

Washoe County Local Emergency Planning Committee

General Membership Committee

MINUTES

July 20, 2006 ~ 9:00 A.M.

Washoe County Regional Emergency Operations Center
5195 Spectrum Boulevard, Reno, Nevada

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL *

Vice-chair Petersen called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. and announced that a quorum was present.

PRESENT: Greg Befort – Regional Public Safety Training Center; Beverly Buchanan – Reno Emergency Communications; Jim Caughron – Washoe County Risk Management; Robert Cullins – University of Nevada, Reno; Tami Cummings – Washoe County Sheriff's Office; Paul Donald – Washoe County District Health Department; Joe Durosseau – Reno Fire Department; Karen Fraley – Reno City Attorney's Office; Craig Harrison – Washoe County Telecommunications; Dave Hunkup – Reno Sparks Indian Colony; Michael Hurick – American Red Cross; Jeff Kinder – CFR Engineering; Chris Lang – Reno Police Department; James Lopey – Washoe County Sheriff's Office; Chet Malewski – Truckee Meadows Water Authority; Steve Matles – Washoe Health System; Stephanie McCarty – Washoe County District Health Department; Jim Miller – Washoe County District Health Department; Robin Pagni – Sparks Police Department; Russ Petersen – Washoe County Sheriff's Office; Russ Rocha – Truckee Meadows Reclamation Facility; Chris Smith – Washoe County School District; and Klark Staffan – Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority. Gary Dunn – Sparks Emergency Manager joined the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

ABSENT: Michael Alaux – American Red Cross; Ray Andriola – Saint Mary's Hospital; Steve Asher – Sparks Police Department; Lisa Ayers – Reno Tahoe Airport Authority; Ryan Bird – Sierra Pacific power Company; John Bradley – H2O; Russell Brigham – Reno Sparks Indian Colony; Tim Busch – HazMat; Tracy Chase – Reno City Attorney's Office; Tom Clewell – HazMat and Sparks Fire Department; Eileen Coulombe – Washoe County District Health Department; Steve Driscoll – Sparks Emergency Management; Tad Fletcher – Reno Tahoe Airport Authority; Andy Flock – Sparks Fire Department; Frank Frievalt – HazMat; Tom Gadd – Washoe County Public Works; Randall Gray – Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation; Ken Grein – Washoe County School District; Jim Gubbels – Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority; Bruce Hicks – North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District; Beverly Howe – American Red Cross; Jim Johns – Reno Police Department; Aaron Kenneston – Washoe County Emergency Manager; Chris Magenheimer – North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District; Matt Marquez – Sparks Police Department; Mike Mieras – Washoe County School District; Alan Minor – Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation; Gary Neilson – Reno Fire Department; Mitch Nowicki – Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority; Jason Pasco – KTVN Channel 2; Steve Pitts – Reno Police Department; Rob Reeder – Regional Transportation Commission; Suzy Rogers – Reno Emergency Communications; Jeanne Rucker – Washoe County District Health Department; Bob Sack – Washoe County District Health Department; Marty Scheuerman – Reno Fire Department; Ron Schmidt – Sparks City Council; Gary Smith – Reno Tahoe Airport Authority; John Slaughter – Washoe County Management Services; Alan Tom –

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Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority; Kristen Walthers – KTVN Channel 2; Dan Watkins – KOLO Channel 8; and Woody Wright – University of Nevada, Reno.

Nathan Edwards, Deputy District Attorney, was also present.

Gary Dunn – Sparks Emergency Manager, joined the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MAY 15, 2006 GRANTS AND FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES AND MAY 18, 2006 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Steve Matles, seconded by Jim Caughron, to approve the May 15, 2006, Grants and Finance Subcommittee minutes, as submitted. MOTION CARRIED.

It was moved by Jim Caughron, seconded by Karen Fraley, to approve the May 18, 2006, General Membership meeting minutes, as submitted. MOTION CARRIED.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT – Review and acceptance of ODP (Office of Domestic Preparedness)/Homeland Security and SERC (State Emergency Response Committee) Grants – FFY (Federal Fiscal Year) 2005 & 2006.

Cathy Ludwig, Grants Administrator, provided an overview of the 2004 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant noting that the Reno Fire Department needs to submit completed documentation of the security enhancements and that an extension until August 30, 2006, had been approved thus allowing Washoe County Sheriff's Office and Sparks Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility to complete their projects. Ms. Ludwig then outlined the 2005-2006 grant expenditures noting that the funding for Noble Responder had been extended, which has allowed other training programs.

Paul Donald – Washoe County District Health Department, left the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

Ms. Ludwig noted that 2004 Citizen Corps grant and 2003 CIP programs grants had been expended.

It was moved by Jim Caughron, seconded by Greg Befort, to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. MOTION CARRIED.

4. GRANT OPPORTUNITIES * – Information and discussion of upcoming and/or existing LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) grants 2006 State Emergency Response Commission, Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Mid-Cycle Training Grant Opportunity.

Cathy Ludwig, Grants Administrator, commented that the 2007 State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant that funds the

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HazMat Explo would be forthcoming and asked the member agencies begin formulating a list of possible attendees. It is expected that the amount of the grant will be known this week (July 16 through 22, 2006).

5. BRIEFING FROM THE HOMELAND SECURITY CAPABILITY AND REVIEW WORKING GROUP ON THE FY (FISCAL YEAR) 2006 INVESTMENT JUSTIFICATION PROGRESS AS MANDATED IN THE FY-2006 GRANT APPLICATION.

Jim Lopey provided an overview of allocated funding \$6.5-million for Statewatch; and \$4.7-million for TEWS (Terrorist Early Warning System). Mr. Lopey noted that Las Vegas Metro (Nevada) had reallocated some funding (\$189,000.00) to Washoe County for critical infrastructure security. Mr. Lopey offered to meet with interested individuals after the meeting to discuss the various grant award allocations.

Paul Donald rejoined the meeting 9:25 a.m.

4. GRANT OPPORTUNITIES * – *Information and discussion of upcoming and/or existing LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) grants 2006 State Emergency Response Commission, Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Mid-Cycle Training Grant Opportunity.* [Reopened]

Cathy Ludwig, Grants Administrator, commented she had received only one response to the 2006 State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Mid-cycle Training Grant request from the Interhospital Coordinating Council. Ms. Ludwig commented that she would submit the request to the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) for approval.

6. DISCUSSION/NOTIFICATION OF VACANT LEPC AT-LARGE POSITION

Cathy Ludwig, Grants Administrator, commented that with the resignation of Susan Parker the LEPC At-Large position was vacant. Ms. Ludwig asked that interested parties submit their notice of interest to Jim Gubbels for consideration before the August 17, 2006, meeting, as the LEPC will agendaize and vote on the position at the August meeting.

7. UPDATE ON REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EVENTS *

Greg Befort, Regional Safety Training Center, commented that a snow workshop was scheduled September 25 and 26, 2006.

8. DISCUSSION TO SOLICIT AND ADD WAL-MART'S EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM TO THE LEPC MEMBERSHIP

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Cathy Ludwig, Grants Administrator, outlined a recent email that was sent by the Executive Director of the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) concerning Wal-Mart global security and their involvement with other LEPC's (Local Emergency Planning Committee).

Steve Matles noted that two (2) of his Code Orange Team were involved in training at the Fernley (Nevada) Wal-Mart warehouse and believes that the company would be an asset to the region.

Robert Cullins concurred that Wal-Mart would be an asset to the community and noted their work during the Hurricane Katrina response.

Michael Hurick provided Wal-Mart manager contact information to Ms. Ludwig.

Jim Miller – Washoe County District Health Department, left the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

Jim Lopey noted that a manager of the Northtowne Wal-Mart is part of the Citizen Security Committee and that Wal-Mart has donated money to various programs in the past.

Dave Hunkup – Reno Sparks Indian Colony left the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

Jim Miller rejoined the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

Jim Lopey – Washoe County Sheriff's Office left meeting at 9:33 a.m.

9. STORMREADY PRESENTATION BY NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

Rhett Milne, National Weather Service, narrated a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file).

Dave Hunkup, Jim Lopey and Russ Rocha rejoined the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

Mr. Milne noted that there are some 500 deaths and \pm \$14-billion in damage attributed to severe weather each year.

Steve Matles – Washoe Health System, left the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Mr. Milne commented that Washoe County has met most of the criteria to become a certified Stormready Community. Drawing attention to the criteria required to be a certified Stormready Community, Mr. Milne noted that Washoe County already has many of the component in place, including warning and operations facilities in the EOC (Emergency Operations Center), communications and ongoing training exercises.

Steve Matles – Washoe Health System, rejoined the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

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Mr. Milne noted the need to have trained weather spotters and dispatchers along with four methods by which weather/water (flood) can be monitored, weather radios in all public facilities and hazardous weather operations detained in an emergency plan.

Paul Donald – Washoe County District Health Department, left the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

Mr. Milne also noted the need to develop a telephone tree and educate the public such that individuals are aware of how various weather conditions may affect different elevations to preclude unnecessary calls to 911 centers.

Jim Miller – Washoe County District Health Department, left the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

Responding to Stephanie McCarty – Washoe County District Health, Mr. Milne noted that the NWS also tracked extreme temperatures (heat/cold index) and encouraged primary care givers and first responders provide front-line information to NWS.

Gary Dunn – Sparks Emergency Manager, left the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Mr. Milne noted that with such information the NSW can provide more accurate warnings. Mr. Milne responded to Robert Cullins – University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), stating that Stormready Community status can be provided to various types of communities, including UNR based on population.

10. LEPC OFFICERS' COMMENTS *

None.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS *

Stephanie McCarty – Washoe County District Health Department, asked to meet with representatives of both the Reno and Sparks Police Departments after the meeting.

Greg Befort announced upcoming free classes at the Regional Safety Training Center on August 24 and 25; September 18 through 20; and December 4 and 8, 2006. Mr. Befort encouraged interested parties to contact Beth Walker at the center to register for the classes.

Joe Durosseau commented that Station 14 had been out of service for 12-hours due to a fire, with no injuries. However, one engine was destroyed in the incident. The Washoe County Sheriff's Substation will be reopened once the asbestos analysis is completed.

12. NEXT LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) MEETING

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The next meeting is scheduled August 17, 2006, at Regional Emergency Operations Center (REOC).

13. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairman Pedersen adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.