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Upcoming Meetings

June 16th, 2015
3pm EST
Full Membership
Meeting

June 18th, 2015
3pm EST
Cyber Working Group
Meeting

July 16th, 2015
3pm EST
Cyber Working Group
Meeting

July 21st, 2015
3pm EST
Executive Committee
Meeting

August 18th, 2015
3pm EST
Full Membership
Meeting

August 20th, 2015
3pm EST
Cyber Working Group
Meeting

*If you are not on the invite list, email sec-tor.partnership@hq.dhs.gov.

Member Spotlight:

Alaska Partnership for Infrastructure Protection

What community does the Alaska Partnership of Infrastructure Protection serve?

APIP serves the entire State of Alaska. APIP membership is diverse as is our State's economy. We have local utility providers, regional health organizations, statewide logistics companies, national communications companies, and international energy companies. We also have local government representatives, state agencies, and federal civilian and military agencies. We also have several non-governmental organizations. Collectively, we serve the people and economy of Alaska, striving to protect critical infrastructure so that infrastructure owners and stakeholders can continue their missions under all conditions.



How and when was the Alaska Partnership of Infrastructure Protection formed?

The nucleus of what is now APIP started around 2005 with the military in Alaska working to improve the security and resilience of the supply lines crossing the fence lines to support the military missions. The State of Alaska joined and worked to expand the scope to the entire State and the movement of all goods and the provision of all essential services. APIP is a strong public/private organization and is co-chaired by the State of Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and a member of the private sector. The military continues to be a valuable member of APIP, but they no longer serve as co-chair.

What three words or phrases would you use to describe your partnership?

- Rooted in full understanding that we face many threats from nature, humans, and technology, and that help is often a long way away.
- Hardened and strengthened by experience gained by our history of disasters from earthquakes, severe weather, volcanoes, pandemics, and floods.
- Strengthened by our interdependencies across all sectors.

How has your partnership advanced critical infrastructure protection in your community?

We conduct vulnerability assessments that lead to better investments and greater resilience. We share information on how our companies and agencies rely on each other for success. We train each other on how our companies and agencies work in peacetime and during contingencies/disaster events. We exercise together against the full range of threats. We seek to understand all our interdependencies.

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Alaska Partnership for Infrastructure Protection continued...

How many members are currently in your partnership?

APIP currently has 260 individual members (roughly half from the private sector and half from the public sector), representing 84 different organizations.

What exciting or innovative partnership programs or initiatives are you currently involved with?

We are focusing on cyber threats and protective measures, employee preparedness, and handling multiple, concurrent threats. APIP also has a Cyber Coordination Group that meets monthly to discuss and share information on current threats and preventive measures.

What is an example of a critical infrastructure challenge your stakeholders have recently faced, and what resources were you able to provide?

Over the years, APIP has been operational during real world events. We faced disruptive volcanic ash while preparing for pandemic threat. We also swiftly analyzed the effects of a military aircraft crash on the only rail connection with the interior of the State. These issues tested APIP's communications and resulted in successful information sharing, analysis, and critical decision-making.

What is one of the biggest challenges that you face as a public-private partnership?

APIP is not an institution that is self-sustaining. It needs support, guidance, and strong leadership to guide this collaborative group, including open communication and critical information sharing between the public and private sector organizations. Information sharing and collaboration has greatly improved over the years; we must continue to foster these relationships and encourage open dialogue.

What are your future goals for your partnership?

We have begun an initiative to expand statewide to cover the entire 600,000 square miles of land, people, and economic interests. We have extended our reach to include partners from interior Alaska and SE Alaska; members from these areas participate in our monthly Anchorage sessions via VTC and teleconferencing. We plan to hold APIP sessions on an occasional basis in Fairbanks and Juneau, again utilizing VTC and teleconferencing capabilities in order to include all APIP members. We also plan to expand the participation of non-governmental organizations.

Who is your representative to RC3?

Our primary is Paul Valley, Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM), Emergency Management Planning Program Manager. Our alternate is Mike O'Hare, Director of DHS&EM.

How can RC3 members contact you?

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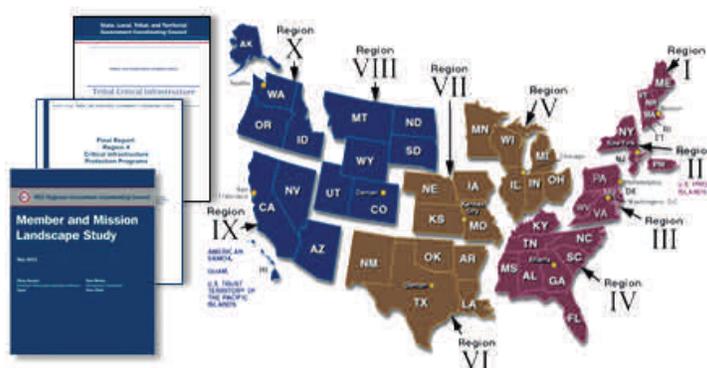
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Regional Overview of Critical Infrastructure Programs (2015-2016) Project

We are looking for public-private partnership critical infrastructure programs to participate in the Regional Overview of Critical Infrastructure Programs Project: [Regional Overview of Critical Infrastructure Programs Fact Sheet February 2015](#).

The [State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Government Coordinating Council](#) (SLTTGCC) and the [Regional Consortium Coordinating Council](#) (RC3) are collaborating on this project to document the current state of the critical infrastructure mission implementation across the Nation. The *Regional Overview of Critical Infrastructure Programs* (2015-2016) project will summarize SLTT and public-private partnership critical infrastructure programs' operational and budgetary changes over time; detail how programs are implementing critical infrastructure activities; and facilitate the sharing of information and best practices.

The results of this project are intended to drive implementation of national critical infrastructure goals and priorities, and spur action to improve and enhance regional and national resilience.



For more information and to participate, please contact sector.partnership@hq.dhs.gov.

Save the Date!

- Region III – June 23rd at 11:00 a.m. EDT
- Region IV – July 21st at 11:00 a.m. EDT
- Region VI – August 18th at 11:00 a.m. CDT
- Region VII – September 29nd at 11:00 a.m. CDT
- Region VIII – October 27th at 11:00 a.m. MDT
- Region IX – November 17th at 11:00 a.m. PST
- Region X – December 15th at 11:00 a.m. PST

The Power of Public-Private Partnerships—a Podcast Interview with the California Resiliency Alliance (CRA)

Listen to California Resiliency Alliance (CRA), Executive Director, Jim Turner, as he discusses the value of partnership between business and government, what is working, and what is not working well in this 40 minute podcast. Jim was interviewed by [Complete EM](#) prior to a CRA-led workshop in San Mateo County, CA. You can check it out here: [CRA and Complete EM Podcast](#).



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California's Drought—Preparing for a New Normal

By Jim Turner, Executive Director, California Resiliency Alliance

Since [the 2014 Drought State of Emergency Declaration](#), the situation in California has not improved and, in fact, the realities have begun to hit home.

Following the lowest Sierra snowpack ever recorded for California, Governor Brown has, for the first time ever, declared [mandatory water restrictions](#). The restrictions affect private citizens as well as agricultural water users and water districts that will be required to report water usage to regulating agencies, both large and small, to allow for greater enforcement of water restrictions.



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Those restrictions include:

- Cities and towns across the CA must reduce water consumption by 25%
- 50 million square feet of lawns across the state are to be replaced with drought tolerant landscaping
- Temporary rebate program for consumers to replace old appliances with more water and energy efficient models
- Campuses, golf courses, cemeteries, and others must significantly decrease water use for landscaping
- New homes and developments are prohibited from irrigating with potable water unless using a drip irrigation systems
- A ban on watering ornamental grass on public medians.

The drought's effect on California's agriculture industry is not just a local problem, but one that will ripple nationwide. California produces nearly half of the fruits, nuts and vegetables grown in the United States and nearly one-quarter of the nation's milk and cream. From 2014-2016, the state's agriculture industry is expected to lose \$4billion with a loss of over 17,000 part-time and seasonal farm jobs.

Here are some resources that may be helpful in communicating about the drought and conservation:

- [Jay Famiglietti](#), Hydrologist for U. C. Irvine and Senior Scientist with NASA Jet Propulsion Lab has been sounding the clarion call about the drought for years. [His conversation in March with Bill Maher on HBO's Real Time](#) is one of the best explanations yet.
- [Disaster loans are available](#) for business affected by the drought in certain areas of California.
- A public information portal has also been set up to provide water conservation tips and guidance - www.saveourh2o.org
- Be sure to check-in to [the Cal OES Newsroom](#) for regular news about the drought. Contact your local water agency for any measures they may be taking and information for your employees and neighbors.