

**Yakima Valley Local Emergency Planning Committee  
Meeting  
May 21, 2024 @ 11:30 a.m.**

Meeting called to order

**Guest Presentation (Washington State Department of Commerce/Energy Resilience & Emergency Management – Energy Division):** Presenters: Deborah Whitmer, Energy Resilience & Mitigation Program Manager and Kate

Energy Division strengthens communities through the Clean Energy Fund, State Efficiency & Environmental Performance Office, Energy Policy Office, Weatherization, Greenhouse Gas Reduction, Clean Buildings, Electric Vehicles, Resource Adequacy, Energy Emergency Management Office and State Energy Strategy.

WA State Energy Resilience Technical Assistance Program fills resource and capacity gaps, supporting communities to successfully access funding and accomplish their critical energy resilience goals.

Support Services provided by Energy Resilience Program are at no cost. They provide regular check-ins and communication, as well as technical assistance throughout the process.

- Outreach and Engagement Planning
  - Partnership identification and engagement
  - Meeting facilitation
  - Community outreach strategy
  - Outreach materials development
- Community Meeting Support
  - ASL and Language interpretation; live captioning services
  - Language translation for materials
  - Technical equipment for meetings
- Community Visioning and Prioritization
  - Community energy assessment and hazard identification
- Energy Resilience Project Support
  - Funding identification and application assistance
  - Specific technical assistance and vendor identification
  - Project planning support

Difference between resilience and reliability:

Energy resilience: Capacity to recover quickly from difficulties.

Reliability: Quality of being trustworthy or of performing consistently well – short term seasonal outage, or day to day performance.

Microgrid:

- Variety of different generation sources
- Connect and disconnect from system

- Time sensitive

#### Energy Grants

Energy Efficiency Grant Program funds projects for improvements to existing public-owned facilities and related projects that result in energy and operational cost savings.

Solar Energy Grant provides competitive funding to install solar at public buildings and wastewater treatment plants.

#### **Guest Presentation (PacifiCorp)**

Presenter: Horace Ward

PacifiCorp covers 6 states on the Westcoast. Provides service to 110,347 customers in Yakima County.

Wildfire Mitigation Investments in Yakima County:

Nile – Replace/rebuild 28 miles of overhead conductor

Public Safety Power Shut offs – Notifications go out

- 72-48 hours
- 48-0 hours
- During Event

Emergency De-energizations

When a fire is within certain proximity of PacifiCorp infrastructure an emergency de-energization will occur. Emergency de-energizing is a newly implemented policy. It is done to mitigate the risk to PacifiCorp infrastructure and to limit the spread and lines coming down on firefighters. The policy for emergency deenergizing is to shut-off power within 2 miles of the fire. PacifiCorp will track the fire 10 miles within PacifiCorp infrastructure.

If power outages do occur, power will not be returned until daylight for crews to be able to see what they are doing.

Wildfire Response

Personnel are deployed to protect PacifiCorp infrastructure and coordinate with local fire responders.

Medical certificate program

A medical certificate will prevent immediate disconnection of your service. Certificate must be completed by a qualified medical professional. This certificate does not guarantee that power will not be interrupted from a weather-related outage or other circumstances.

Community Resilience Projects

Pacific Power was awarded a grant through the Washington State Department of Commerce to conduct a feasibility study for a microgrid solution at State Fair Park. The goal is to construct a microgrid at State Fair Park that will support critical load during emergencies.

Public Safety Partner Portal: psp.pacificpower.net

**LEPC Group Concerns:**

- Onsite PacifiCorp personnel need to check in with Incident Command.
- Some of Yakima County's water sources are operated by electricity. If power is shut off to those water sources, firefighters may not have access to water.

**Local HazMat Teams Update:**

Yakima Fire – No longer part of the Tri-Cities HazMat Group. Yakima Fire is partnering with Sunnyside Fire Department and Yakima Training Center through mutual aid agreements to have a Full Type 3 response in Yakima County. By November 30<sup>th</sup> there will be 30 certified Hazard Technicians.

Hazmat Activities in 2024:

3 calls in January

2 calls in February

3 calls in March

3 calls in April

0 calls in May

**Member Updates:**

Participants provided updates on safety drills and training completed at their facilities.

**Emergency Management Update:**

Completed Exercises/Training/Outreach provided by all EM Staff:

- G402 ICS Overview for Executives/Senior Officials – January 2024
- CGS Workshop – January 2024
- ICS 100/200/700 course (02/01/24)
- CGS Ingestion Exercise Part A (02/08/24)
- Parkside Care Active Shooter Tabletop Exercise (02/20/24)
- ICS 300 course (02/27/24 – 02/29/24)
- Emergency Management Basic Academy (3/11/24 – 3/15/24)
- CGS Ingestion Exercise Part B (03/28/24)
- PNWU Full-Scale exercise (04/13/24)
- Yakima Air Terminal Full-Scale MCI exercise (05/11/24)

Upcoming Exercises/Training provided by Emergency Management:

- Parkside Active Shooter Workshop (06/18/24)
- WSDOT EOC Course (06/15/24 – 06/17/24)
- Incident Command System Train the Trainer Course (07/22/24 – 07/26/24)
- Basic PIO Class (08/06/24 – 08/08/24)
- ICS 400 course (11/2024)
- Ground Transportation MCI Exercise (Pending date)
- HazMat Exercise (Pending date)

Outreach

- National Night Out (August)
- National Preparedness Month (September)
- Trunk or Treat (October)

**REMINDER SIGN UP FOR “ALERT YAKIMA”!**

**Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, July 30, 2024 @ 11:30 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned