

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE  
REGION III  
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**MINUTES**

**Wednesday, January 29, 2025**

**2:00 PM**

**Red Bluff Community Center  
1500 S. Jackson Street  
Red Bluff, CA 96080  
Virtual - TEAMS**

**I. Call to Order – Gary Cantwell**

- a. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Gary Cantwell, at 1405 hours.
- b. Ruth Ann Rowen made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2024 meeting. Amy Travis seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.

**II. CalOES Update/HMEP Grant – Erika Olsen and Ibrahim Koroma**

- a. They are working on the LEPC websites to post agendas/minutes
- b. 2024 ERG's are available
- c. Continuing Challenge is September 2-5, 2025
  - i. There are 15 tuition grants per LEPC
- d. HMEP Grants were approved for Plumas and Sierra counties.
- e. They are planning a statewide presentation on grant applications.
- f. The next grant cycle is approaching, and the notice should be posted in April. Would like to see more applications from Region III.
- g. Assessments will go out to prioritize projects for grant applications.

**III. Discussion: LEPC Region III membership**

- a. Proposed:
  - i. Angie Mannel (Butte OEM), Civil Defense Alternate
  - ii. Chaz Mosley (Union Pacific), Industry Primary
  - iii. Jennifer James (S-SV EMS), First Aid Primary
  - iv. Chris Cordova (CHP), Law Enforcement Primary
  - v. John Amis, Fish & Wildlife Primary
- b. Amy Travis made a motion to appoint the above positions. Ruth Ann Rowen seconded the motion. The above positions were approved.
- c. A Public Health representative is needed. Cantwell has reached out to Shasta and Tehama counties.

**IV. Presentation: Klamath River Geographic Response – Anna Burkholder,**

## **Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, OSPR**

- a. Anna presented the Klamath River Geographic Response plan.
- b. Please review the plan (using the link provided in an earlier email) and provide input by March 10, 2025. They are looking for local input on the contact sheet, response strategy pages, and the local/regional assets table.

## **V. Subcommittee Reports**

- a. CSTI Training – Brian Mancebo
  - i. No upcoming trainings in Region III.
  - ii. Vance Bennett passed away last week.
- b. Upcoming Regional Training
  - i. G557 Rapid Needs Assessment course in Orland March 3 & 4, 2025
  - ii. MGT-416: Continuity of Government Operations Planning for Rural Communities – Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium
- c. Regional HazMat Response Teams
  - i. Butte County HazMat (Patrick Purvis) – 15 responses in the last year; ammonia leak at an Oroville facility last week.
  - ii. Shasta-Cascade HazMat Response Team (Jay Sumerlin) – N/A
  - iii. Yuba-Sutter HazMat Response Team (Gary Cantwell) – No calls in the last 6 months; training to keep current.
  - iv. Brian Mancebo, Cal OES
    - o HazMat 32 has been reassigned to Redding Fire Department
    - o 12 RHMR units were deployed to the SoCal fires to deal with lithium ion battery fires and other hazmat issues.

## **VI. Agency Reports**

- A. **CalOES** (Inland Region)
  - a. Reuben Armenta – Sarah Murdock has promoted; working to backfill that position.
  - b. Mike Beckstram – They are building out 6 new communications trailers (similar to the Magoo units). One will be onsite at the April MARAC meeting. OES is contracting for Starlink equivalent units, 2 per region.
- B. **Industry** (Railroad/PG&E)
  - a. Chaz Mosely is the Union Pacific Hazmat Manager for Northern CA.
  - b. Recent incidents: LPG gas leak on rail cars in Roseville due to poor handling of valves; possible tank car venting fumes in Dunsmuir (unfounded.)
  - c. UP has containment assets in Dunsmuir (boom response trailer) and contracts with a company out of Chico for spill cleanup.
  - d. Trainings: UP can offer Rail 101 and will hold free trainings for larger groups.
- C. **California Highway Patrol** – (CHP) – N/A
- D. **Transportation** – (Mike Norton-CalTrans) – N/A
- E. **Dept. of Toxic Substances Control** – (Brian Abeel-DTSC) – N/A
- F. **Regional Water Quality Control Board**
  - a. George Low, RWQCB – No activities, other than ongoing cleanup operations in Dunsmuir.

G. **OSPR**

- a. Hailey Cole, Ca DFW-OSPR – A 2.1 million gallon fuel tank was leaking for 60 years, seeping into the Sacramento River – they are in the restoration phase of the project.

H. **S-SV EMS**

- a. Jennifer James – The RDMHS has been providing Chempack trainings and hospital hazmat first receiver trainings and attending hospital hazmat/decon exercises. The RDMHS was able to attend Continuing Challenge 2024 conference with the scholarships – thank you.

I. **Tribal**

- a. Darrell Frost introduced himself and is waiting to see what expectations from the group are for the tribe.

J. **Military** – (Quentin Graham, Sierra Army Depot/Eric Maresh, Beale Air Force Base) – N/A

K. **CUPA Board – Gary Cantwell, Yuba County EH/CUPA**

- a. Discussed the GIR (generator improvement rule) which states that any business handling/producing hazardous waste need to declare this to several agencies (Read the rule here: <https://dtsc.ca.gov/generator-improvements-rule/> ) They must make contact with these agencies, but the agencies to not need to respond.
- b. CUPA Conference is at the end of March in Anaheim. 2026 will be in San Diego.
- c. All single walled underground fuel storage tanks must be removed by 1/1/2026. Remind your OA of this. It also applies to government owned storage tanks.

L. **Homeland Security** – N/A

M. **Regional Terrorism Threat Assessment Center** – N/A

N. **Ca Dept of Public Health**

- a. Natalia Deardorff from CDPH dropped an EPA fact sheet on lithium ion battery fires and the LA fires into the chat.

O. **CalEPA** – (Allison Wilder-CalEPA) – N/A

**VII. Chairperson's Report \*Action/Discussion  
5 Minutes**

Report on any activities of interest to the LEPC-Region 3 members, HM response team members and guests.

**VIII. Public Comments**

- A. Ruth Ann Rowen discussed the full-scale decon exercise at St. Elizabeth's, which included students and a police K9.
- B. St. E's will be doing a dry setup of their decon tent in March.

**IX. Schedule Next Meeting**

Next scheduled meeting: **April 2, 2025**

**X. Adjournment**

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# LEPC

### Region III

### 2025 Meeting Schedule Once a quarter

Month	Date	Location (Unless noted otherwise)
January	January 29	Red Bluff Community Center 1500 S. Jackson Street Red Bluff, CA 96080
April	April 2	Same as above
July	July 16 (R/S due to 4 <sup>th</sup> of July)	Butte County TBD
October	October 1	Same as above

Regular meetings of the LEPC will be held on **the first Wednesday every 3 months beginning at 2:00 PM**, unless changed by the membership or Chairperson at the previous regularly scheduled meeting.