



SOUTH FLORIDA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2020 @ 10:00 AM

South Florida Regional Planning Council
One Oakwood Blvd, Suite 250, Hollywood, FL 33020

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1. Welcome (Manny Cela)

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am by Coordinator Manny Cela with permission from the Chair, Ray McDonald.

2. Meeting Instructions (Manny Cela)

Mr. Cela requested that microphones be kept on mute unless commenting or voting. A roll call will be taken later in the agenda to allow for any members experiencing technical difficulties with the virtual meeting to resolve the problems.

3. Previous Meeting Summary

Niel Batista moved for approval of the minutes from the previous meeting. Jose Tovar seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

4. Membership Changes (Manny Cela)

The following were up for consideration for membership: Gabriel Zahora, Captain, Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue, as Primary Member in the Emergency Management Category; Shannon Davis Weiner, Director, Monroe County Emergency Management, as Primary Member in the Emergency Management Category replacing retiring Chief Martin Senterfitt; Mary Napoli, Senior Planner, Monroe County Emergency Management, as Alternate Member to Shannon Davis Weiner in the Emergency Management Category; Leonard Salazar, Deputy District Maintenance Engineer, FDOT 6, as Primary Member in the Transportation Category replacing retiring Jeanne Cann; Crystal Schaefer, District Emergency Management Specialist, FDOT 6, as Alternate Member for Leonard Salazar and Russell MacLees, Operations, Florida Gas Transmission Company, as Primary Member in the Transportation Category replacing retiring Rick Barrett.

Peter Schecter made a motion to approve, seconded by Niel Batista and approved unanimously.

5. Roll Call (Manny Cela)

Present were Junieth Arana, Niel Batista, Camile Campbell, Alain Donderiz, SERC TTF Rep Maikel Garcia, Eduardo Koenig, Russell McLees, Bret Maxwell, Chair Ray McDonald, Mary Napoli, Martha Payan, Jeffry Peleg, Benny Perez, Axel Rodriguez, James Russo, Leonard Salazar, Peter Schecter, William Senyshyn, Crystal Schaefer, Stephen Shaw, Natasha Strokin, Jose Tovar, Freda Vaughn, Gabriel Zahora and Manny Cela. Also present were Kate Boer, TCLEPC Coordinator, Lisa Gordon, Matt Currie, Robert Crosbie and Kelly Gibbs-Winiarz.



6. Subcommittee Reports

Coordinator Manny Cela updated the members on Training Subcommittee activities. To this date, completed two HAZWOPER Refresher classes with 67 students, sponsored 28 participants to the HazMat Symposium, had 40 facilities participate in E-Plan How-2-Comply training and graduated 25 technicians from a Hybrid HazMat 160 class for Monroe County Fire Rescue. Funds remain for additional training or equipment purchase. Exploring “virtual” training opportunities.

The Planning Subcommittee has no activities this year.

The Exercise Subcommittee continues to plan for the annual LEPC exercise. Plans were in place to conduct a field exercise in late May with a radiological scenario. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions, FDEM will allow planning to continue and for the exercise to be “postponed” until next year. There will be an Exercise Subcommittee Meeting immediately following this meeting to further discuss these matters.

7. Annual HazMat Emergency Response Plan Update (Manny Cela)

Update of the HazMat Emergency Plan is complete and the Plan was made available to the members for download and review prior to this meeting. The Committee needs to ratify the updated Plan for submittal to FDEM before June 30. Ray McDonald moved the item, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

8. Presentation

Coordinator Manny Cela provided a **Shelter-In-Place for HazMat Incidents** presentation to the members as required by contract.

9. SoFlaLEPC Coordinator Report (Manny Cela)

Among the items in Mr. Cela’s report was an update on the upcoming availability of the ERGs.

10. Member Comments

11. Upcoming Meetings

The next SoFlaLEPC Meeting is scheduled to take place August 19, 2020 at the SFRPC. Conditions may require that it be conducted “virtually”. There will be a SoFlaLEPC Exercise Subcommittee Meeting immediately following this meeting today.

12. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 am.