

**Umatilla County  
Local Emergency Planning Committee  
March 22, 2011  
Minutes**

**Approval/Correction of Minutes**

Minutes from February meeting approved.

**Sub-Committee Updates**

**Planning** – No report

**Resource Development** – Dean Marcum is working on developing a resource list. Umatilla County does not currently have a list. This list will include everything that could be needed during an emergency. It will need to be housed with Umatilla County and shared with LEPC

**Confined Spaces** – Hermiston Generating has donated a lot of equipment. The committee will be going through it. The equipment is not in a trailer. Morrow County is also looking at confined spaces. They have established a committee to look at needed resources for rescue. They may be looking for a contractor to provide services.

Larry Yearsley will be holding a Train the Trainer course. Class is limited to 10 students and will be held in Hermiston. Contact Larry to participate.

**Annual Meeting**

The annual LEPC meeting will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at Good Shepherd Medical Center, Conference Center #1. Proposed speakers include Doug Paine, Bill Brauer, Pat Hart, Chris Wrattal, Greg Loftus. Jodi Florence and Kerri Deal will send out invitations and notify the public of the event.

**Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan**

Tamra Mabbott, Umatilla County Planning Director

Umatilla County adopted the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan in 2009. It needs to be updated every 5 years. She would like LEPC to be the Advisory Committee to the county. Dean Marcum has looked at the plan and had decided that we wouldn't do anything until an update was needed.

The County is considering doing an update with the help of U of O. Tamra will hear back from them later this summer.

Dean Marcum asked if the Fire Advisory Defense Board may be a good fit for advisory committee. One of the Fire Chiefs would be a contact point to check with this group.

The Natural Hazards plan is on the county web page. Each county is required, by FEMA, to have a plan. The County also has flood plain maps available.

Website link:

[http://www.co.umatilla.or.us/planning/pdf/UmatillaCo\\_HMP\\_2009\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.co.umatilla.or.us/planning/pdf/UmatillaCo_HMP_2009_FINAL.pdf)

Tamra will update us and U of O will help with updates / then we will see if we will create sub-committee.

### **Membership**

Formal membership to LEPC needs to be established for voting purposes. Currently, anyone who has filled out an application is considered a member. However, of those members some attended only the initial meeting, others attend occasionally.

If something controversial comes up, we need to determine who voting members are. Questions: Should each agency/industry get only one vote? Should anyone who has filled out an application get a vote?

Suggestions: Amend By-Laws to clarify voting members.

Morrow County members have to be in good standing (members can not miss two meetings in a row).

Dean Marcum will work with Pat Hart to amend the By-Laws.

### **Meeting Dates**

Established that LEPC will meet every other month. Sub-committees will have more time to meet and accomplish tasks, then report back to the group. This could encourage more participation from those agencies/industries that are not attending.

Meetings will now be held on the third Tuesday of every other month, beginning with May 10<sup>th</sup>.

If a member is unable to attend, a delegate can be sent to participate in meetings.

### **Earthquake Exercise**

April 14<sup>th</sup> is a facilitated discussion with the focus on emergency planning for a major earthquake. It is being held to help increase awareness in our area and to bring agencies together. This is part of a transition to post-CSEPP emergency management/response to emergencies. All LEPC members are invited to attend. The exercise will be held at Tamastlikt Cultural Institute at 9 a.m. Contact Margaret Fitch at Oregon Emergency Management at 541-966-9640 to attend.

**Next meeting date:** May 10<sup>th</sup>