



**Region V LEPC Meeting Minutes
Olive Drive Fire Training Facility
5642 Victor Street, Bakersfield, Ca. 93308
Thursday, December 10, 2015 Classrooms A/B
10:00-12:30**

1. Call to Order and Introduction

Ernie Candelaria, former chairman and current voting member on Region V LEPC called the meeting to order and welcomed everybody to the December 10, 2015 Region V LEPC meeting. It's noted there's enough voting members for a quorum for action items.

Voting Members Present:

Ernie Candelaria	Kern County Fire Dept.
Vicky Furnish	Kern County Environmental Health
Dave Balz	San Joaquin Refinery
Dave Campbell	San Joaquin Refinery
Hector Madrigal	CHP

Guest Present:

Bill Jones	U.S. EPA
Cole Taylor	Kern County EMS
Brody Saleen	Kern County Environmental Health
Jose Hernandez	Kern County Fire Department
Melissa Boggs	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Roy Kim	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Bob Chatman	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Charles Truvillion	Kern County Fire Dept.
Joe Canas	Kern County Environmental Health dept.
Alpha Kamara	Kern County Ag. Dept.
Mike Oldershaw	San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
David Rea	Kern County Fire Dept.
Paul Penn	CalEPA
Robert Marshall	Shell Oil Co.
Brian Keller	Kern Oil Refinery

2. Approval of last meeting minutes

Not applicable

3. Former Chairman's Report:

- Ernie gave a brief history of LEPC Region V and it's past goals and accomplishments. Included in the discussion was continuing to build our membership and set new goals to be sure we are satisfying the intent of EPCRA. In addition to seek direction from our newly assembled SERC and work with them for a better functioning LEPC.
- A motion was made to vote in were Jose Hernandez as Chair, Dave Rea Co-Chair, Michelle Speer Emergency Management Alternate, Training Chair Brody Saleen, and Cole Taylor Primary EMS. A second by Dave Campbell, All Ayes, No Nays seeing none motion passed. Congrats!!!!
- The CalOES binder with all of the past agenda's and minutes dating back to the early 2000's was given to newly appointed Chair Jose Hernandez. It was this binder that was given to me from retired CalOES employee Roy Manning at the time I accepted the chair position.
- It was discussed that the membership roster needs to be updated reflecting the new appointee's.
- Region V's issues/challenges: Membership

4. Ken Bobinski, CalEMA Inland Region South Update:

- CalOES had staff on a number of fires in the Northern Regions including NAPA County.
Staff is working on recovery issues and working with FEMA on providing assistance for the people affected.
- Still working on the drought with a focus on Tulare County
- Preparing for ElNino
- Hired two Emergency Service Coordinators for Region V based out of Fresno.

5. Neverley Shoemake, CalOES Emergency Services Coordinator:

No Report

6. Cole Taylor, EMT-P, EMS Coordinator, Kern County EMS:

Cole provided the committee with information regarding the ChemPak as follows,

- A ChemPak is an antidote for organophosphates. It's a 4X4 locked and sealed container housing the medications for these instances. If opened an alarm is

activated and the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta is automatically notified and investigated.

- If an exposure occurred and it's life threatening then time is important so the request for ChemPaks has to be immediate
- Emergency responders need to be sure before requesting the ChemPak that an organophosphate exposure is suspected or confirmed because once the medications leave the ChemPak they are no longer good to use.
- ChemPak's are strategically placed in five of seven counties of our region and for security reasons the exact locations are not publically disclosed; Kings and Mariposa do not have them.
- The medications have an extended shelf life extension
- A chain of custody for the meds is required when changing hands
- An upcoming training exercise will be scheduled and information will be given to all key players on their responsibilities and roles when a ChemPak is deployed

7. Vicky Furnish, CUPA Update:

- CUPA Conference February 22-26 in Anaheim. Some of the training will include Haz Mat risk management related to reporting spills, CalARPP audits, case scenarios, hazardous waste, hydraulic fracking, underground storage training, etc.
- All underground single vault storage tanks will have to be replaced by 2025 statewide due to new regulations.

8. Region V's Training Update, Vicky Furnish

- Concerns that grant funded tech and spec classes may be replaced more with non-grant funded classes. Just a concern due to smaller agencies within all regions not being able to afford to keep their Haz Mat teams trained.
- Haz Mat surveys for training needs in our region will be emailed out to all applicable agencies for their input on training needs. Once received back from all agencies it will be summarized and submitted to CSTI for next year's considerations.

9. Bill Jones, U.S. EPA Region 9, Emergency Prevention and Preparedness

Bill is the liaison for the LEPC's and SERC's. Region 9 covers Arizona, California, Nevada, Hawaii, and Pacific Crest territories and 148 tribal nations.

It was the Bhopal incident that generated a lot of the laws back in 1986 that now exist within EPCRA. In addition to Bhopal and more recent was the 2013 West Texas chemical incident where 14 FF's perished.

Consequently, the president signed an executive order for a listening session after the West Texas incident that addressed ways to avoid these incidents from happening again in terms of communication, training, inspection coordination, etc. The listening session included a report that had specific actions that each of the EPA regions around the country had to work on within cross federal agencies as well as state and local agencies. The EPA, OSHA and DHS were designated tri-chairs with the responsibility to determine how to move forward with recommendations from the report.

Note: To review the power point and listen to Bill's audio of his presentation on "Efforts by US EPA to Help LEPC's," please email emcandelaria@co.kern.ca.us. There is a wealth of information in this presentation pertaining to EPCRA including on line training modules.

10. Next Meeting March 17th, Place TBD

11. A motioned by Ernie to adjourn and Vicky Furnish second, all ayes, no nays,
Committee adjourned