



## *Steering Committee Meeting Notes, January 25, 2013*

### **ATTENDEES (\* by phone & online):**

Shelley DuTeaux, ARB – Co-Chair	Dr. Chuck Mosher, Mariposa County*
John Kennedy, US EPA	Libby Vianu, ATSDR*
Charles Pearson, ARB	Alan Abs, TCAPCD*
Lori Kobza, Sac Metro AQMD	Jim Wagoner, BCAQMD *
Karen Riveles, OEHHA	Steve Wall, CDPH*
Dean Peterson, San Mateo County DEH*	Deb Schweitzer, NPS*
	Mark Copple, ARB*

### **Steering Committee Business**

- Dr. Chuck Mosher is staying on as Chair of the CCLHO Environmental Management subcommittee and with Mariposa County as PHO/APCO for up to one more year or until his replacement is selected.
- Alan Abs will work with CAPCOA to have the CARPA Summit 2013 announced at CAPCOA's spring meeting at Granlibakken.
- John announced that his Office of Regional Counsel had conducted a review of the CARPA Charter and John's role as Co-Chair on the Steering Committee and made a determination that these were in conflict with federal ethics statutes and regulations. The two options available to John to continue his participation on the Steering Committee are 1) to act as a technical advisor or 2) to develop a MOU between USEPA and CARPA agencies (likely just with CARB) which would outline EPA's role in CARPA. The Steering Committee reached consensus that a MOU is the preferred option. Using the existing CARPA Charter, John will draft a MOU, get buy off from his ORC, and bring it back to CARPA for review. Shelley worked to remove reference to US EPA from the CARPA webpage and from the Charter to satisfy the Region's request.
- The Steering Committee discussed the idea of forming CARPA into a 501(C)(3) organization. A special meeting of the Steering Committee will be planned to explore this idea.

### **Recent Incidents and Upcoming Trainings**

- An AirNow-Tech training webinar was conducted by STI for CARPA agencies on Jan 30.
- CUPA Conference Feb. 4-7 – Shelley and Michael Pixton (DTSC) presented on the new hazardous materials and oil spill (EF-10) annex to the State Emergency Plan. John presented on Japan Tsunami Marine Debris. Randy Sawyer (Contra Costa County) presented a case study on the 2012 Chevron Fire.
- Steve announced the Hospital Mass Casualty course he and Kevin had been developing is completed and available on line. The course will be posted on the CARPA website.
- CalEMA is pursuing the development of the first statewide volcano disaster preparedness plan in conjunction with the USGS. A Volcano Hazards Risk Assessment Workshop was held at CalEMA on Feb 12. We expect follow-up meetings and the development of the draft plan over the next year or so.

- John discussed the move of IMAAC/NARAC from LLNL to DOD's Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) and the new procedures for requesting DTRA air modeling support. The National Guard CST's (9<sup>th</sup> and 95<sup>th</sup>) are still the State's go-to resource for modeling support and can be requested via mission request through CalEMA.

## **Subcommittee Report Outs**

### Data

- A Data subcommittee was held on Jan. 29. Charles discussed the results of the EBAM user survey he sent out to agencies in Dec-Jan. Charles is creating an inventory of EBAM users and working with them to build a collaborative user network and to standardize EBAM deployment and operational procedures, including data telemetry systems.
- Charles has been working with AIRSIS and STI to create instructions on the data "pathway" process for uploading data during incidents and is exploring how to share data streams with more than one EBAM data posting sites. That way, partners who usually post data to either the federal AIRSIS site (Satguard) or AirNow-Tech would be able to easily share the data on both sites.
- SLOAPCD has developed instructional video and SOP for EBAM set-up.
- John will assist Charles in setting up an EPA VIPER account for ARB's new Lifeline links system.

### Data to Message

- Libby and Joe have initiated discussions on future projects for the subcommittee. Two ideas are to develop scenario-based asset mapping and to reach out to the CDPH Emergency Preparedness Office to invite their participation and suggestions for CARPA.

### Message to Audience

- Lori attended the DHS emergency response communications training in Jan. PIO's from emergency response, fire, and law enforcement agencies attended. A special session on social media was held. Important lessons from the training include that agencies begin developing and training on social media outreach plans. As an example, Sac City Fire Department has full-time trained staff dedicated to social media monitoring and outreach and Kings Canyon-Sequoia NP also have a social media use policy (Deb is the POC). Additional social media discussions are planned for upcoming subcommittee meetings.
- Also mentioned at the training was that Homeland Security grants are likely going to be limited in dollar amount, with potential phase-out in the near future.
- Lori gave an update on the scenario-specific fact sheets. Shelley is currently reviewing and considering the approach to the information sharing and the audience. Lori added that for any public messaging we do, we should "be very careful what we say or post, what is the message, and who is the audience".
- The next subcommittee meeting is March 13 at 10:00 am. Topics will include a presentation by Shelley on the new 24-hr average breakpoints for the PM 2.5 AQI and its implications for this upcoming fire season and Yolo County's Social Media Policy that will be discussed by guest, Beth Gabor.

## 2013 Summit Planning

- Summit Save the Date cards are done. 1000 were printed (as an in kind donation by Sac Metro AQMD) and distributed at the meeting. These will be given out at the CUPA Conference and other venues.
- The target budget for the Summit is \$60,000. Along with the \$10k contributions each from each ARB and CDPH, we will need to raise another \$40k in order to hold the Summit on Oct. 1-2.
- Everyone encouraged to continue outreach to potential sponsors. Sponsor contact assignments were given out to the Steering Committee members. Heather stated CCE does not need funds from sponsors up front. These can be invoiced later.

*Note: John mentioned he is not allowed to participate in vendor outreach due to the aforementioned ethics constraints.*

- Steve will check with EPO on dollars counties receive from CDC and if these might be available to assist with Summit planning.
- **May 31 is the deadline to raise the needed funds. Without raising the additional \$40,000 by that date, the Summit will have to be canceled or postponed.**

### Next Steering Committee Meeting:

March 15 9:30 – 12 noon at the CARB OER office, 1301 V Street, Sacramento, CA.