

August 12th, 2020-Summary Meeting Minutes

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Maricopa County Local Emergency Planning Committee (MCLEPC) was held on August 12th, 2020 virtually via GoToWebinar.

Call Meeting to Order

At 1:01 PM Chair Mike Fusco called the meeting to order. Members and guests were asked to introduce themselves.

Members/Designees Present:

Mike Fusco	Chair
Lindsay Speck	Maricopa County Department of Public Health
Brian Hickey	City of Mesa Fire Department
Ben Davis	Maricopa County Department of Air Quality
Travis Rand	City of Buckeye Fire Department
Mike Branham	Maricopa County Constable
Wayne Bulsiewicz	Veolia
Ryan Oler	IHeart Radio

LEPC Support Staff

Jesus Haro, LEPC Coord	Maricopa County Emergency Management
Maria Amaro, Recording Clerk	Maricopa County Emergency Management
Hector Andrade, Observer	Maricopa County Emergency Management

Agenda Items:

Old Business:

- a) Discuss/ Propose/ Vote on Approval of Meeting Minutes:
 - i) Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2020
 - Mike Branham motioned for approval, seconded by Ben Davis, members approved.
- b) Discuss Jared Grow's resignation:
 - i) Jared has not submitted a letter of resignation as Jesus Haro has requested, communication with Jared has been brief. Jesus is suggesting he be removed as panelist/participant of the LEPC. Mike Branham motioned to remove his membership Brian Hickey seconded, members approved.

- c) Discuss Lindsay Speck's resignation:
- i) Lindsay has served as a panelist for the past year, she has represented Maricopa County's Department of Public Health well and will be sorely missed. Maricopa County Department of Public Health has a rotating system and now it's someone else's turn to participate. She will be staying on until the end of the month, then going forward Jayme Lee will be taking her place. Mike Fusco motioned to accept her resignation, Travis Rand seconded, members approved.

New Business:

a) LEPC Membership

- i) Discuss// Propose/ Vote on Recommendation(s) of New Membership to AzSERC:
 - Three new members to vote in, Dr. Brian Gerber from Arizona State University, he is a member of COAD. Mike Branham motioned to approve membership of Dr. Gerber, seconded by Brian Hickey, members approved. Jayme Lee from Maricopa County Department of Public Health works as an Emergency Preparedness Planner. Mike Fusco motioned to approve membership of Jayme Lee, seconded by Travis Rand, members approved. Steven Ward from City of Mesa Fire Department. Steven is having technical difficulties going online. Brian Hickey is giving a background on Steven since he has worked with him for many years. Mike Branham motioned to approve membership of Steven Ward, seconded by Mike Fusco, members approved. Jesus Haro informed the Committee that AzSERC has the final approval.

- b) Discuss National Response Center (NRC) Reports
- i) January 31, 2020 through July 30, 2020:
- Shamrock Food Company
 - South West Distributing
- Jesus Haro stated the bridge over Tempe Town Lake where the derailment had occurred did not show any significant threat and thus more did not require follow up.
- c) Briefing on COVID-19 Response/Recovery
- i) Kip Schlum from Maricopa County Department of Public Health gave the COVID-19 briefing, 20 million cases worldwide, 5 million in the United States, and 189,443 in Arizona as of today. 4,347 deaths recorded in Arizona thus far, but the number of cases is going down. 11% Hospitalized and 1% ICU Admissions, 63% of all COVID-19 infections reported have been among those under 45 years old.
- ii) School opening dates vary by district, but the trend maybe Hybrid - some students in physical buildings and some students distance learning. Public Health's role is not to make policy but rather to inform decision-makers of the latest public health data and trends.
- iii) Public Health has been working with the homeless and assisting with isolation efforts by providing hotels, hygiene items, and meals for those in need.
- iv) Public Health in conjunction with the Office of the Medical Examiner and the Department of Emergency Management have created a Fatality Management Group, tasked with investigating additional potential cold storage options to assist OME on increasing surge capacity and engage on an as needed basis to address fatality management concerns within the community.

- d) Unified Command Center Briefing/Update
- i) Bruce Monson from Maricopa County Department of Emergency Management gave the briefing in regards to the Unified Command Center, the center is divided into sections; Logistics, Planning, and Operations. In conjunction with Public Health and the Office of the Medical Examiner the center has formed a Fatality Management Team to investigate additional potential cold storage options to assist OME on increasing surge capacity.
 - ii) Incident Action Plan is sent out once a week. It contains briefings, objectives, assignments, communications plans, safety plans, and schedules.
 - iii) The Unified Command Center is active and busy, in its efforts to improve disease investigation and contact tracing processes to ensure timely notification, data collection, and education of COVID-19 positive cases, their close contacts, and exposure sites. Collect, analyze, and interpret epidemiological data to describe the course of COVID-19 in Maricopa County and drive data-driven mitigation efforts.
- e) Monsoon Season Briefing /Update
- i) Daniel Henz from Maricopa County Flood Control District gave the briefing in regards to monsoon season, it's been a slow monsoon season with very dry above normal temperatures. Arizona has been setting temperature records.
 - ii) Daniel presented a slide show of the heat waves that have been occurring in the last month, July 2020 has been the warmest month ever on record.
 - iii) With this year being an active wildfire year there are concerns of burn scar areas and the potential for flooding. Even though Maricopa County is in a desert, flooding is a very real threat. The intense rains of summer monsoon storms can bring flash flooding.

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- Mike Fusco asked if there was anything else to mention, he informed that they are trying to offer FEMA classes on LEPC at the JIC. No one from the panel had anything else to add, he welcomed the new members to LEPC.

Call to the Public:

- Mike Fusco asked if anyone from the public had a comment or question, no one at this time.

Adjournment:

- Next meeting to be held the 2nd Wednesday of November possibly virtual as well.
- Mike Branham motioned for adjournment, seconded by Ryan Oler, members approved.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:08 PM