

TORRANCE COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING MEETING

MINUTES

11.19.2024

1. Call to Order: Chairman Garrett called the meeting to order at 9:02am.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Welcome and Introductions
4. What is LEPC, why does it exist, and who can vote?
5. Determination of Quorum: Quorum met
6. Approval of Agenda – Tracey Master motioned to approve. Tom Carter second. Motion carried.
7. Approval of Minutes
 - a. October – Todd Brogowski motioned to approve. David Dean second. Motion carried.
8. Membership-Applications & Removals

Chairman Garrett said some members were removed due to lack of participation. In some cases, the people submitted applications but never attended a meeting.
9. Nominations and Election of Secretary Position

Emergency Manager O’Dell said the secretary resigned. The person who accepts the position will be in office until March 2026. The secretary is responsible for taking minutes and attends the monthly executive committee meetings. She said we need someone to fill the position. Because of the upcoming holidays, Tracey made a motion to table the matter until the January 2025 meeting. Todd second. Motion carried.
10. Estancia Valley Solid Waste Authority Presentation

Dannette Cabber, interim director of the Estancia Valley Solid Waste Authority (EVSWA) and landfill provided information about the agency. She discussed the historical background, vision statement and EVSWA goals, as well as information about how a landfill works. Additionally, she talked about the VW Environmental Mitigation Trust Program, safe disposal of batteries and green waste issues.
11. Event Updates – None

12. Agency Updates

- a. Pattern/Sun Zia – No update
- b. BNSF Logistics – No update
- c. Winter Storm

Emergency Manager O'Dell asked for group feedback regarding the winter storm that occurred earlier in the month, as well as if any of the agencies had weather-related issues. Chairman Garrett said there was some difficulty trying to communicate with travelers, due to language barriers. Ms. O'Dell said we might want to look at translation apps to help in those situations. She also mentioned that there were many wind and weather issues that impacted not only the interstate, but also alternate routes.

13. Public Forum

Maria Martinez said many businesses in the City of Moriarty will be participating in Small Business Saturday.

14. Upcoming General Meetings

- a. December – During the October meeting, members voted to cancel.
- b. January 28, 2025

15. Adjourn Meeting – Tom Carter motion to adjourn. David Dean second. Meeting adjourned at 10:40am