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Arizona Department of Homeland Security East Regional Advisory Council MEETING MINUTES

April 25, 2024

A regular meeting of the Arizona Department of Homeland Security (AZDOHS) East Regional Advisory Council (ERAC) was convened on April 25, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held in person. Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02, notice had been duly given (**Attachment A**). Present and absent were the following members of the East RAC:

Members Present:

A.J. Castaneda, Lieutenant, Proxy for Chair Dale Walters, Eloy Police Department
Vice Chairman, Hayden Boyd, Fire Chief, Duncan Valley Rural Fire District
Brad Pitassi, Fire Chief, Maricopa Fire and Medical Department
Mark Lamb, Sheriff, Pinal County Sheriff's Office
Carl Melford, Emergency Manager, Gila County Emergency Management
Michael Pooley, Police Chief, Apache Junction Police Department
Dr. Matt Bolinger, Director, Greenlee County Emergency Management
Collin Fanning, Deputy Director, Graham County Emergency Management
Matt Villa, Sergeant, Proxy for Weston White, Captain, Arizona Department of Public Safety
Angel Leos, Deputy Chief, Proxy for Mark McCrory, Police Chief, Casa Grande Police Department

Members Absent:

Bruce Walls, Police Chief, Florence Police Department

Arizona Department of Homeland Security (AZDOHS) Staff Members Present:

Susan Dzbanko, Deputy Director Border Security and Grant Administration
Belinda Torres, Strategic Planner
Kim Brooks, Strategic Planner

Public Members:

Members of the public were present

REGULAR BUSINESS

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Chairman Hayden Boyd called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. It was determined a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chairman Hayden Boyd requested a motion to approve the December 14, 2023 meeting minutes as submitted. Michael Pooley **motioned** and it was **seconded** by Carl Melford (**Attachment B**). **The motion passed unanimously.** Members of the RAC introduced themselves.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (AZDOHS) UPDATE (**Attachment C**)

Belinda Torres provided the East RAC members with information on the following via PPT:

- FY 2024 Grant Application Process
- FY 2024 Federal Budget/State Application

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- FY 2024 National Priorities
- FY 2024 Regional Allocations
- Quarterly Reports
- Training and Exercise Update
- Upcoming Events

FFY 2024 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM (SHSGP) PROJECT REVIEW/RECOMMENDATIONS AND FY 2022 REALLOCATION (Attachment D)

Belinda Torres provided an overview of the FFY 2024 SHSGP Spreadsheet. The RAC was briefed on the various projects submitted for FFY 2024. The RAC was tasked with reviewing all submitted SHSGP projects for the East Region. Members of the public who submitted projects were called upon to answer questions and provide additional information, if necessary. Out of the all projects submitted, 9 projects were recommended for “Full” funding, “Partial” funding for a total of \$444,789.

A **motion** was made by Mark Lamb and **seconded** by Michael Pooley to the recommend the allocation of \$444,789 in FFY 2024 funding and \$60,645 in FFY 2022 allocated on the spreadsheet. **The motion passed unanimously. (Attachment D)**

TLO UPDATE

Captain Gabe Saenz from Phoenix Fire Department was not able to attend.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Carl Melford emphasized the importance of the East Region using the Training and Exercise Program funds.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on August 29, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in-person in Payson, Arizona.

CALL TO ADJOURN

Vice Chairman Hayden Boyd requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michael Pooley **motioned** and Mark Lamb **seconded** to adjourn the meeting at 11:09 a.m. **The motion passed unanimously.**