

MINUTES
Nevada State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)

Legislative Committee Meeting

Friday, December 19, 2014 – 9:00am

*State Emergency Response Commission
107 Jacobsen Way, Small Meeting Room
Carson City, NV*

Members Present

Jim Reagan, Chair
Susan Crowley*
Paul Enos
Stacey Giomi

Members Absent

Staff

Karen Pabón
Tami Beauregard
Nathan Hastings

Guests

Peter Mulvihill

**Teleconferenced*

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jim Reagan called the meeting to order at 9:05am.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Members, staff, and guests introduced themselves as shown above. A quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Reagan called for public comment. There was none.

4. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 13, 2010 MINUTES

Stacey Giomi made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2010 Legislative Committee meeting. Paul Enos seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

5. REVIEW OF BILL DRAFT REQUEST (BDR) SUBMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (DEM)

Mr. Reagan noted this agenda item is to develop a letter of support for the Mutual Aid BDR submitted by the DEM. The letter is to include addressee, opening statement, background, benefits and conclusion.

Mr. Enos stated the BDR is likely to go to the Government Affairs Committee and Finance Ways and Means Committee.

Mr. Reagan noted the opening statement needs to include the SERC's support of mutual aid within the state of Nevada.

Mr. Reagan stated since not all Legislators are familiar with the SERC, background of the SERC should be included. Mr. Enos noted the background should consist of the SERC's mission statement, grants awarded, how grants are funded and the SERC's responsibility to the LEPCs.

Mr. Reagan noted the benefits are important to the SERC because the rural jurisdictions need the mutual aid. Ms. Crowley noted this mutual aid being voluntary is also important in addition to providing legal protection. Peter Mulvihill stated it also provides statutory authority to extend or to receive assistance from other agencies. Mr. Giomi noted there are many agencies that do not have mutual aid agreements right now and this document gives them the ability to get assistance from anyone in the state.

A discussion ensued with regards to what the mutual aid encompasses.

Mr. Enos also noted incidents from the past should also be part of the background.

Mr. Reagan summed up the information in the letter with the addressees being Assemblyman Paul Anderson with the Ways and Means Committee, Assemblyman John Ellison with the Government Affairs Committee, Senator Pete Goicoechea with the Finance Committee and Senator Ben Keickhefer with the Finance Committee. Mr. Reagan added the opening statement will be in support of the intrastate mutual aid and why the SERC will support it. Mr. Reagan stated the background will consist of SERC's role, grants awarded, how the SERC is funded and its responsibility to the LEPCs and their training. Mr. Reagan also stated the benefits will include issues with rural communities and jurisdictions, limited resources, mutual aid being voluntary, cross jurisdictional training, addresses all disciplines within a jurisdiction, provides legal protections, statutory authority and examples of situations in the past where this mutual aid would have been beneficial. Mr. Giomi also noted special districts should be part of the benefits. Mr. Reagan noted the conclusion is the unanimous support from the SERC and signed by co-chairs.

A discussion ensued as to what will be provided at the SERC meeting in January.

Mr. Giomi noted the addressee names are not as important as the body of the letter.

Mr. Giomi made a motion to authorize the Legislative Committee Chair to work with individual Legislative Committee members to draft a letter of support for BDR 36-391 for SERC approval at the January 08, 2015 meeting. Ms. Crowley seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Reagan called for public comment. There was none.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Enos made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:43am. Ms. Crowley seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.