marquez – Sparks Police Department; Jon McRae – Nevada Division of Environmental Protection; Greg Meister – Reno Police Department; Mike Mieras – Washoe County School District; Brad Norman – Truckee Meadows Community College; Tom O'Conner – Washoe County Sheriff's Office; John Potter – KTVN; Jerry Preston – Washoe County Department of Water Resources; Josh Reynolds – Truckee Meadows Community College; Jeanne Rucker – Washoe County Health District; Bob Sack – Washoe County Health District; John Slaughter – Washoe County Management Services; Brian Taylor – Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority; and Carlotta Taylor – Washoe County Health District.

A Deputy District Attorney was not present.

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2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 20, 2011 (For possible action)

It was moved by Mitch Nowicki, seconded by Jim Caughron, to approve the October 20, 2011, minutes, as submitted. MOTION CARRIED.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Non-action item)

There were no public comments.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT (For possible action) – *A review, discussion and possible action to accept Revenue and Payables reports.*

Cathy Ludwig - Grants Coordinator, commented that the 2011 SERC (State Emergency Response Commission) grant for Reno Fire Shows awarded Washoe County \$5,070.00 with only \$3,315.00 being expended. The balance of the grant has been deobligated. Ms. Ludwig emphasized that reimbursement eligibility was based on signing up under HazMat and then taking a HazMat courses. Ms. Ludwig noted that she would remind member agencies during the next funding cycle as reimbursement is contingent upon signing under LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) HazMat and taking HazMat related courses. Drawing attention to the 2012 SERC grant, Ms. Ludwig noted that both REMSA (Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority) and Washoe County Sheriff's Office had expended the UWS (United We Stand) grant in the first quarter. The Statewide Evacuation and Mass Fatality grant has expended all but \$6.72 of the original \$993,750.00 grant and anticipates that the remaining \$32,730.10 in additional grant funds be spent in February 2012. The SPARTAN (Schools Prepared and Ready Together Across Nevada) is slated to close by spring 2012 with only \$21,064.97 remaining of the \$505,024.00 grant award.

Joe Nishikida joined the meeting at 9:16 a.m.

Ms. Ludwig commented that \$542,700.81 of the \$620,000.00 Continuity of Operations/Continuity of Government grant award had been expended with an additional \$54,405.92 encumbered. Ms. Ludwig explained that there had been about 140 attendees at the final conference held at the Atlantis Hotel/Casino, December 6-8, 2011. It is anticipated that the grant will close in the spring of 2012.

It was moved by Jim Caughron, seconded by Eileen Stickney, to approve the Treasurer's Report, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

5. GRANT OPPORTUNITIES (For possible action) – *Information and discussion of upcoming and /or existing LEPC grants.*

There were no new grant opportunities.

6. GRANT APPROVAL (For possible action) – *Approval of a 2011 Homeland Security (DHS), State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant in the amount of \$188,235.00 to upgrade and enhance technology equipment in the Regional Emergency Operations Center (REOC)*

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Cathy Ludwig - Grants Coordinator, provided an overview of the 2011 State Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$188,235.00 that will be used to upgrade computers as well as audio/visual and other equipment at the EOC (Emergency Operations Center).

It was moved by Jeff Whitesides, seconded by Ed Atwell, to approve the 2011 Homeland Security (DHS), State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant in the amount of \$188,235.00 to upgrade and enhance technology equipment in the Regional Emergency Operations Center (REOC). MOTION CARRIED.

7. LEPC MEMBERSHIP LIST (For Possible Action) – *A review, discussion and possible action of update to the LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) Membership List*

Cathy Ludwig – Grants Administrator, commented that one of the SERC (State Emergency Response Commission) requirements is to update and approve the General Membership list annually.

Eileen Coulombe asked that her surname be changed to Stickney.

There was minor discussion about whether Woody Wright from UNR would continue to serve on the LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee). It was noted that Mr. Wright brings a wide range of expertise in hazard waste management. It was suggested that Ms. Ludwig contact Mr. Wright directly and/or Stephanie Woolf Director of HS.

Scott Smiley submitted Rob Kelley as his replacement as he is retiring from WCDWR (Washoe County Department of Water Resources).

Jeff Whitesides asked that Carlotta Taylor be removed from the roster and that Christina Conti be listed as the alternate.

Rob Reeder asked that Steve Burlie be added as the alternate for the RTC (Regional Transportation Commission)

Eric Millette Asked that Chris Maples be removed as Hazmat alternate and be replace by himself.

Ms. Ludwig noted that Mr. Millette could not serve in two different categories and suggested that he identify another person to serve as the alternate.

Mr. Millette concurred and stated that the matter would be discussed internally and a request submitted to Ms. Ludwig.

It was moved by Jim Caughron, seconded by Chet Malewski, to approve the Washoe LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) membership roster as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

8. UPDATE ON REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EVENTS (Non-action item) – *A briefing of regional meetings, events, trainings and exercises.*

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Aaron Kenneston – Washoe County Emergency Manager, wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday season. Mr. Kenneston noted that the focus for 2012 would be a return to the basics given the sequence of events the region responded to in the past several months. Mr. Kenneston noted that there had been some issues during the Caughlin fire as it pertains to the Livestock Events Center and that Ed Atwell – UNR (University of Nevada, Reno) had volunteered to work along with a skeleton crew on New Year's Eve 2011 at the EOC (Emergency Operations Center). Upcoming training opportunities include additional COOP (Continuity of Operations) on January 4, 2012 in the Central Conference Room at Washoe County Administration, Building C and again on January 11, 2012 at the EOC (Emergency Operations Center). On January 12, 2012, flood maps and the flood plan will be vetted at the Mills Lane Courthouse on South Sierra Street. Other training includes ICS (Incident Command System) training February 7-9, 2012 as well as resource management training and WebEOC training in late February and early March 2012.

9. UPDATE FROM THE RADIOLOGICAL TASK FORCE (Non-action item) – *A briefing on current radiological issues within the region. Scott Alquist, TMCC*

Scott Alquist - TMCC (Truckee Meadows Community College), explained that several legal challenges had been filed against the federal government for violation of the 1982 Nuclear Waste Policy Act that was designed to provide an ability to accept and dispose of spent fuel and high level nuclear waste by January 21, 1998. Funding was obtained from electrical generating from nuclear reactors and is currently at \$24-billion. Additionally, other states have filed legal challenges due to the lack of promised storage that could, if the proposed Nuclear Waste Act of 2012 in the State of California is adopted, result in the shut-down of nuclear power plants in the State of California that provide about 16-percent of the state's electrical power. It is not thought that these actions will generate any renewed interest in Yucca Mountain as a long-term storage solution. Mr. Alquist noted that discussions are taking place on a facility in Hanford, Washington, about conversion of radioactive waste to a stable substance that resembles glass. However, there are significant concerns about the construction cost for such a plant as well as safety. Other concerns include the Congressional hesitation to expend more money for site clean-up which currently uses one-third of the annual budget for nuclear clean-up (\$2-billion already spent on the Hanford site). A Draft EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) for the Las Vegas Test Site-Nevada National Security Site addresses the continued storage of mixed and low-level radioactive materials and long-standing agreements to preclude the transport of shipments through the urban areas of Las Vegas (Nevada). The "Unconstrained Routing Scenario" is also included in the EIS that would allow the transport of low-level radioactive waste along Interstate 15 and U. S. Highway 95 known as the "Spaghetti Bowl", as well as shipments over the recently completed Hoover Dam bypass bridge thus funneling waste into the Las Vegas Metro area from the south. The State of Nevada has raised concerns about increase ground water contamination as well as possible terrorist attacked and detrimental effects on property values. The Yucca Mountain site appears to no longer be an option for long-term storage, which has already cost \$25-billion. Additional information can be found at <http://world-nuclear.org/info/inf69.html>. Mr. Alquist noted that the Draft EIS also addresses the State of Nevada's concern about the DOE's (Department of Energy) failure to address a section of the initial agreement that calls for the release of land that was previously held by DOE for public use, including uncontaminated areas of the Nevada National Security Site and Yucca Mountain.

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- 10. UPDATE OF CITIZEN CORPS** (Non-action item) – *A briefing on events and activities supported by the Washoe County Citizen Corps including, but not limited to, Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT).*

Katie Paschall noted that the events of the previous months have renewed public interest CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) involvement. As a result there is a new team in the Red Rock area. Ms. Paschall stated that the BCC (Board of County Commissioners) had approved a contract for a new CERT Coordinator, Derek Russell will assume her position as she ends her tenure on December 31, 2011.

- 11. LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) PRESENTATION** (Non-action item) – A presentation by the Associated General Contractors (AGC) *on what the Contractors Auxiliary is; how it was established; and their assistance to the LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee).*

Dee Stueve, Safety Coordinator – AGC (Associated General Contractors), narrated a PowerPoint® presentation on the work of the AGC (Associated General Contractors) Contractors Auxiliary. Ms. Stueve noted that the Contractors Auxiliary operates under a “hand-shake agreement” with the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office Search and Rescue. The auxiliary was formed in 1997 after the flood to better organize a community response to emergency situations such as flood, excessive snowfall and potential earthquake damages. Ms. Stueve outlined the protocol for activating the auxiliary and emphasized that the auxiliary is not a first responder and that mobilization of personnel and equipment takes time to stage equipment and equipment operators where needed. Ms. Stueve noted that costs for personnel and equipment are predicated on FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) guidelines and have not been modified in the past few years.

- 12. LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) OFFICER, ALTERNATE AND/OR MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS, REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS** (Non-action item) - *No discussion among committee members will take place on this item. The next regular meeting is scheduled at 9:00 a.m. December 15, 2011.*

Chair Magenheimer expressed his appreciation for Scott Smiley’s participation in the LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) as he retires from the Washoe County Department of Water Resources.

- 13. PUBLIC COMMENT** (Non-action item)

There were no public comments.

- 14. ADJOURNMENT** (For possible action)

Chair Magenheimer adjourned the meeting at 9:54 a.m.