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CUEA ADDS NEW TRAINING RESOURCE

Emily Nourse was awarded the FEMA Emergency Management (EM) Master Exercise Practitioner Program (MEPP) certification last in March by Acting Secretary of Cal EMA, Mike Dayton. Emily is the only known non-government employee in California to receive this certification from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The Emergency Management Institute (EMI) created the Master Exercise Practitioner Program (MEPP) in 1999 as a non-resident program administered by State Emergency Management Agencies (SEMAs) to recognize those individuals who have completed prescribed training and demonstrated, through hands-on application, a high degree of professionalism and capability in the arena of emergency management exercises. In 2004, EMI began offering this title certificate program in a resident series of courses at the National Emergency Training Center (NETC) in Emmitsburg, Maryland, to meet the needs of the post 911 emergency management exercise community.



The Master Exercise Practitioner Program is an 8 month process which is the final step of a two year HSEEP program that Emily has been enrolled in. The MEPP mission is to improve the capabilities of emergency management exercise personnel in exercise program management and in every phase of the overall exercise process. Through the improvement of the knowledge, skills, and abilities, both the quantity and quality of exercises conducted at the local, State, tribal, trust territory and Federal levels of government can be improved. The MEPP goal is to increase the capabilities of MEP Candidates in mastery of the essentials of exercise program management and the overall exercise process in accordance with the policy, doctrine, practices, and tools in the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP).

With this certification CUEA can offer additional guidance and support for our utility members in designing, developing, and evaluating exercises.

UPPER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT JOINS CUEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CUEA would like to welcome The Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District to the membership and the water/wastewater committee. The Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (Upper District) provides supplemental drinking water to 21 water agencies in the San Gabriel Valley and serves a population of over 1 million customers.

The mission of the Upper District is to provide a reliable supply of high quality drinking water at the lowest possible cost, provide a drought-proof and economical supply of recycled water for industrial and irrigation uses, and provide and complete projects that aggressively advance water use efficiency throughout the San Gabriel Valley.

The Upper District will be represented on the CUEA Board by the General Manager, Mr. Shane Chapman. Mr. Chapman previously served as the Assistant Manager of Operations for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. His duties included the oversight of security and emergency management operations for MWD. This great addition of the Upper San Gabriel Valley Water District brings continued knowledge to the membership, committees and the Board of Directors



UPPER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

DWR AND CUEA JOIN FORCES TO SUPPORT THE UC BERKELEY RESIN PROJECT:

DWR (Sonny Fong) and CUEA (Don Boland) have been assisting UC Berkeley on very interesting and important research project that they're performing as part of a National Science Foundation project on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta called RESIN (Resilient and Sustainable Infrastructure Networks). The objective of RESIN is to develop methodologies and curricula for 21st century engineering involving multiple, interdependent critical infrastructures. It focuses this "challenge" on the interdependent, interconnected and interactive critical infrastructure systems of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Region.



Over the span of nearly two years with a tabletop exercise being conducted in mid 2010, which CUEA members participated in, the RESIN team has developed some preliminary reports and products. Of special significance is the development of new engineering courses that is being offered by UC Berkeley for this new 2011 semester. We were given the honor of developing the course projects for the new CE268K course and provided input and guidance on 2 other listed courses. Much of the input and guidance was based on knowledge and information Sonny Fong was privileged to have gained through years of working with many CUEA utilities and state agencies.

CUEA UTILITY MEMBER'S PARTICIPATE IN SOUTHERN CAL PLAN SPECIALIZED BRIEFING

A specialized briefing, hosted by Southern California Edison, was presented to the utility members of the California Utility Emergency Association on February 10th. Our members have spent the last two years in providing input to the Southern California Catastrophic Earthquake Plan development and two critical task forces. The plan includes private and municipal entities repairing their infrastructure in the Cajon Pass and Southern California's Water System. This is the first of a kind partnership that brings federal assets to assist private and municipal utilities together in supporting and staging the restoration of utilities in the Cajon Pass area and supporting water conveyance. We are all aware how critical the Cajon Pass location is to utilities, the tremendous impact the loss would be to both the L.A. basin and extending east to Barstow and Las

Vegas and the importance of the supporting assistance from our membership. FEMA committed to bringing DOT and USACE to the table, as well as other federal partners that can help facilitate the rapid repair of this critical infrastructure. We all are also aware the impact the loss of water/wastewater would be in this type of disaster to entire State of California.



The ultimate goal of our task force groups were to provide an execution checklist specific to access and protection of private and municipal teams, and the associated resources and tasks the Federal Government needed to pre-plan to assist these groups. On December 14, 2010 at 10:00 AM the Southern Catastrophic Earthquake Response Plan was signed by both FEMA and Cal EMA.

This plan contains both a Public (redacted of sensitive information) version and the Sensitive FOUO version. The briefing to all the members who contributed to these task groups included more detailed information than the public version contains. This is the first of a kind partnership that brings federal assets to assist private and municipal utilities together and something to be very proud of.

CUEA TELECOM MEMBERS SUPPORT JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

In response to the 8.9 magnitude earthquake that shook CUEA members leaned forward in response efforts, the telecommunications member specifically.

In the wake of the 8.9 magnitude earthquake that hit Japan, Sprint waived text-message fees for Sprint customers who sent mobile donations to a number of short codes and organizations participating in the relief and recovery efforts; including American Red Cross, Convoy of Hope, Inc., and the Salvation Army.

AT&T implemented international calling and texting support efforts for U.S. residential wireless and wireline consumers trying to connect with loved ones in Japan, following the tragic earthquake and tsunami. Customers received no charges for up to 60 minutes of call time from the United States to Japan between March 11 and March 31.

“We want to help our customers connect with loved ones in Japan in any way we can,” said Mark Collins, senior vice president-Voice and Data Products. “Connecting with family and friends is most important at times like this - we want to make it as easy and worry free as possible for our customers.”

Verizon Wireless support Earthquake Relief through free calling to Japan through April 10th and retroactive to March 11th. Free calling included voice calls, text messages and MMS. Verizon landline customers also received free calling to Japan from their landline phones for the same period of time.

These efforts were amongst many to assist in the disaster response in Japan. CUEA is proud of all of the members who participated in these efforts.



**NEXT BOARD OF
DIRECTORS MEETING**

June 8, 2011

9:00 am - 12:30 pm

location:

Verizon Wireless
Irvine, CA

CUEA ANNUAL MEETING

**INTERPENDENCIES &
THE PART YOU PLAY**

JUNE 9, 2011

TOPICS TO INCLUDE:

SO. CAL CATASTROPHIC EQ PLAN,
STATE EMERGENCY PLAN, MUTUAL
ASSISTANCE, PS PREP, ARMY
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IMPACT AND MORE

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