



## **SOUTH FLORIDA LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE - DISTRICT 11**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2012 @ 10:00 AM**

**South Florida Regional Planning Council**

**3440 Hollywood Blvd, Suite 140**

**Hollywood, FL 33021**

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#### **1. Welcome and Opening Remarks**

The meeting was called to order by Chair George Danz at 10:02 am.

#### **2. Introductions**

In attendance were Niel Batista, Planning Subcommittee Chair Eric Borbe, Bob Christensen, SERC TTF Rep George Colson, Chair George Danz, Training Subcommittee Chair Mike DiGiovanni, Larry Doyle, Exercise Subcommittee Chair Juan Farach, Ana Gannon, Hugh Johnston, Vice Chair Gary Koen, Nick Kontax, Ray McDonald, David Ostrander, Jeffry Peleg, Gregory Thompson, Michael Thomson, Irene Toner and Coordinator Manny Cela.

#### **3. Previous Meeting Summary**

The minutes from the previous meeting were moved by Michael Thomson, seconded by Jeffry Peleg and approved unanimously.

#### **4. Subcommittee Reports**

##### Training Subcommittee (Mike DiGiovanni, Chair)

Chair DiGiovanni briefed the members on training activities, including four very successful classes already offered. Up next, a Chemical Compatibility and Storage class on June 14 at the Broward EOC and four workshops June 26 and 27 in the Florida Keys. Also additional HAZWOPER training in Miami-Dade.

##### Exercise Subcommittee (Juan Farach, Chair)

Chair Farach briefed the members on the upcoming Biennial Exercise on June 7 in Hollywood. Mr. Farach described the process followed leading up to the exercise and emphasized the importance of member support.

##### Planning Subcommittee (Eric Borbe, Chair)

No separate activities for the Planning Subcommittee this year. The members chose the "Plan an Exercise" option and are assisting the Exercise Subcommittee.



**5. Membership Changes (Manny Cela)**

The following membership applications were presented at the meeting:

- Lt. Alberto Lageyre, City of Miami Fire Rescue, as Alternate Member for Chief Hugo Rodriguez in the Firefighting Category
- Darrel Wieland, FDEP Senior Environment Specialist III, replacing Stephen Threet as Primary Member in the Local Environmental Category
- Ana Gannon, FDEP Emergency Response Specialist, as Alternate Member for Darrel Wieland in the Local Environmental Category

Michael Thomson moved the nominations, seconded by Niel Batista and approved unanimously.

**6. HazMat Emergency Response Plan Update (Miguel Ascarrunz, Chair)**

Gregory Thompson moved to approve the 2012 HazMat Emergency Response Plan and transmit to FDEM. Michael Thomson seconded and it was approved unanimously.

**7. SoFlaLEPC Coordinator Report (Manny Cela)**

Manny Cela informed the members of the planned RMP Audits by FDEM staff scheduled for January 2013 in the South Florida area and that the Monroe County Hazards Analysis contract was completed and accepted by FDEM. Mr. Cela described the new agreement between EPA and FDEM regarding the use of funding from fines for supplemental projects. There was a lengthy discussion on the matter. Some concern was expressed on the part of the private sector members that the equipment they currently make available to FDEP and other environmental agencies for a fee would no longer be needed. Chair Danz requested the members send any potential projects to Mr. Cela.

Mr. Cela informed the members of the funding request from the SERC TTF to create a hazmat tract at Fire Rescue East this January 2013 in Daytona. Many of the members were not familiar with the event and wanted additional information before forming an opinion. How much would it cost and who could attend were some of the questions asked. Mr. Cela indicated that this was a biennial re-appointment year and that officer elections would be held at the first meeting following the July SERC meeting. This would be August 22. Chair George Danz announced he would not be running for his position and offered his support to Vice Chair Gary Koen for the election.

Mr. Cela informed the members that Vice Chair Gary Koen had been recently elected to the Board of the Chlorine Institute, a 200-member non-profit trade association with a mission of safety and protection of human health and the environment. Its North American producer members account for 93% of all chlorine production in the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

**8. Members Comments**

Jeffrey Peleg, Ana Gannon, George Colson and others described recent events in the Region involving Mercury spills.

**9. Upcoming Meetings**

The 2012 Biennial Exercise will be held June 7 here in Hollywood. The next SoFlaLEPC meeting will take place August 22 at the SFRPC offices in Hollywood.

**10. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by Chair George Danz for the last time.