

DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Grand County Local Emergency Planning Committee
Quarter 2, 2026

1. The Grand County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) met for its Q2, 2026 meeting on May 26, 2025 at 12PM.
 - a. The physical meeting took place at the Moab Valley Fire Department, 45 S 100 E, Moab UT 84532
 - b. A virtual option was also available via Google Meet. The meeting audio was recorded from Google Meet.
2. Attendees
 - a. In-person: Kate Finley (Grand County Emergency Manager), Greg Davis (Rocky Mountain Power), Darci Miller (Moab Regional Hospital), Brandon McGuffee (Moab Valley Fire Department), Lisa Ceniceros (Grand County Building Department), Clark Maughan (Moab Valley Fire Department), Chris Whetton (Moab Valley Fire Department), TJ Brewer (Moab Valley Fire Department), Logan Brewer (Grand County EMS), Mindy Lammert (Grand County Dispatch), Jamison Wiggins (Grand County Sheriff's Office), Michael Palmer (Grand County Sheriff's Office), Al Cymbaluk (Grand County Sheriff's Office), Micah Nielsen (Moab UMTRA Project), Cody McKinney (Grand County Road Department), Art Deyo (Utah State Fire Marshal's Office)
 - b. Virtual: Lex Bell (Moab City Police), Brian Hayes (National Park Service), Charlie Taylor (Utah Highway Patrol), Chet Ingram (Southeast Utah Health Department), Jacques Hadler (Grand County Commission), James Murphy (Grand County GIS Specialist), Justin Usery (Moab Regional Hospital), Libby Bailey (Grand County School District), TC Garcia (Williams Northwest Pipeline), Tony Mancuso (Utah DNR), Sean Yeates (Grand County Engineer)
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a. Since the Quarter 1 LEPC meeting was attending the Utah Pipeline Association conference, there were no Quarter 1 2026 minutes
 - b. Michael Palmer made a motion to approve the Quarter 4 2025 minutes. Darci Miller seconded. The group approved the minutes unanimously without discussion.
4. Welcome/Introductions
5. Emergency management program reports and update (Kate Finley)
 - a. Draft plans in development
 - i. EOC handbook and position checklists
 - ii. Family Assistance plan
 - iii. Extreme heat annex to emergency operations plan
 - b. Emergency declarations
 - i. Both Grand County and the state of Utah are under emergency declarations for drought
 - c. Trainings and exercises
 - i. Pediatric trauma and school security incidents

- ii. Wildfire evacuation tabletop
 - iii. Flood warning system tabletop and review of flood emergency action plan
- 6. State Fire Marshal's Office Presentation (Art Deyo, Hazmat Section Manager)
 - a. Discussion of the changing energy landscape in Utah
 - i. Battery energy storage systems (BESS) and nuclear projects will require new planning considerations and possibly new equipment
 - ii. Challenges in tracking new projects as the landscape is changing so quickly
 - b. Proposed state HAZMAT program
 - i. Goal of improving response continuity across the state
 - ii. Would involve the state purchasing equipment to be station with local entities who would then respond during emergencies
 - iii. Patterned after California OES program and Texas' state brush truck program
 - iv. Funding for the estimated \$10 million annual cost is proposed to be a fee on Tier 2 reports
 - v. Project is in the planning phase with an implementation goal of 3 years
 - c. Train Derailment Discussion, Planning Considerations, Lessons Learned
 - i. Discussion of derailment in Juab County as a case study. Lessons learned included:
 - 1. Verifying information provided by railroads
 - 2. Need for independent communication tools due to lack of cell coverage
 - 3. Value of using drones for surveillance
 - 4. Importance of clear incident command
 - ii. Regional rail assessment
 - 1. Grand County has a Union Pacific main line running between Chicago and the Bay Area with significant freight and Amtrak passengers
 - 2. Hazmat freight is primarily petroleum based products such as ethanol, diesel, and LPG
 - iii. Derailment incident management priorities
 - 1. Life safety
 - 2. Environmental protection
 - 3. Maintaining commerce
 - 4. Other considerations for responders
 - a. Vapor releases
 - b. Structural damage to bridges and roadways
 - c. Need for large-scale recovery if unauthorized passengers are present on freight trains
 - iv. Interagency coordination and logistics
 - 1. Major incidents may also involve the EPA, the Federal Railroad Administration, the NTSB, and the FBI
 - 2. Establishing logistics for outside agencies is critical

- v. Cost recovery
 - 1. Effective cost recovery requires documentation of all activities from the onset of an incident
 - 2. Agencies should be aware of administrative fee structures
 - vi. Continuity of operations
 - 1. Maintaining local fire, law enforcement, and EMS coverage while other resources are on scene at an incident is important
 - 2. Planning for mutual aid from neighboring jurisdictions ensures first responder coverage for the community
 - vii. Air monitoring
 - 1. Air monitoring can be requested through state and federal resources such as DEQ and the National Guard Civil Support Team
7. Agency Updates
- a. The Sheriff's Office is working with the Castle Valley Fire Department to outfit the department with new radios which has significantly improved communication
 - b. Tony Mancuso invited those interested in the future of the Moab Boat Ramp to attend a meeting on May 27 to discuss the future of the site and funding options for future improvements
8. Future Discussion Topics
- a. None
9. Adjournment
- a. Motion to adjourn by Lisa Cenicerros and seconded by Michael Palmer.