Mesa County LEPC Minutes

Nov. 10, 2011

American Red Cross Annex Bldg

Call to Order & Introductions The meeting was called to order by Grace Logsdon.

Members in attendance: Grace Logsdon (Ute Water), Glenn Kiser (Retired), Mike Hill (MCOEM), Andy Martsolf (MCOEM), Brandi Manuppella (GJFD), Bill Cort (CapCo), Rich Carter (City of GJ Water), Kalanda Isaac (Ute Water), Barb Osmundson (US F&W), Brock Curry (Cray Valley), Paul Smith (Cray Valley), Anna Rice (CES), John Hall (GJFD), David Reinertson (Clifton Water), Petie Pope (SD51)

Approval of Minutes

There were two errors pointed out by Paul Frey and they were changed. The October meeting minutes were accepted.

Treasurers Report

Our account balance is approximately \$3,200.

John Hall does not believe that there is any money left over from the SEP grant.

General Business

There was a brief discussion of the National level alert drill that took place yesterday.

John Hall showed us a packet of the after incident summary and documentation from the Oct. 11th interagency exercise held in Fruita – there was more follow-up discussion of that training event. Overall, the exercise was beneficial to see where we had room to improve and it tested the lock down system for Fruita 8-9 School and Fruita Monument H.S.; they did incredibly well! The exercise also tested the response of Lower Valley Fire, Law enforcement and the Communication Center as well as the EOC.

The Gateway crude oil spill was discussed from a couple vantage points. Barb, with the US Fish and Wildlife, shared her involvement and interest in chemical spills that reach waterways, especially in critical habitat. The committee was briefed about past incidents where she was not called at all or notified too late to be of any help. Barb stated she was notified almost immediately on this call and was grateful for that. Also, a second hazmat incident took place in the Beaver Tail Tunnel in DeBeque Canyon that stressed the response system.

Anna Rice, with Custom Environmental Services, briefed the group on the Brush Creek 'trash truck' incident and clean-up. Brandi with GJFD stated the HazMat team was called to that incident as well and more forethought needs to be given from the Reporting Party about how long of a response it will be and where the hazard will be at that time. The oil/fuel that leaked out was well on its way down the creek prior to the HazMat team's arrival.

Upcoming Events and Training

None

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.

The next meeting will be on **December**, **8**th, **from noon to 1:30 pm** at the Red Cross Annex building. Cray Valley will be presenting. LEPC will cover lunch.

Respectfully submitted by Grace Logsdon