



Washington State Emergency Response Commission

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Campbell's Resort

Chelan, WA

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Harris, SERC Chair

Bill Slosson, Washington State Patrol, Primary

Chuck LeBlanc, Washington State Patrol, Alternate

John Butler, Department of Ecology, Primary

John Ufford, Washington Military Department, Primary

Richard Schroedel, Local Emergency Management, Primary

Sandi Duffy, Local Emergency Planning Committee (Eastside), Alternate

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA PHONE

J.M. Havner, Local Emergency Planning Committee (Westside), Primary

GUESTS PRESENT

Jaye Weise, Adams County

Anne Higgins, Columbia County

JoAnn Boggs, Pend Oreille County

Brad Larson, Pend Oreille County

Tom Ling, Kalispel Tribe of Indians

Chuck Wallace, Grays Harbor

Deanna Davis, Benton County

Cindy Stanley, Clark County (CRESA)

Ada McDaniel, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe

Tom Malley, Kitsap County

Chandra Fox, Greater Spokane Emergency Management

Jamye Wisecup, Clallam County Emergency Management

Kasia Pierzga, Department of Ecology

Marty Kapsh, Port of Tacoma LEPC

SUPPORT STAFF PRESENT

Sadie Whitener, Department of Ecology

Iris Aguilera, Department of Ecology

Timothy "TJ" Rajcevich, Washington Military Department-EMD

Stephanie Hakala, Washington Military Department-EMD

Kim Mask, Washington Military Department-EMD

Scott Lancaster, Washington State Patrol-State Fire Marshal's Office

Susan Forsythe, Washington Military Department-EMD

CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS

Chief Harris called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. by welcoming the members and starting with introductions.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MARCH 1, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Bill Slosson made a motion to approve the March 1 meeting minutes as written. John Butler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously to approve the meeting minutes as written.

WORKGROUPS AND STANDING REPORTS

Training Coordination (Hazmat Training)—Scott Lancaster / Stephanie Hakala

- Scott reported the HAMMER Workshop, held in April, had 120 attendees. Planning for next year's Workshop is already taking place. The location for the Workshop may move to another facility.
- Stephanie briefed about the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium (NDPC) offering free training to first responders. The HazMat for oil trains focuses larger spills but training can be tailored to fit any size agency.

EPCRA Reporting Outreach and Compliance—Sadie Whitener

- For reporting year 2016, 4,740 facilities were compliant in reporting 18,540 chemicals in various location at business sites. EPA has a list of 150 delinquent facilities. (See report at end of minutes)
- Regional 10 settles with Christensen, Inc. (Grandview, WA) for EPCRA 312 violations
 - On April 7, 2017, Region 10 filed a consent agreement and final order to settle with Christensen, Inc. to resolve violations of EPCRA 312 for failing to report storage of diesel, gasoline, LPG-propane, and motor oils at six of their distribution facilities in Washington. Christensen, Inc. agreed to pay a penalty of \$65,670 and implement a \$304,385 Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) that includes the installation of electronic, web-based monitoring systems on at least 180 underground storage tanks owned by their customers.

Budget Report —TJ Rajcevich

- Would like a recommendation to move the surplus of \$20,000 still left to the \$24,000 for the state match. In the past, EMPG was the match for pass through to the locals, but moving forward, it cannot. Currently, the SERC uses six separate fund sources. A motion was made and seconded. All unanimously approved.
- Would like the creation of the SERC Budget Workgroup. The mission of the workgroup is to review SERC workplan and look at all funding components for LEPC.
- The best use of this fund would be to support LEPC projects. The LEPC would apply directly to the SERC for approval. Use to support regional training.
- Chuck Wallace suggested to create a small workgroup to look at where the money would be most beneficial and brief back to the SERC. It was asked that funding continue for the statewide HazMat training provided by the WSP.

HMEP Grant Status/Workgroup—TJ Rajcevich

- There are multiple changes with the FY16 grant structure creating opportunities to review the program priorities. At least 75% of requested funds must be dedicated to planning and training activities. The FY16 grant cycle is a 3-year performance period, ending 9/30/19.

- TJ gave three funding options to explore:
 - 1) 75% to WSP for statewide HazMat training, 20% to LEPCs and Tribes for training and exercises, and 5% to EMD Preparedness Grants section for management and admin of the grant.
 - 2) 75% to WSP for statewide HazMat Training, 10% to LEPC – Tribal Conference/Workshop, 10% to HAMMER Conference, and 5% EMD Preparedness Grants section for management and admin of the grant. (Potential to use SERC operating budget [\$25,00] to support local projects.
 - 3) 50% to WSP for statewide HazMat training, 20% to LEPCs and Tribes to focus on local training needs, 10% to LEPC – Tribal Conference, 10% to HAMMER Conference; 10% to EMD Preparedness Grants section for management and admin of the grant.

(* Action completed after conclusion of meeting: Option (3) was selected after a poll was conducted during the LEPC Conference.)

LEPC Planning Status / WAC 118-40 Update—TJ Rajcevich for Susan Forsythe

- Had three counties meet all 9 of the requirements. They were Kitsap, Yakima, and Mason Counties. Lewis County and City of Yakima were very close to meeting the requirements.
 - WAC 118-40 Update was not discussed. This topic was tabled until next meeting.

Strategic Plan Review—Chief Harris

- Will send out a Google Poll to attempt to set up a meeting. Would like this to be a face to face meeting. It is very important that the Strategic Plan review be accomplished.

Update from EMC—Chief Harris

- The EMC had a very full agenda. There was not enough time to do SERC presentation due to time constraints and multiple presentations.
- The EMC has tasks all subcommittees to develop workplans. John Ufford is not sure who has completed their plans, including the SERC.

OLD BUSINESS (DUE OUTS)

SERC Members vacancies—Chief Harris

- OSPI – Need to reach out to the school directors association. Bill Slosson volunteered to reach out.
- Health – Complete
- Trucking Industry – the association is in Fife. John Butler can assist with a contact. Dan Banks tasked with filling the vacancies and updating.

NEW BUSINESS

SERC Bylaws Update—John Ufford

- Met after the last meeting in March to review the bylaws. They are still needing to be finalized for comment. Going to go back and review EPCRA to make sure they are compliant.

LEPC Guide Approval—Susan Forsythe

- The draft is continuing to be reviewed. Will be moved to Old Business for next meeting to be reviewed.

Ecology Equipment Grants Update—John Butler

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- Currently \$77,000 spent with 63% going to Fire, 11% to Tribes, 10% to County Emergency Management, 7% to Dept. of Agriculture, and 3% to ports.
- Next grant cycle will be two years. Will be able to do longer projects. Applications open September 1, 2017. The focus will be hazmat for the next grant period. EMD would also be eligible to apply for this.

PRESENTATIONS

- WSP—Fire Marshal's Office Training Presentation

ROUNDTABLE (Good of the Order)

Sean Davis – EPA conducted 4 site visits but nothing significant to report on.

Bill Slosson – Was appointed May 1st as Acting Assistant State Fire Marshal.

CLOSING REMARKS

Four states are now considered to be out of their drought period. Recently there was a 180-acre fire in Franklin County.

2017 MEETING SCHEDULE

- September 18, 2017 WSEMA Conference at the Clearwater Casino and Resort, Bainbridge Island, WA.
- November 1, 2017 to coincide with EMC Meeting

ADJOURN

Motion made to adjourn by John Butler, seconded by Bill Slosson at 11:56 am.