

Minutes

Nevada State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)

Third Quarter Meeting

Thursday, July 14, 2016 – 9:00am

Videoconference

Carson City

Nevada Legislative Counsel
Bureau
Room 3138
401 South Carson St
Carson City, NV

Las Vegas

Grant Sawyer
Building
Room 4401
555 E. Washington Ave
Las Vegas, NV

Elko

Great Basin College
Chilton Circle Modular
Modular Conference Room
1029 Chilton Circle
Elko, NV

Members Present

Pete Mulvihill
Richard Brenner
Jon Bakkedahl
Susan Crowley
Chris Collins
Robert Fash
Matthew Griego
Clinton Hays
Karen Luna
Jon Helmreich
Karen Luna
Rest Malicdem
P.K. O'Neill
Jim Reagan
Eric Santos
Ryan Sommers
Kelly Thomas

Members Absent

Tom Burns
Caleb Cage
Paul Enos
Stacey Giomi
Mark Manendo

Staff

Stephanie Parker
Nathan Hastings
Denise Uber

Guests

Don Alt
Lance Chantler
Cherie Nevin
Hal Dawson
Michael Pickern
Dennis Noland
Crystal Harjo
T. Hughes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Mulvihill called the meeting to order at 9:01am.

2. ROLL CALL, CONFIRM QUORUM, AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Mulvihill called for public comment, none was heard.

4. INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSION MEMBER

Chris Collins shared he is a retired police officer from Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, SWAT team member, former Executive Director of the Las Vegas Police Protection Association and PERS board member. Also Kelly Thomas, Staff II Associate Engineer, Bureau of Air Pollution, from Nevada Division of Environmental Protection was introduced.

5. APPROVAL OF April 14, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Crowley motioned to approve the April 14, 2016 minutes, Mr. Reagan seconded, motion approved unanimously.

6. LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC) UPDATES

Dan Allred reported that Elko responders have been working on fire suppression activities.

Keith Logan reported Eureka County has been working on wildfire suppression activities and preparing for their radio tower installation.

Richard Brenner reported Clark County is working on end of the year reports, updating hazmat plan, working on various exercises including a virtual tabletop exercises involving Chlorine with FEMA.

Clinton Hayes reported that Washoe County wanted to thank SERC for their support so they can have Hazmat exercises

Cherie Nevin reported Storey County will be having their Quad County Hazmat exercise with AZZ Galvanizing on October 15.

Don Alt reported Lyon County has over allocated the water basin with the Silver Springs Parkway growth.

Crystal Harjo from ITERC reported that Dan Hourihan met with EPA Region 9 and they are working with the tribes on their training and exercises.

7. NON-STATE AGENCY UPDATES

- a. Bill Jones from the U.S. EPA Region 9 – gave a presentation on Emergency Prevention and Preparedness, items presented and discussed were as follows:
 - EPCRA 30th Anniversary
 - Nevada Ammonia Safety Day
 - EO 13650 Region 9 Work Group
 - Western States SERC Meeting
 - Proposed Amendments to RMP Regulations
 - CAMEO Upgrades, Online Training
- b. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) No updates from FEMA were reported. Ms. Parker mentioned FEMA is providing \$10,000 in support for FireShowsWest™.

8. STATE AGENCY UPDATES

- a. Bill Thompson from the Nevada Department of Transportation was unable to attend this meeting; he plans on giving an update on the Nevada commodity flow study at our next meeting in October.
- b. Chief Caleb Cage from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management (DEM) was unable to attend; Chief Mulvihill reported no new updates at this time.
- c. Chief Peter Mulvihill, Nevada State Fire Marshal Division (SFM) reported there has been a lot of construction in the rural counties, which is good for the State overall.
- d. Hal Dawson from Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) reported he had finished updating the State of Nevada Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan and it is in review. Also he has been working on the State Comprehensive Emergency Response Plan. Mr. Dawson reported working with LEPC's on the Humboldt River corridor. NDEP will participate in the Vigilant Guard exercise in November. Ms. Parker inquired about the new online spill reporting, Mr. Dawson said it is approximately a month out.
- e. Resty Malicdem from Nevada Division of Industrial Relations, OSHA Unit, reported there were no new updates.

- f. Jon Bakkedahl from Nevada Radiation Control Program reported working with several agencies teaching radiation response and awareness classes to the Air National Guard and Northern Command Highway Patrol. Also working at the Washoe Emergency Operations Center conducting a SERC funded Hazmat IQ training with a table top exercise. Currently he is working on developing a permanent cover for the Beatty Nevada low level waste site.

9. SERC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Ms. Parker reported there were no compliance issues from the LEPC's or State agencies for the SERC Grant applications.
- b. Mr. Mulvihill reported that the Funding Committee had reviewed the FY 2017 SERC grant applications and recommended for approval: Carson City, Churchill County, Clark County, Douglas County, Elko County, Esmeralda County, Eureka County, Lander County, Lincoln County, Lyon County, Mineral County, Nye County, Pershing County, Storey County, Washoe County, White Pine County and DPS State Fire Marshal Division Training Bureau. Ms. Crowley motioned to approve the SERC grant applications submitted by the agencies for FY17. Mr. Reagan seconded the motion. Mr. Brenner explained the grant to the Commission. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Mr. Mulvihill reported that the Funding Committee had reviewed the FY 2017 United We Stand (UWS) grant applications and recommended for approval: Carson City, Churchill County, Clark County, Douglas County, Elko County, Esmeralda County, Eureka County, Lander County, Lincoln County, Lyon County, Mineral County, Nye County, Pershing County, Storey County, Washoe County, Legislative Counsel Bureau, and Supreme Court. Ms. Crowley motioned to approve the UWS grant applications for FY17; knowing White Pine was not included. Mr. Helmreich seconded. Mr. Brenner explained the grant to the Commission. Motion carried.

White Pine County's grant application was not recommended by the Funding Committee due to a need for a better explanation of how they would use the grant to address terrorism. Mr. Reagan motioned to approve White Pine County with contingencies met within 45 days and subject to Funding Committee meeting to determine approval. Ms. Crowley seconded. Motion carried.

- d. Ms. Parker reported on FireShowsWest™ funding for this year. All HMEP funds were obligated, leaving less than needed for LEPC participation for FSW™. There will be some de-obligated grant funds, but totals are not in yet. FEMA has committed to provide support in the amount of \$10,000 for registrations. There will be a need of up to \$70,000 from SERC funds for participation. Mr. Helmreich motioned to approve up to \$70,000 to fund FSW™ for LEPC participation. Mr. Bakkedahl seconded. Motion carried.
- e. SERC Bylaws were revised by the SERC Bylaws Committee, which clarified the membership. Mr. Brenner motioned to approve the revisions, Ms. Crowley seconded. Motion carried.
- f. Chief Peter Mulvihill reported that FireShowsWest™ Hazardous Materials Training Track has a brochure on the website with classes listed.

10. UPDATE ON Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 459 REVISIONS

Chief Peter Mulvihill reported on proposed revisions to NAC 459 and the public workshop which needs to take place to go over them for their approval.

11. REPORT FROM SERC CO-CHAIR MR. BRENNER ON NASTTPO CONFERENCE

Mr. Brenner reported on the NASTTPO 2016 Annual Spring Conference in Omaha. The highlights of the conference were the review of the HMEP Expenditure Guide, the HMEP Training Observations: two of which occurred in White Pine County and Elko County, a Tribal presentation, HMEP grant changes as well as a presentation from the Chemical Safety Board.

12. DISCUSSION ON SERC OCTOBER 2016 QUARTERLY MEETING CHANGE

The Commission approved the proposed change in the quarterly meeting date from October 13th to October 5th to coincide with FireShowsWest™.

13. REPORT ON US DOT/PHMSA/HMEP GRANT

Ms. Parker reported on the application changes to the US DOT/PHMSA/HMEP grants. Last December a survey was sent out to obtain the HMEP activities LEPC's and State agencies desired. A couple items were sent in and submitted. US DOT/PHMSA needed more detail for year one. Going forward we were advised that information will be needed for the next fiscal year no later than February of each proceeding program period. After meeting with the Funding Committee SERC sent out a survey and received great feedback. Beginning in

February 2017, we need to provide all the activities we would like to have in our HMEP grant program period beginning September 30, 2017 through September 2018. We need to keep our state grants separate from our federal awards. The three funding sources, UWS, SERC and HMEP, have very specific requirements. We hope to put the applications out in the beginning of October, so we can submit in mid-February. It is an administrative issue, but we want to make it work for everyone.

14. EXECUTIVE REPORT

Ms. Parker reported on Budget activities occurring since the last SERC quarterly meeting, future activities and LEPC compliance issues.

- a. There was a SERC budget handout for all to review. The current HMEP grant report runs through September with an extension for FSW of October 31. The HMEP final report is still being worked on for the other activities. Toxic Release Inventory invoices will be sent out July 22, 2016. USDOT/PHMSA will be conducting a SERC technical visit/audit on August 18 and 19. Please look at the survey about the new grant submission schedule and give SERC your opinions.
- b. SERC staff will be contacting LEPC's very soon to begin scheduling monitoring visits.

15. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Mulvihill called for public comment; he thanked Mr. O'Neill for the use of the Legislative facility. Mr. Brenner commented that the USDOT facility in Las Vegas is also a great facility. He also asked if Mr. Mulvihill was retiring, he said yes, in September. Mr. Brenner asked about the process of conducting evaluations for the executive director. Mr. Mulvihill reminded Mr. Brenner that the State Fire Marshal handles all administrative requirements for SERC staff. Ms. Parker added that she has always welcomed direct feedback and still encourages Commissioners and LEPCs to reach out if they have questions or concerns.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Brenner motioned for adjournment at 11:05am. Mr. Hayes seconded. Motion carried.