



**Yuma County LEPC
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**YUMA COUNTY
Local Emergency Planning Committee
April 8, 2009**

PRESENT: Michael Callahan, Jeff Denman, Greg Ferguson, Manuel Hernandez, Gary Koehn, Jim Miller, Luis Miranda, Chris Nossaman, Gretchen Thomas (representing Ralph Ogden), Tony Rivera and Ema Lea Shoop.

ABSENT: Robert Barocio, Paul De Anda, Ernesto Elias, Dustin Fields, Earl Hamilton, Marc Holyfield, Mark Hutsell, Mack Luckie, Jack McArthur, Gary McCauley, Warren Quirk, Sharon Register, Rick Reyes, Katheryn Shaffer, D.J. Shiple, Michelle Smith, Mark Stroh, Joseph Roerink, Gary August and Keith Titus.

GUESTS: Mark Howard-AZSERC

I. CALL TO ORDER: Vice-Chairman Michael Callahan brought the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS: Guest Mark Howard (AZSERC) and all members were introduced.

III. MINUTES: Minutes of the February 11th meeting were reviewed. Gretchen Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Ema Lea Shoop and approved unanimously.

IV. MEMBERSHIP STATUS: No new membership applications were submitted. Greg Ferguson questioned Eddie Mendez membership status being assumed as resigned since he is no longer City of Somerton Public Works Director. Luis Miranda responded he could still be a member if he (Eddie Mendez) desires although a resignation form was not submitted. Luis Miranda stated previously submitted Membership Interest Forms for Robert Barocio, Manuel Hernandez and Marc Holyfield. Gretchen motioned to approve new applicants as members of LEPC and motion was seconded by Gary Koehn and was approved unanimously.

V. Chair Status Report: Luis Miranda provided LEPC with information on Emergency Response Plan review and update meeting being held May 12th at the State EOC. Invitation was extended to any LEPC Members interested in attending. In terms of public information Luis Miranda passed around a LEPC flyer and brochure for member's input. Luis Miranda asked Michael Callahan and Gary Koehn to assist in developing a list of

possible recipients of the LEPC information. Greg Ferguson stated GYEDC has a manufacturer's association, which may have several members that may be interested in the services provided by the LEPC. Manuel Hernandez suggested contacting Greg Hyland (City Channel 73) to possibly assist in the marketing for the LEPC. Luis Miranda stated he would meet with David Nash (CH 73) the next day and would mention it to him. Luis Miranda also stated that as part of the Training and Exercise Sub-Committee a Chemical Release tabletop exercise would be taking place at the Heritage Library during our next scheduled meeting for the LEPC. Luis Miranda requested a financial report be given by Vanessa Valenzuela, Recording Secretary. Vanessa stated that the approved amount of \$10,689 was distributed and expended by the different agencies. There was a residual amount of \$2. Mark Howard (AZSERC) explained that the Emergency Response Funds was 10% of assessed fines by Department of Environmental Quality.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REVIEW OF LEPC EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN (ERP): Covered by Luis Miranda under Chair Status report.

VII. GOOD OF THE ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS: Luis Miranda stated Ms. Ema Lea Shoop had previously requested information from EMI be presented in segments to the LEPC as a training course that could be of great value. Luis Miranda offered to send out a listing of the training courses available to be presented to the LEPC. Greg Ferguson suggested that the LEPC have an event, such as the "Great Asbestos Day" previously sponsored by Sun Country Restoration, with the purpose of drawing in more participants. Mark Howard suggested "piggy backing" with another event to help minimize costs. Jim Miler announced their annual "Water Safety Day". He offered a booth and extended an invitation to attend. Even is to be held at Carver Park and pool.

VIII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC: Mark Howard encouraged members to attend the ERP kick-off meeting with contractor to meet individual LEPC needs. Mr. Howard also suggested over viewing membership lists and finding out why, if any, members are not attending. Mr. Howard also made a statement about one of the subjects discussed at EMI about evacuation. He expressed his concern for the lack of the American Red Cross in Yuma County and suggested utilizing the Citizen Corp Committee funds for Shelter Management Training for CITIZEN CORP COMMITTEE Volunteers. Mr. Howard also expressed his concern because none of the Yuma County signatories for the AZ MAC (Arizona Mutual Aid Compact) had signed the document yet.

NEXT MEETING: The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at 10 a.m. at City Hall Room 190 (Venue subject to change).

IX. ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Jim Miller and seconded by Gary August. Meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.