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LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC) – MUTUAL AID REGION (MAR) V- PUBLIC MEETING

MAR V CHAIRPERSON: Shane Gardner, Fire Marshall, Bakersfield Fire Department
CO-CHAIR: Vacant
MAR V COORDINATOR: Ryan Essepian, Emergency Services Coordinator, Cal OES

ITEM #	TOPIC/ISSUE	PRESENTER	QUESTIONS/COMMENTS	RESPONSE/COURSE OF ACTION
1.	Introductions/Confirm Quorum	Shane Gardner	MAR IV LEPC Coordinator, Patti Orozco, filling in for Ryan Essepian.	
2.	Approval of 2/4/25 Minutes	Shane Gardner		
3.	Nominations/Vacancies	Ryan Essepian	<ul style="list-style-type: none">One nominee submission for EMS rep from the CCEMSA.Resignation of David Briggs, CDSS due to promotion.Address absences and reappointments.	
4.	Kern River GRP 5-Year Update	Leilani Birch	15-20 min presentation by the CDFW	
5.	New CalWatch Spill Reporting Software	Paul Benvenuti	15-20 min presentation by the California State Warning Center	
6.	Region V CUPA Updates	CUPAs	Any OA CUPAs my provide an update or report out on topics of their choice.	
7.	Legislative and SERC	Brian Mancebo		
8.	HMEP Grant Report	Ibrahim Komora		
9.	CSTI Report	JP Robles		

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10.	Regional HazMat Team Reports	Members		
11.	Open forum/Proposals for Agenda Items and Future Presentations	All	2024 ERGs are available for <u>anyone , at no cost</u> , who requests them, including Spanish versions.	
12.	Chairperson's Report	Shane Gardner		
13.	Next meeting & Adjournment	Shane Gardner		

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LEPC Responsibilities

1. Development, revise, implement the region's hazardous materials emergency plan (consistent with state and federal law), focusing on:
 - a. Identification of chemical risk, especially those that cross jurisdictional boundaries (primary road, rail, and pipeline), fixed facilities using extremely hazardous substances, or situations requiring multi-jurisdictional assistance.
 - b. Classification of regional public and private emergency response capabilities.
 - c. Promoting the establishment of agreements to enhance emergency response capabilities.
2. Provide a forum for consideration of ideas and concerns in the implementation of hazardous material emergency programs within the region.
3. Enhance public safety and environmental protection advancing implementation of hazardous material emergency planning and Community Right-to-Know laws.
4. Promoting education and awareness programs, and sponsoring such programs as necessary, to educate the community in this field.
5. Facilitating local government emergency preparedness activities, such as drills, exercise, education, and formal training.
6. Working with local Administrating Agencies (AA) to further a system for obtaining emergency planning data from local facilities using hazardous REGION V LEPC HANDBOOK materials, and then processing requests for that information from the public (as legal and appropriate).
7. Develop a coordinate region-wide hazardous material team response capability.

Members & Guests

Members and guests represent a variety of industries from Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, and Tulare Counties. Each member should share an interest in reducing the risks posed to both public and emergency responders created by hazardous materials. Industries that can be represented in LEPC come from Administering Agencies, Agriculture, Military, Community Groups, Elected Official, Emergency Management, Fire, First Aid, Health, Hospital, Industry, Law Enforcement, Media, Transportation, and Ad Hoc. Vacancies will be announced at each LEPC meeting or via outreach by the LEPC chairperson and/or coordinator. Those interested should request nomination forms for official application to LEPC.

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