



MEETING NOTES

Project Name:	MUSR RFMP	Date:	1/16/2014
Meeting Subject:	Emergency Response Workgroup	Project No.:	
Location:	DWR Sutter Yard, Sutter, CA	Page:	1
Notes by:	Chris Fritz, PBI; Barry O'Regan, KSN		

Attendees: See attached sign-in sheet _____

Notable Discussion Items:

- 1) Introductions
- 2) RFMP Approach and Meeting Purpose
- 3) Emergency Response (ER) Topic Statement (see attached)
 - No comments on Topic Statement
- 4) Presentation and Roundtable Discussion re: E.R. Chapter
 - Hardcopies of the E.R. Chapter were distributed to the group.
 - Ron Baldwin gave a presentation regarding the overall E.R. approach and content. (posted to website)
 - MUSR RFMP effort will set the stage for upcoming emergency response grant.
 - ER effort will focus on:
 - Improving response structure by defining "Jurisdiction" and "Command".
 - Improving multi-agency coordination – ICS, SEMS & NIMS protocols.
 - Defining jurisdictional operational areas.
 - Formalizing inter-jurisdictional mutual aid agreements.
 - Developing higher quality, more user-friendly flood safety plans.
 - Reducing communication/coordination failures in the field between jurisdictions.
 - Creating better response systems to create a common operating picture.

Action Items:

- Post PowerPoint Presentation to the MUSR website (PBI)
- Post pdf and MS Word versions of the E.R. Chapter to the MUSR website (PBI)
- Reach out to Cal OES (PBI)
- Review E.R. Chapter and provide comments by January 31st (All)



REGIONAL FLOOD MANAGEMENT PLAN

SIGN-IN SHEET

Emergency Response Workgroup Meeting

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Emergency Response Workgroup

The Mid & Upper Sacramento River regions contain a diverse set of jurisdictions and economic groups in both urban and rural-agricultural settings. The local governments within this region, counties, cities and levee maintaining agencies (LMAs), provide flood emergency response to an area of over 500,000 acres with a total population of approximately 300,000. While essentially rural, this area constitutes a major segment of the California agricultural economy. This agricultural economy, in turn, drives growth and prosperity in the Central Valley. Major floods in the Mid and Upper Sacramento River regions have historically not only impacted this highly productive agricultural area, but also the geographically isolated urban areas situated within it and the critical infrastructure of regional and national importance that crosses it.

In a large flood, different agencies are dealing with different components of the flood emergency response. This can lead to common failures to communicate due to differences in agency jurisdictional boundaries, resources, and internal protocols. Also LMAs continue to be constrained by limited financial resources which can lead to response delays as LMAs are forced to seek necessary funds or resources from another level of government for expensive private contractor assistance, or for the purchase of expensive bulk materials (e.g. rock).

The reality for this region is that major floods have a wide ranging impact on transportation, communications, and public safety systems even when the flood control system is functioning as designed. When you balance the economic importance of this extensive region against the small-size of the governmental entities that provide public safety functions within it then it is clear that efficient, integrated regional response systems are an absolutely critical need.

The key objective of the Emergency Response Workgroup will be to help identify ideas/projects for improving the emergency planning and response efforts as they relate to flood events within the Mid and Upper Sacramento region. The workgroup will focus on the development of an improved response structure and partnership for local agencies throughout the region.