



La Paz County Local Emergency Planning Committee

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La Paz County Local Emergency Planning Committee Regular scheduled Meeting held virtually via Zoom Meeting December 15, 2021

Call to Order/Introductions:

Roll call was conducted from the member roster a total of 5 members were present, therefore having a quorum, Vice Chair Mimi Hernandez called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

Members Present

LEPC Members			
	Name	Organization	Group
A	Ana Camacho	La Paz County Assessors	I
A	Kevin Hess	Quartzsite Fire Dept.	II
PR	Will Aaron	Quartzsite Fire Dept.	II
A	Marion Shontz	La Paz County Health Dept	II
PR	Greg Bachmann	La Paz County Health Dept	II
P	Don Braska	La Paz County Public Works	II
P	Mimi Hernandez	La Paz County Citizens Corp	IV
A	Tom Batson	American Red Cross	IV
A	Steve Irwin	American Red Cross	IV
A	Matthew Sanberg	Colorado River Sewage System Joint Venture	V
P	Chris Chambers	Buckskin Fire Dept.	II
P=Present, A=Absent, PR=Proxy, NLA=No Longer Active, E=Excused			

Other Attendees:

Guests	
Name	Organization
Michele Martinez	Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality (ADEQ)

Approval of minutes

Meeting minutes of July 20, 2012.

Chris Chambers motioned for approval, seconded by Greg Bachman, members approved.

New LEPC Member Applications

Not discussed, no new applications

Adoption of Revised LEPC By-Laws

Mrs. Hernandez gave a brief update on the sections of the By-Laws that were updated. Having no further discussion Chris Chambers motioned for approval, seconded by Don Braska, members approved.

2021-2022 FFY Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness Grant(HEMEP) and Emergency Response Funds (ERF)

Updates by Mrs. Hernandez

- **ERF:** Buckskin Fire District, Parker Fire Department, Quartzsite Fire District and Ehrenberg Fire District applied for ERF funding and were awarded hazmat response equipment.
- **HMEP:** La Paz County LEPC applied for the grant and was awarded \$8,500.00 (Hazmat conferences-\$3,500.00, Commodity flow Study-\$3,500.00 and Hazmat Exercise-\$1,500.00).

Good of the Order Announcements and Call to the Public

- Chris Chambers stated that the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) will open up January 1, 2022, and will close on by February 2022.
- Greg Bachmann stated that thus far there are no reported cases of the new COVID variant, COVID numbers are still going up and with the holidays coming up to please take safety precautions.
- Mrs. Hernandez mentioned that Ms. Martinez from ADEQ emailed an “Agreement for Electronic Reporting Form” to all fire departments. Arizona Emergency Response Commissions /ADEQ will need the forms completed and returned, any questions please call Michele Martinez or Mimi Hernandez.

Adjournment

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 2021 (date TBD) in person and virtual.

Chris chambers motioned for adjournment, seconded by Will Aaron, members approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:21 AM

Note 1: These minutes are considered DRAFT until approved at the next formal meeting.

Note 2: Meetings are open to the public and posted.

Note 3: Members of the public have an opportunity to address the Committee under the Call to the Public.

Note 4: Members of the public have an opportunity to review the Hazardous Material Response Plan and provide comments.