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## **LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Regular Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 9, 2023, 12:00 PM

Harrigan Centennial Hall, 300 Harbor Drive

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### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

Craig Warren called to order the meeting of March 9, 2023, at 12.01 pm

### **B. ROLL CALL**

(Quorum established by at least one member present from four different categories.)

Present:

Category 2: Craig Warren, Chair, (SFD), George Bennet Jr. (SEARHC)

Category 4: Mim McConnell, Amy Zanuzoski (Sitka Counseling)

Category 5: Trish White, LEPC Vice President

Category 6: Mary Ann Hall (Retired Medical Technologist), Joel Hanson

Category 7: Jennifer Klejka, LEPC Coordinator (SFD) left at 12.13 pm

Absent:

Category 1: Kevin Mosher (Assembly Liaison), Crystal Duncan (Alternate Assembly Liaison)

Category 2: Shannon Freitas (SEARHC), Geraldine Laux (TSA), Robert Baty (Police Chief), Lance Ewers (SPD)

Category 3: Becky Meiers, LEPC PIO (KCAW)

Category 4: Justin Mullenix

Category 5: Scott Wagner, (NSRAA)

Others Present:

Karl Muench (SFD) , LEPC Secretary (SFD)

**C. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS (Visitors &/or New Members, if any)**

Chief Warren welcomed Al Stevens, Assistant safety officer and Liaison (Silver Bay Seafood), Raja Hamer, Lead Engineer (Silver Bay Seafood), and Daryl Fabionar, Safety and health Coordinator (Silver Bay Seafood).

**D. AGENDA CHANGES**

1. None

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Joel Hanson approved the minutes for February 9, 2023. Jennifer Klejka seconded the motion.

**F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

1. Al Stevens and Raja Hamer discussed the recent EPA inspections of RNP (Risk Management Program) and PSM (Process Safety Management) at Silver Bay Seafood; and explained that the State of Alaska requires the results of these inspections be reported to local LEPC. Raz told the committee that the final report is not out yet and requested time during the May LEPC meeting to provide the committee with report findings and Silver Bay Seafoods plans to address any issues.

**G. COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) Report: None
2. Broadcast Communications Update: None

**H. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Hazmat Report  
Chief Warren filled in for Jennifer Klejka, explaining Tier 2 forms, which are required annually by the owners of any fixed position hazardous materials over a certain volume. Warren told the committee that Tier 2 forms are due before March, and all but 5 were submitted on time this year.
2. Public Information Officer (PIO) Report: None

**I. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Oil and Hazardous Substances Emergency Operations Plan

Chief Warren reported that he has changed and updated the Oil and Hazardous Substances Emergency Operations Plan. Chief Warren discussed reorganizing the EOPs to increase the efficiency of their use during a release. He intent is to clearly identifying incident objectives at the start of each EOP.

## **J. COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

1. Chief Warren reported that the Wrangell Sentinel published an article on March 8, 2023, which references The Alaska Volcano Observatory's plan to install a series of permanent seismic instruments on Mt. Edgecumbe to monitor volcanic activity. Mt. Edgecumbe is now considered a "high" risk volcano. Chief Warren told the committee that SITFD will be creating a EOP for Volcanic eruption, which will be presented in draft form during the September LEPC meeting. Warren's primary concern during an eruption is drinking water.
2. Trish White told the committee that NPR recently aired a report on Mt. Edgecumbe's volcanic activity.
3. Joel Hanson suggested that a member from the Sitka Sound Science Center be invited to join LEPC.
4. Joel Hanson handed out a proposal for the development of a community garden in Sitka and asked that the proposal be added to LEPC April meeting agenda. The proposal was created by Transitions Sitka and Sitka Local Food Network. Joel explained that Transitions Sitka is a working to transition away from fossil fuels and Sitka Local Foods Network is a non-profit organization working to ensure food security within the community.
5. Chief Warren informed the committee that this is Mim McConnell's last time joining LEPC as a member, as she has chosen to resign. Chief Warren thanked Mim for serving on the LEPC.

## **K. ADJOURNMENT**

The next LEPC meeting will be April 13, 2023, at noon in Harrigan Centennial Hall.

Amy Zanzoski moved to adjourn the meeting. Seeing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 12.29pm.