

STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION
MINUTES
May 14, 2009
Teleconference

I. Call to order - Chairperson

Chair John Cramer called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

A. Roll Call was taken.

Members Present:

John Cramer (Co-Chair)	Dept. of Military and Veterans Affairs
Larry Dietrick (Co-Chair)	Dept. of Environmental Conservation
Bill Hogan	Dept. of Health & Social Services
Dean Brown	Dept. of Natural Resources
Mike Coffey	Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities
Mayor David Stone	Local Government
Jamie Sunderland	Local Government
George Vakalis	Urban LEPC
Brian Templin	Rural LEPC
Tom Vaden	Rural LEPC

Members Absent:

James Maltby	Urban LEPC
James Butler	Public Member at Large
Dept. of Commerce, Community & Economic Development	
Dept. of Labor and Workforce Development	
Dept. of Public Safety	
Dept. of Fish and Game	

Ex Officio Members Present:

LTC Lori Stender	Alaskan Command
LCDR Shane Montoya	USCG
Michele Sherwood	EPA

Guests Present:

Wanice Cowles, Coordinator

B. It was concluded that a quorum was present.

C. Determine Public Attendees on Teleconference - SERC Coordinator
Wanice Cowles

II. Welcome and Introductions.

- A. Opening Comments by Chairperson and Co-Chairperson - Mr. John Cramer, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, and Mr. Larry Dietrick, Division of Spill Prevention and Response

Chair Cramer welcomed everyone to the meeting. They are committed to working together with their partners on the Federal, State and local levels. He stated that without each other the recent flooding events they are all experiencing would not have come off as well as they have. In addition they are dealing with the H1N1 flu issue, Redoubt Volcano and fires. It is an active spring for many agencies. He appreciated the help and assistance they all provide to one another in making the State as safe and productive as possible.

Co-Chair Dietrick welcomed everyone to the meeting. He re-emphasized the comments of Chair Cramer.

III. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes - January 22, 2009

Mr. George Vakalis MOVED to accept the minutes of January 22, 2009 as presented. Mr. Tom Vaden seconded the motion. There were no corrections. There were no objections.

IV. Public Comment

There was no one signed up for public comment.

V. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of and Changes to the Agenda -
B. LEPC Appointments -
C. Tier II form and instruction changes

Mr. George Vakalis MOVED approval of the agenda in its entirety, including items A, B, and C. Mr. Brian Templin seconded the motion. Under discussion, Mayor Stone asked if it was correct that the next meeting would be Anchorage rather than Fairbanks. Chair Cramer stated that this is what they are proposing. There were no objections.

VI. New Business

- A. Discussion on Proposed Changes to SERC Bylaws, Policy and Procedures Manual and Future SERC Meeting Schedules/Locations

Chair Cramer explained that wording for moving from three meetings per year to two basically says a minimum of two, which gives them the

flexibility to have more if needed. They are trying to reduce costs. Governor Palin has asked all State agencies to look at ways to reduce costs due to the shortfall in revenue. This is also why they are proposing to hold the meetings in Anchorage. The other issue is to approve a 30-day posting for public comment. This is needed to let the public know the changes and when and where they are going to meet.

Mr. George Vakalis MOVED approval of the proposed changes to the SERC Bylaws, Policies and Procedures Manual and future SERC meeting schedule for discussion purposes. Mr. Bill Hogan seconded the motion. Chair Cramer called for discussion. There was none.

Mr. George Vakalis MOVED approval of the proposed changes to the SERC Bylaws, Policies and Procedures Manual and future SERC meeting schedule. Mr. Tom Vaden seconded the motion. There was no opposition.

B. Alaska Interoperable Communications Committee Draft Charter and Bylaws

Chair Cramer stated that this is provided for information purposes. It was approved at the last meeting.

VII. Public Comment

CDR Montoya, USCG, commented that the changes to the SERC bylaws and the policy appeared to be administrative. He pointed out that in places it still references DES rather than the new acronym DHSEM. Chair Cramer stated that there was an email yesterday where they corrected those references. CDR Montoya stated that there was also reference to the NCP and FRP which have been replaced by the NRF. Chair Cramer thanked him for catching those.

Mayor Stone stated that they are not a local emergency district in Yakutat and he would like to know how to go about becoming one. Chair Cramer recommended he contact the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management who will walk him through it.

VIII. Closing Comments and Adjournment

Chair Cramer thanked the attendees for making this one of the most expedient meetings of the SERC. He stated that with the current level of activity in the State currently the SCCC is up a minimum of 12 hours a day. They welcome visitors.

Co-Chair Dietrick stated that with respect to technical changes they might want to think about in the future just referring them to the sponsoring organization to make those changes and produce an update.

Chair Cramer stated that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 1, 2009 in Anchorage.

Chair Cramer adjourned the meeting at 1:17 p.m.