

HI County LEPC Meeting Minutes

County of Hawaii Civil Defense

920 Ululani Street, Hilo, HI

February 28, 10:00 am

Members Present: Gerald Kosaki, Chair; John Bowen, Hazmat Consultant; David Cummings, Hamakua Energy; Andrew Burian, HPD; Jordan Hara, PGV; Eric Honda, DOH Hawaii District Health Office; Talmadge Magno, Civil Defense; Jason DeKemper, Pacific Biodiesel; Jarrett Enriques, BEI Hawaii; Cal Westergard, Dept. of Ag. Non-voting members: Alfred Leung, Pacific Biodiesel; Kapono Gaughen, Dept. of Ag.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Minutes

Approval of the November 27, 2018 meeting minutes. Minutes was approved as circulated.

III. County Reports

- Civil Defense – Talmadge – weather and surf, when Bayfront closed, increased traffic load tough situation. DPW and highways have to clear drains. Trash collector in Hilo bay. Reports of gas from fissure 8, nothing going on. Being monitored daily with minimal SO₂ output from Kilauea eruption. Thickest section of lava off Ahalanui. Dealing with recovery options. Will wait 6 months before clearing roads.
- Fire/Hazmat/EMS
- Police – Andrew stated gearing up for TMT incident.

IV. Industry Partners Report

- PGV – Jordan reported Cleared access road. Vendors coming in, water supplied, drilled water wells for higher volume. Will assess wells. Looking at fall to begin operations again. Video documentary.
- Hamakua Energy – Dave reported still awaiting approval for use of biodiesel.
- BEI – Jarrett no new information. Discussion on past chlorine incident and ensuing lawsuit
- Pacific Biodiesel – no report

V. Training

- E-waste training by HMC – no status report given
- Discussion was held on the upcoming Continuing Challenge held in September on sending 2 attendees from the HFD. No action was taken at this time.
- NASTTPO conference in May.

VI. State of Hawaii – DOH

- DOH – Eric Honda – May not replace John Peard, Maui and Kauai does not have a HEER rep.
- Dept. of Ag. – Cal - Act 45 for restricted pesticides. Looked into chemicals that are restricted at schools, water supply, etc. Looking at some rule changes for the regulations, fines, etc.

VII. New Business

- Upcoming training – Continuing Challenge, NASTTPO attendance. Bowen – national safety officers conference. Per Jordan Hara, have those attending the conference do a report and attend the LEPC meeting. Jordan made motion to send 1 person to NASTTPO 2nd Kupono. Deadline to submit request is on March 7, 2019. Priority will be given to LEPC members in good standing, length of service as a member, and reason for attending with the requirement to submit a report upon returning. This attendance will be in addition to the LEPC Chair, whose attendance is funded by HMEP funds
- Per Bowen will do a 160 hour technician class on Oahu.
- Incident management in harbors without CIC – Use of Marine Spill Response Corp. (MSRC)?
- Lawsuits from BEI incident – pending depositions to be held in March

X. Next meeting: Next meeting will be scheduled in May with venue TBD.

XI. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:41am.