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Arizona Department of Homeland Security East Regional Advisory Council MEETING MINUTES

December 14, 2023

A regular meeting of the Arizona Department of Homeland Security (AZDOHS) East Regional Advisory Council (ERAC) was convened on December 14, 2023. 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:

Chairman, Dale Walters, Chief, Florence Police Department
Vice Chairman, Hayden Boyd, Chief, Duncan Valley Rural Fire District
Matt Thomas, Chief Deputy, proxy for Mark Lamb, Sheriff, Pinal County Sheriff's Office
Dr. Matt Bolinger, Director, Greenlee County Emergency Management
Weston White, Captain, Arizona Department of Public Safety
Carl Melford, Emergency Manager, Gila County Emergency Management
Mark McCrory, Chief, Casa Grande Police Department
Collin Fanning, Deputy Director, Graham County Emergency Management

Members Absent:

Bruce Walls, Chief, Florence Police Department

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

Belinda Torres, Strategic Planner
Kim Brooks, Strategic Planner
Rhonda Whelan, Grant Project Specialist

Public Members:

Members of the public were present.

REGULAR BUSINESS

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Dale Walters called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. It was determined a quorum was present. Members of the RAC introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Dale Walters requested a motion to approve the August 31, 2023 meeting minutes as submitted. Matt Bolinger motioned and it was seconded by Vice Chairman Hayden Boyd (**Attachment B**). **The motion passed unanimously.**

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:

- 2024 Grant Application Cycle
- Nationwide Cyber Security Review
- Updates to AZDOHS Portal

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- Upcoming Events-Grant Information Seminar and RAC Meetings

FFY 2021 and FFY 2022 ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM (SHSGP) REALLOCATIONS (Attachment D)

Belinda Torres provided the RAC members with the East Regional reallocation of \$59,000 for FFY 2021 and \$36,822 for FFY 2022. The RAC members chose to allocate funding to the following projects:

- Eloy Police Department project 23-EAS-004 received partial funding for communication radios in the amount of \$10,000 for FFY 2021 funds and \$17,822 of FFY 2022 funds
- Gila County Health and Emergency Services project 23-EAS-006 received partial funding for their Redundant and Interoperable North/South EOC Communications Project in the amount of \$25,000 of FFY 2021 funds
- Town of Superior project 23-EAS-013 received partial funding for radios in the amount of \$18,000 of FFY 2022 funds
- Town of Payson project 23-EAS-014 received partial funding for their Payson EOC for Northern Gila County Project in the amount of \$24,000 of FFY 2021 funds and \$1,000 of FFY 2022 funds

Chairman Dale Walters requested a motion to recommend the allocation amount of \$59,000 of FFY 2021 funds and \$36,822 for FFY 2022 funds as allocated on the spreadsheet. Weston White made the **motion** and it was **seconded** by Matt Thomas. **The motion passed unanimously.**

TLO UPDATE

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting date was set for April 4, 2024 in person at the Gila County Courthouse.

CALL TO ADJOURN

Chairman Dale Walters requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Hayden Boyd motioned and Brad Pitassi seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 p.m. **The motion passed unanimously.**