

HI County LEPC Meeting Minutes

County Building Puna Conference Room

November 27, 2018 10:00am

Members Present: Gerald Kosaki, Chair; John Bowen, Hazmat Consultant; Tracy Aruga, Hilo Medical Center; David Cummings, Hamakua Energy; Andrew Burian, HPD; Jordan Hara, PGV; Chris Leonard, New West Broadcasting Corp; Eric Honda, DOH Hawaii District Health Office; Talmadge Magno, Civil Defense; Garrett Kim, HFD; Jason DeKemper, Pacific Biodiesel; Chenoa Laa, HELCO; Newton Inouye, civilian. Non-voting members: Sharon Leonida, DOH-HEER; Alfred Leung, Pacific Biodiesel

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 10:04 am by Chair Gerald Kosaki.

II. Minutes

Approval of the August 7, 2018 meeting minutes. Minutes was approved as circulated. Chair Kosaki to post minutes of the meeting on the county website.

III. County Reports

- Civil Defense – Report on lava flow incident. IHBP at Pohoiki opened although the DOH clean water branch found high levels of bacteria in the pond. Hwy. 137 was cleared to access the beach area. Although the lava threat is done, magma is still being produced. The SO₂ gas is now emitting less than 300 tons per day.
- Fire/Hazmat – There was a tanker truck accident on Saddle Road but there were no leaks from the tank.
- Police – No report

IV. Industry Partners Report

- Hamakua Energy – will begin using biodiesel to reduce the amount of CO₂ emissions.
- PGV –Jordan reported that PGV is trying to get back up and running but needs to gain access to the facility. They completed the necessary permits to open a road path and is awaiting approval.
- Media – Chris gave an update to the draft State emergency response plan. He would like to see it completed by the end of the year 2018. He will be attending a meeting concerning this soon.
- HMC – Awaiting e-waste training

V. Training

- NASTTPO mid-year conference – Report given by LEPC Chair for the presentation of the lava flow response by the county of Hawaii and inter-agency coordinated efforts.

VI. State of Hawaii – DOH HEER

- John Peard is retiring and no replacement for him is planned at this time.

VIII. Old Business

X. Next meeting: Next meeting will be scheduled and with venue TBD.

XI. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:50am.