



EUREKA COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

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MEETING DATE

The Eureka County Local Emergency Planning Committee met in the Commissioners Meeting Room at the Eureka County Courthouse on June 23, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeb Rowley-Chair, Sheriff Miles Umina-Vice Chair, Nichole Cooley-Medical Services Director, Brent Jones-AEMT (Alt), Shannon Ernst-CNHD Intern Administrator, (Alt), Dennis Gordon-I80 Gold, Michael Mears-Assessor, Michael Podborny-Lions Club, Jason Cooley-Kinross.

Absent were J.J. Goicoechea-NDA Director, Marty Plaskett-Commissioner, Mike Schoenwald-Commissioner (Alt), Undersheriff David Hicks (Alt), Jayme Halpin-Eureka VFD, Danny Brown-Eureka Fire Chief, Roger Hubbard-EU VFD (Alt), Jeremy Rice-CV VFD (Alt), Maria Menjivar-CNHD Public Health Preparedness Manager, James Clark-McEwen (Alt), John Schweble, Jr.-NDOT, Michael Mentaberry-EU County (Alt), Clara Bundy-SO (Alt), John Glover-School District Representative, Lisa Hutchison-School District Representative (Alt).

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jeb Rowley called the meeting to order at 11:13 a.m.

AGENDA

Miles Umina motioned to approve the agenda; Michael Mears seconded the Motion. Motion carried (9-0).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Jeb Rowley called for public comment; there were none.

MINUTES

Nichole Cooley motioned to approve March 17, 2026 minutes; Miles Umina seconded the motion. Motion carried (9-0).

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Jeb Rowley-Chairman reviewed the current LEPC membership list, Maria Menjivar-CNHD Public Health Preparedness Manager is no longer with CNHD. Lisa Hutchison-School District Representative (Alt) will be leaving the position at the end of the school year. Clayton Weaver with Kinross was suggested for the alternate position in the EPCRA Facility Owners/Operators Category, pending Jason Cooley speaking with him first. Need replacement member for Health category. Status of Roger Hubbard-EU VFD (Alt) will also be reviewed, with a fire department alternate to be considered if needed. Discussion only.

SERC OPTE Grant Application FY2027

OPTE Grant was submitted but has not yet been awarded. Funded equipment includes 8 full sets of structure turnout gear (helmets, jackets, pants, and boots) for fire departments, estimated at approximately \$32,000. Separate wildland-specific PPE needs, and PPE for EMS and Sheriff's Department specific to each department, were also discussed and would require separate budget or funding through Emergency Management. Nichole Cooley suggested fire extinguishers for ambulances. Sheriff Umina suggested

RIMS-TEXT for communication upgrade. Could cost between \$5,000 to \$10,000 per year for Eureka County. Possible alternative funding, grant, or bill allocation by county departments.

INCIDENTS AND EVENTS

Fuel spill (diesel, approximately 40 miles out of town) qualifies for live incident use; information is being assembled. I-80 semi-truck crashes involving fuel spills were discussed but determined too small to meet the state reporting threshold.

TRAINING, CLASSES AND EXERCISES

Nichole Cooley mentioned an EMT training class currently taking place, with 9 students. Suggested an MCI situation training, which involves the Sheriff's Department, potentially mimicking a bus accident or active shooter/school shooting scenario (with Tate Else and John Glover from the Eureka County School District), targeted for the end of August. Look into the possibility of applying for a Hazmat Training Grant covering lithium battery, electric vehicle, and rail response training. For Crescent Valley, possible training included Battery IQ, Electrical Vehicle Training, and Rail Response Training. Additional discussion included coordinating rope training between EMS and fire departments, and reviving the county's search and rescue program.

MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

Chairman Jeb Rowley discussed the adoption of the Hazard Mitigation Plan, prepared by Wise Oak Consulting, at the Commissioners June 18, 2026 meeting pending FEMA approval and review, with final local resolutions from other affected jurisdictions still needed before submission. Once approved, the plan is in effect for 5 years. Rowley noted the value of having a current plan in place, citing the 2023 flood, which cost the County approximately \$5 million, of which approximately 75% (\$4 million) was later recovered through federal disaster declaration funding. Rowley also suggested that review and application of the plan for each department is essential for improvement in community services, and that departments should identify applicable goals and actions in the plan to support annual reporting and future grant funding requests (including potential HMPG funding).

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Jeb Rowley announced the new LEPC secretary, Melissa Fitzwater, as the new point of contact for LEPC. He mentioned types of correspondence should include Tier 2 reporting of hazardous material storage, spill reports, and incidents members are active and involved in as they relate to the committee for action or discussion.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Chairman Rowley and the LEPC Board set the next meeting date for September 22, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. following the Board of Commissioners Meeting. Sheriff Miles Umina motioned to approve September 22, 2026 as the next meeting date. Nichole Cooley seconded the motion. Motion carried (9-0).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Shannon Ernst, CNHD Intern Administrator, mentioned they are nearing completion with their public health preparedness plan. Once the draft is finalized, they will be rotating it around to the departments where public health response would apply. She also mentioned their new public health preparedness response trailer, which includes heat, air conditioning, a generator, and lights. Flu vaccine pods are planned to begin September/October, pending vaccine delivery timing. Ernst noted Eureka's back-to-school vaccine compliance was reported at 100% on the state report, compared to as low as 50% in other communities.

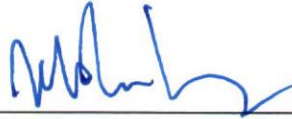
NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

Chairman Jeb Rowley suggested adding training and membership items addressed in the meeting discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment of meeting.

APPROVED ON: 9/21/2026.



Jeb Rowley, LEPC Chair

ATTEST:



Melissa Fitzwater, LEPC Secretary