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Local Emergency Planning Committee

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LEPC OES Region VI Planning District

Minutes of Meeting
August 08, 2024 at 10:00 AM
In-Person & Virtual Meeting

1. Self-introductions & call to order @ 10:00 AM by Stephen D. Mayville, Chairperson

Members Present:

Note: A "V" following an attendee designates a Voting and Alternate Voting Member.

Stephen Mayville, Regional Water Quality Control Board - Region 8 (Retired) (V)
Lisa Mitchell, Riverside County DEH - Hazmat (V)
Greg Ziegler, San Bernardino County Fire (V)
Leon Wirschem, San Diego County Environmental Health Hazardous Materials Div. M
Freddy Armijo, City of Riverside
Wes Wesolowski, Riverside County
Robert Evans, San Bernardino County Fire
Joanna Banuelos, Wintersun Chemical
Martin Lang, Department of Transportation
Jeremy Gates, Southern California Edison
Sara Duvall, Southern California Edison
Pinkey Moody, SoCal Gas
Lizeth Chong, So Cal Gas
James Chatwin, Western Municipal Water District
Charmaine Esnard, Cox Communications
Jonathan Gonzalez, Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Kris Wiese, California Department of Fish & Wildlife - OSPR
Sonia Torres, California Department of Fish & Wildlife - OSPR
John Victoria, California Department of Fish & Wildlife - OSPR
Vanessa Fuerte, Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board
Andy Kendrick, Kendrick Consulting
Bret McLaughlin, Veteran's Affairs

- Specialists oversee 12 regions and the emergencies and threats to the infrastructure and employees in those regions.

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- The watch desks' goal is to liaison between executives and field workers. Reports to regulating agencies are also sent by the watch desk specialists.
- SoCalGas respond to wildfires, snowstorms, earthquakes, floods, & landslides.
- The County Coordinator Program was created to provide proactive support for natural gas emergency response and regulatory compliance.
- Regional Public Affairs team member will be deployed to emergencies to serve as the liaison between SoCalGas and neighboring counties to offer personalized communication during emergencies.
- The County Coordinator Program aims to meet with counties yearly to foster the relationship to be able to reach out when need rises. The meetings are also to educate what situations are imperative to address to SoCalGas.

2. Subcommittee Reports

JP Robles – CSTI Report

- Training bulletin is available [here](#).

Lisa Mitchell – CUPA

- Next CUPA Forum conference will be held in Anaheim Marriott on March 24th to 27th, 2025.
- Title 27 went into effect July 21st, 2024. The biggest change is the educational requirements for CUPA staff. Participating agencies under CUPA are not impacted.
- CERS NextGen is slated to go live in 2025. Current problems that CERS NextGen is working on is data cleanup. CUPA has been recruited to help with the project.

Leon Wirschem – Environmental

- Assembly Bill 2699 (involving spill reporting) is supposed to change reporting agency from Cal OES to Cal EPA. This process is supposed to be a multiyear process.
- Senate Bill 1066 requires that producers of marine flares must take back the flares when used. Currently bomb squads are hesitant to take the flares as environmental groups have been drawing attention to them.

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- Dimethyltryptamine (DMT) laboratories have been having explosions resulting in injuries.
- It has been identified that illegal and legal marijuana growing operations have been using illegal Chinese pesticides. DTSC will assist in disposal of the waste.
- Hand sanitizer continues to pose a problem as it is catching fire on trucks and warehouses and illegal dumping can range from thousands to hundreds of thousands of pounds at a time. Please notify DTSC or Cal EPA as some are being considered criminal cases.
- County agencies met up on August 6th, 2024 at damaged properties for destroyed storage structure hazmat assessments. This is to make sure and identify any threats.
- A 100% leaking diesel tank was identified. Riverside County DEH provided guidance in clean up.

3. Public Comment

- No public comments.

4. Next Meeting

- Next meeting will be held November 14, 2024, at San Bernardino County Fire.

5. Meeting adjourned by LEPC Region VI Chair, Stephen D. Mayville