



## Yuma County Local Emergency Planning Committee

### Minutes of the Meeting February 10, 2011

#### **PRESENT:**

Michael Callahan, Gowan Milling, Group 5  
Chief Paul DeAnda, Somerton-Cocopah Fire Department, Group 2  
Mike Erfert, Yuma Fire Department, Group 2  
Greg Ferguson, Yuma County Board of Supervisors, Group 1  
Earl Hamilton, MCAS Disaster Preparedness, Group 2  
Chris Nossaman, Sun Country Restoration, Group 5  
Gretchen Robinson, Emergency Management Director, Group 2  
Ema Lea Shoop, citizen at large, Group 4  
Michelle Smith, Yuma County Public Health District, Group 2  
Chief Keith Titus, Wellton Police Department, Group 2  
Major Leon Wilmot, alternate for Sheriff Ralph Ogden, Group 1

#### **ABSENT:**

Chief Gary August, Rural Metro Fire Department, Group 2  
Robert Barocio, Yuma Proving Grounds, Group 2  
Tim Beeler, MCAS Yuma, Group 2  
Jeff Denman, citizen at large, Group 4  
Ernesto Elias, Army Corps of Engineers, Group 5  
Manuel Hernandez, City of Yuma Utilities Department, Group 2  
Mark Hutsell, Vice Chair, Yuma Regional Medical Center, Group 2  
Major Ken Hewett, Arizona Department of Corrections  
Marc Holyfield, Arizona Western College, Group 2  
Gary Koehn, Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, Group 5  
Mayor Alan Krieger for Councilman Jerry Stuart, Group 1  
Chief Jack McArthur, Yuma Fire Department, Group 2  
Warren Quirk, Excel Group / WORC Center, Group 5  
Rick Reyes, Sellers Petroleum. Group 5  
Tony Rivera, Yuma Proving Grounds, Group 2  
Captain Joseph Roerink, AZ Department of Corrections, Group 2  
Captain Mark Stroh, Yuma Fire Department, Group 2

A quorum of 11 persons was present with a minimum of 3 groups represented, Group 1, Group 2, Group 4 and Group 5.

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

In the absence of Chairman Mark Hutsell, Ema Lea Shoop was asked to be the honorary chairman for the meeting. Ms. Shoop called the meeting to order at 1005 hours in the Board of Supervisors Auditorium at 198 So. Main Street, Yuma AZ.

**II. INTRODUCTION:**

Members and guests present introduced themselves. Guests present included  
Rosario Zavala, Quechan Tribal Police Department, Emergency Management  
Jillian Bradshaw, Pima County Emergency Management  
Tom Taylor, SOAZVOAD  
Don Blascak, SOAZVOAD  
Curt Foster, Fire Marshal, Rural Metro  
Rosario Zavala, Emergency Management Assistant, Quechan Police Department  
Rogelio Torres, Yuma County Public Health District, representing MRC and Citizens Corp  
Pastor Chuck Stewart, Calvary Chapel, representing CEN, Christian Emergency Network  
Michele Valdez, Staff member, Yuma County Office of Emergency Management  
Cosme Guzman, Intern, Yuma County Office of Emergency Management

Let the record reflect that Fire Marshal Curt Foster was representing Chief Gary August of Rural Metro. Approved alternate forms will be completed.

**III. MINUTES:**

Upon motion of Greg Ferguson, with second by Michelle Smith, the minutes of the meeting held 8 December 2010 were approved as submitted.

**IV. GRANT STATUS:**

Gretchen Robinson reported that the State of Arizona had again designated \$1,500 to the Yuma County LEPC for the revisions to the LEPC emergency response manual. In addition, Gretchen reported that only one (1) fire agency in Yuma County submitted for the ERF application and that application by Somerton Cocopah Fire Department has been denied.

**V. MEMBERSHIP STATUS**

Gretchen reminded the LEPC of the new membership procedures. Prospective member Gary Verquer was not present to meet with the board so no action was taken on his request for membership. Tabled until the April meeting.

**6. New Business**

**a. VOAD Executive Board Presentation**

Jillian Bradshaw, Training and Exercise Coordinator, Pima County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, indicated she was representing the Southern Arizona VOAD Executive Board today. SOAZVOAD will be traveling to all emergency management offices in the State, usually at an LEPC meeting, to discuss the capabilities of being a volunteer in disasters. LEPC members were urged to take advantage of the opportunity to serve as well as to share the information presented this date.

**b. Exercise of LEPC Emergency Response Plan during MCAS Exercise**

Gretchen announced that the County EOC would be participating with our federal partners at the MCAS Exercise to be held February 14, 2011. During the event, she will review the ERP and determine if the procedures indicated are conducive with the actuality of the events. Revisions will be made as necessary.

**7. Old Business**

**a. Lower Colorado River Plan**

Gretchen Robinson reported that minimum activity had taken place since the first local meeting for the re-write of the Lower Colorado River Plan, specifically for Area 3 (Parker Dam to the Mexican border).

**8. Chair Status Report**

In the absence of the Chair, there was no report.

**9. Public Comment on the LEPC Emergency Response Plan**

Plan review and revision is still underway. Gretchen indicated that she had e-mailed the sections of the completed plan and was requesting members to review at the next meeting in April 2011. She will forward the attachments and appendices.

**10. Good of the Order/Announcements**

It was suggested that the item for an election of a Vice Chairman be placed on the April 11, 2011 agenda.

Several members requested Designated Alternate forms to include Chief Titus, Chief McArthur and Chief Gary August. Gretchen will provide.

**11. Call to the Public**

*No one from the public answered the call.*

**12. Adjourn**

Upon motion by Chief Paul DeAnda with second by Mike Erfert and with no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1045 hours.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 14, 2011 at the Yuma County Board of Supervisors, 198 So. Main Street, Yuma, AZ. Please note change from Wednesdays to Thursdays.

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