



## **EUREKA COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

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### **MEETING DATE**

The Eureka County Local Emergency Planning Committee met in the Eureka County Courthouse on September 16, 2025 at 12:35 p.m.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jeb Rowley-Chair, Undersheriff Charles Cobb (Alt), Maria Menjivar-CNHD Public Health Preparedness Manager, Mike Podborny-Lions Club, Michael Mears-Assessor, Raymond Hodson-Eu County (Alt), Marty Plaskett-Commissioner, James Clark-McEwen (Alt), Jeremy Rice-CV VFD (Alt). Also present, Olivia Mitchell-Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Kammy Kinkade-Rural and Frontier Coordinator.

Absent were, Miles Umina-Vice Chair, Danny Brown-Eureka Fire Chief, Clara Bundy-SO (Alt), David Bixler-Saconix LLC (Alt), Mike Schoenwald-Commissioner (Alt), Roger Hubbard-EVFD (Alt), John Schweble, Jr., NDOT, Lisa Hutchison-School District Representative (Alt), Adam Barron-AEMT (Alt), Sharon Montiel-CNHD, John Glover-School District Representative, Nichole Cooley-Medical Services Director, Dennis Gordon-I80 Gold, Jason Cooley-Kinross, Jayme Halpin-Eureka VFD.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jeb Rowley called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

### **AGENDA**

Marty Plaskett 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**

Michael Mears motioned to approve June 17, 2025 minutes; Maria Menjivar seconded the motion. Motion carried (9-0).

### **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

Membership updates were made to the Elected State Official category replacing Pete Goicoechea and filled by J.J. Goicoechea-Director of the NV Department of Agriculture, the First Aid category was updated replacing Adam Barron and filled by Brent Jones-AEMT-Alt. Also, the Transportation category was updated replacing Ray Hodson to Michael Mentaberry-Eu County-Alt. Marty Plaskett motioned to approve updates to the Elected State Official, First Aid, and the Transportation Categories. Michael Mears seconded the motion. Motion carried (9-0).

### **SERC OPTE CAPITAL PURCHASES**

Chairman Rowley informed the board that the Beowawe and Diamond Valley Fire Departments (2) two water monitors have a shipping date of 09/29/2025 and are waiting for a ship date on the (3) three handheld radios, and the (4) four batteries.

Chairman Rowley noted that capital purchases for FY2027 SERC OPTE grant applications are right around the corner and any ideas for the next capital purchases are appreciated. Undersheriff Charles Cobb-Alt discussed reviewing inventory of the hazmat and mass casualty trailers. Chairman Rowley also noted that dispatch communications equipment or any communication equipment is always a helpful tool in Eureka County.

### **INCIDENTS AND EVENTS**

Chairman Rowley stated that Nevada Gold Mines reported (1) one Hazmat spill reports on mine property.

### **HAZMAT PLAN EXERCISE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

Chairman Rowley informed the board that the Hazmat Plan has been updated to have the capability to produce revisions and modifications within the document.

### **TRAINING, CLASSES, AND EXERCISES**

Chairman Rowley mentioned that the burn trailer training is looking more challenging due to Eureka County Fire Department volunteers not possessing certain training requirements before the November seventh and November eighth training dates for Eureka and Crescent Valley. James Clark-McEwen-Alt advised the board that McEwen has different outlets to conduct cyanide awareness training hosted by Cyanco. Kammy Kinkade-Rural and Frontier Coordinator updated the LEPC board with multiple training dates. She mentioned that the Regional Integrated Preparedness Symposium (RIPS) training will be held in Elko on October 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> 2025, the wide area search class will be held in Winnemucca on October 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> 2025, the Pershing County Hazmat exercise will be taking place in Pershing County on October 10, 2025, and an EMS refresher class in Elko on November 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> 2025.

Chairman Rowley discussed the (AERT) American Emergency Response Training hosted by Arnold Pena of a (2) two ten-hour class on October 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> 2025 or November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> 2025. He explained that this awareness training would best fit our LEPC group and wants to identify a date for this training. Marty Plaskett motioned to approved to identify a date for the (2) two ten-hour class either on October 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> 2025 or November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> 2025 for our Hazmat Plan exercise for Calendar Year 2025. Michael Podborny-Lions Club seconded the motion. Motion carried (8-0). Jeremy Rice-CV VFD-Alt exited the meeting.

### **EUREKA COUNTY-WHITE PINE COUNTY-ELY SHOSHONE TRIBE MULTI-JURISDICTION HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

Chairman Rowley discussed the survey link for hazard identification in Eureka County, he encouraged all LEPC members to fill out this survey as their participation is important supporting information. Rowley informed the board that Randy Brawley-Wisk Oak Consultant will be coming to Eureka to host a workshop at the Eureka Opera House on October 16, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and a public workshop from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Randy will also be hosting a workshop in Crescent Valley at the Town Hall on October 22, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. during the Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board meeting.



### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Annette Board-LEPC Secretary reported (1) spill report from Nevada Gold Mines on mine property, received an email from Arnold Pena regarding the (AERT) American Emergency Response Training proposal, received an email from Lorea Arostegui wanting to present at a LEPC meeting regarding resiliency for mass casualty incidents and victim services.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

Chairman Rowley and the LEPC Board set the next meeting date for December 2, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. Marty Plaskett motioned to approve the December 2, 2025 as the next meeting date. Michael Mears seconded the motion. Motion carried (8-0).

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kammy Kinkade- Rural and Frontier Coordinator commented that there will be an operational level response to hazmat in Reno early December which can be located on the NTQS website.

Maria Menjivar commented that the CNHD Public Health Preparedness Planner resigned on September 4, 2025. She noted that the flu pods will be held at the Eureka Opera House on October 15, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Crescent Valley Clinic on October 14, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Chairman Rowley stated that when the LEPC board takes the hazard survey to consider a few items such as the highway SR278 transportation corridor and different mine projects that are continuing to grow, he mentioned to pay close attention to different transportation routes and response of the deteriorating roads and suggested assisting NDOT if mitigation opportunities arise. He also identified as the mine operations continue to grow and they look for places to expand facilities, he notified the board that Eureka County will potentially see hazardous materials in the community and the response to hazardous material location properties. He asks the community and the LEPC board to be aware of these different obstacles as it relates to hazard materials storage and transportation corridors while filling out the hazard risk survey.

### **NEXT AGENDA ITEMS**

Chairman Rowley placed accepting an exercise that has already been completed or the training the LEPC board gets in place for our annual exercising of the hazardous material plan on the next agenda.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment of meeting.

APPROVED ON: December 2, 2025.

  
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Jeb Rowley, LEPC Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Julia Annette Broad, LEPC Secretary