**Converse County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan**

LEPC Meeting Summary

**Glenrock, October 27, 2010**

Contractor, Barb Beck briefly introduced herself and gave an overview of the meeting agenda. She handed out a briefing paper. Participants signed in on the LEPC attendance list.

**MHM Planning**

Beck explained that revising the MHMP is a process that the county is now going through to look at hazards and what can be done to prevent loss or damage of life and property. This process will build on the work done by the county previously, but never finalized. The plan is being prepared by the county to increase disaster resistance, to make the county and its local jurisdictions eligible for project funds, and for post-disaster assistance. Each local jurisdiction that wants to adopt the plan must have one or more projects in the plan. Adoption is not required, but jurisdictions that do not adopt the plan will not be eligible for project funds and may not be eligible for post-disaster assistance.

Each of the following has a role in preparing this plan:

* Contractor: research, prepare the hazard profiles, review other plans, compile information, refine the goals and projects lists, write up the plan, hold public meetings, provide plan to county that meets requirements for state and federal approval,
* Emergency Management Coordinator: serve as liaison with county commissioners, provide copies of existing plans, review drafts, post information on the county’s website, submit the plan to Wyoming Office of Homeland Security (WOHS) and FEMA,
* The public: identify project ideas, review the draft and give input on plan
* Town, City and County governments: validate the goals, provide project ideas, provide information on critical infrastructure, adopt the plan--at their discretion, and implement projects in the plan,
* WOHS and FEMA: provide funding to prepare the plan, review and approve plan, provide opportunity to compete for project funds, provide post-disaster assistance as requested. Barb explained that FEMA does not dictate the contents of the plan, but reviews primarily to ensure a good process that allowed for public input was followed.

Several previous county coordinators have worked on the plan, but there was not much opportunity for the public to comment or be involved. And, the plan was never completed or adopted. This effort will produce a final plan that will be good for county residents and meet the requirements of the state and FEMA.

The general schedule for completion of the plan is:

* October: Meet with LEPC to validate goals and do a preliminary review of the project list.
* November-December: Review other plans, prepare the hazard profiles, work on refining the goals, write the introduction and describe development trends.
* January: Meet again with the LEPC to prioritize the project list. Hold public meetings in Glenrock and Douglas to get input on projects. Put draft plan together.
* Feb-March: Public review period, incorporate comments from public.
* April: Provide plan to WYOS for review. WYOS forwards plan to FEMA.
* May-June: FEMA review and approval of plan. Once FEMA approval is obtained, the plan can be adopted by the four communities and the county.

**Natural Hazards in Converse County**

Barb provided a three-page handout that listed the hazards identified in earlier planning efforts. Each hazard was given a numerical rating for frequency, magnitude, warning time, and severity. The prioritization list was based on interviews and information obtained at public meetings and surveys. These meetings and interviews were not documented. The LEPC looked at the rating generated in the past and adjusted them as follows:

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| Hazard | Risk Priority |
| Wildfire | High |
| Winter Storms | High |
| Flood | High |
| Hail | High |
| Windstorm | High |
| Hazmat spill | High |
| Drought | Moderate |
| Tornado | Moderate |
| Earthquake | Low |
| Dam Failure | Low |
| Landslide | Low |
| Subsidence | Low |

**Draft Goals and Projects**

Barb provided a handout with the previously-drafted goals and projects. There are six goal statements with projects under each. The group first discussed the goal statements and determined that for now, all of the highest priority hazards were addressed in one or more of the goals. Several projects were deleted from the table because they were already accomplished or no longer appropriate. For example, the county has already implemented Reverse 911, so this was deleted from the draft project list. The resulting draft goal and project list is attached as a separate document. Barb will follow-up on several suggestions and also be meeting with municipal and county planners and public works’ employees to gather additional ideas for projects.

**Wrap-up**

A revised project list will be presented to the LEPC at their next meeting in January.

Project information will be posted on the county website (www.conversecounty.com.)

Douglas and Glenrock representatives indicated they would also like to post information on their sites. Barb will provide the briefing paper and other documents as they are generated for posting.