

# Minutes

## Nevada State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)

### Second Quarter Meeting

Thursday, April 14, 2016 – 9:00am

#### Videoconference

##### Carson City

NV Department of Transportation  
Hot Springs Room 112  
1301 Old Hot Springs Road  
Carson City, NV

##### Las Vegas

NV Department of Transportation  
Building A Conference Room  
123 East Washington Avenue  
Las Vegas, NV

##### Elko

NV Department of Transportation  
Training Room  
1951 Idaho Street  
Elko, NV

##### Members Present

Richard Brenner, Co-Chair  
Kelly Thomas  
P.K. O'Neill  
Mark Manendo  
Robert Fash  
Ryan Sommers

Tom Burns

Jon Bakkedahl

Karen Luna

Resty Malicdem

Peter Mulvihill, Co-Chair

Jim Reagan

Eric Santos

Susan Crowley

##### Members Absent

Paul Enos

Stacey Giomi

Caleb Cage

Clinton Hayes

Matthew Griego

John Helmreich

Stephanie Parker

##### Staff

Denise Uber

Nathan Hastings,

DAG

Gwen Barrett

##### Guests

Charles Sparke

Scott Baker

Tom Dunkelman

Hal Dawson

Dennis Norman

Aaron Kenneston

Cherie Nevin

Rodney Lockett

Dan Allred

Tracy Moore

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Mr. Mulvihill called the meeting to order at 9:02am.
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. There was none.

### **4. INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSION MEMBERS**

Mr. Mulvihill introduced the two newly appointed commissioners: John Bakkedahl, Supervisor from the Nevada Radiation Control Program and Kelly Thomas from NDEP, Chemical Accident Prevention Program.

### **5. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 14, 2016 MEETING MINUTES**

Jim Reagan motioned to approve the January 14, 2016, SERC Second Quarter meeting minutes, Ms. Crowley seconded which was approved unanimously. Mr. Mulvihill introduced Denise Uber, the newest SERC staff member, to the Commission.

### **6. LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC) UPDATES**

Dan Allred reported Elko LEPC had a tabletop exercise, a 4-hour first responder's drill and multiple hazmat scenarios.

Richard Brenner reported Clark County LEPC is planning to do a Geographical Information System (GIS) tabletop exercise in June.

Tracy Moore reported the Washoe LEPC's executive and membership meeting will be next week.

Cherie Nevin reported Storey County had a quarterly meeting yesterday with Rodney Lockett in attendance from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) sharing some good information.

Charles Sparke reported Pershing County had their LEPC meeting last week and are looking forward to the UWS grant coming out.

No other LEPC's reporting.

### **7. NON-STATE AGENCY UPDATES**

- a. Tom Dunkelman, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), gave a presentation on behalf of Bill Jones who was out of town. Mr. Dunkelman spoke about the three year anniversary of the fertilizer plant explosion in West Texas. Hal Dawson and Mr. Dunkelman are headed to Elko to meet with LEPC's to discuss a geographic response plan centered around the Humboldt River. In June the EPA, the Nevada Radiation Control Program

and NDEP will meet in Las Vegas to discuss the radiation response teams' efforts and meet the new manager.

- b. Rodney Lockett from the Department of Homeland Security, contact number is 202-841-2065, shared to DHS is continuing to strengthen security at the Nations' high-risk chemical facilities through the Chemical Facility Anti-terrorism Standards (CFATS) program, 6 C.F.R. Part 27

## **8. STATE AGENCY UPDATES**

- a. Bill Thompson from Nevada Department of Transportation was unable to make it to this meeting so SERC will ask him to give an update on the Nevada commodity flow study at the next quarterly meeting.
- b. Chief Caleb Cage from Nevada Division of Emergency Management (DEM) was unable to attend and gave Mr. Mulvihill some points to discuss. DEM is developing a new action plan for Strategic Planning and working on capacity building to facilitate the funding process for the 6.6 million dollars in DHS's federal grant program. Lastly, DEM is partnering with the National Guard and Clark County to do a full scale earthquake scenario with a mass migration exercise later this year.
- c. Chief Peter Mulvihill advised that the State Fire Marshals' Division has two new hires Denise Uber and Roland Gerhart and now is in full compliment. Budget preparations are in full swing. Overall the entire state is at a strong building and permit activity level with an increase in licensing. Ms. Crowley asked who SERC staff works for. Mr. Mulvihill clarified that SERC Commission does not employ SERC staff, the Division provides all staff support to the Commission through the approved budget.
- d. Kelly Thomas from the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection had no news to report.
- e. Resty Malicdem from the Nevada Division of Industrial Relations Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) had no news to report.
- f. Jon Bakkedahl spoke on the Nevada Radiation Control Program having finished first responder training in Nye and Clark counties. They will now be moving their focus to eastern and rural counties such as Lincoln, Elko and White Pine. A technical advisory team will be doing an assessment on training and equipment related to the Beatty incident. Members from the Desert Research Institute (DRI), NDEP, Hydrologists, and the United States Geological Survey (USGS) make up the team.

## **9. SERC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Richard Brenner shared that the Funding Committee will be meeting April 22 to review the FY 2017 SERC Grant Applications submitted by LEPCs and State Agencies, they were unable to meet prior to this SERC Commission meeting. Mr. Mulvihill brought up his concerns that the State Fire Marshal's application for advance funding of FireShowsWest™ Hazardous Materials Training needs to be approved and paid very soon. Mr. Brenner agreed that the SERC Commissioners may need to meet before July, and Mr. Mulvihill suggested a telephone meeting.
- b. Richard Brenner said the Planning and Training Subcommittee will meet April 20<sup>th</sup> to review the Compliance Reports from the Subcommittee's February 18, 2016 meeting. They were unable to meet prior to this SERC Commission meeting.
- c. Stacey Giomi was not present and Mr. Mulvihill reported he attended the Bylaws Committee in March and the Committee reviewed the LEPC's bylaws, all were approved, and the missing counties paperwork had all been received and were in order per Denise Uber. A future Bylaws meeting is needed to look at the SERC Bylaws.
- d. Mr. Brenner said the FireShowsWest™ committee had not met this year. Mr. Mulvihill reported the FireShowsWest™ has revamped its program. Attendees wanted to acquire credits from the program and asked for new skills to be added, like hazmat awareness. Overall it is going to be improved and have some new and fresh presentations as their attendance is growing. Joanne Hill has offered use of the facilities for the next SERC meeting at the show.

## **10. REVIEW "UNITED WE STAND" FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

Mr. Brenner said the Funding committee had met in January and wanted to go ahead with the United We Stand license plate grant in the amount of \$25,000 dollars. Mr. Mulvihill said he and Chief Cage are committed to the staff being able to work on this grant. Ms. Crowley said the grant application package was already put together and should be easy to do. Mr. Hastings said action would be needed for this to be offered with the amount stated. Ms. Crowley motioned to renew the United We Stand grant program in the amount of \$25,000.00 per applicant. Mr. Reagan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**11. REPORT FROM SERC CO-CHAIR MR. BRENNER AND MS. PARKER ON THE WESTERN STATES SERC CONFERENCE**

Mr. Brenner spoke that he attended the Western States SERC Conference facilitated by US EPA, in San Diego along with Ms. Parker, Kelly Barratti and Dan Hourihan. Regions 8, 9 and 10 were represented. Activities such as roundtable discussions and information sharing were very productive. So much so that it will become an annual conference, the next one to be held in Denver, Colorado. SERC may want look into funds available to send staff again next year as it was overall very successful and well attended.

Rodney Lockett also shared it was a very productive conference with 13 or 14 states in attendance.

**12. EXECUTIVE REPORT**

- a. Mr. Mulvihill reported that the Boards and Commissions office within the Governor's office wants to add four more commissioners to the 21 that SERC has now. NRS allows up to 25 but SERC bylaws do not detail that. So when the Bylaws committee meets they will take that on.

Kathy Mckeever and Rodney Lockett, DHS, Region 9 Chemical Security inspectors recently met with SERC staff and shared information.

Mr. Mulvihill said the Governor's Budget Guidance video is out. He gave an overview saying a fee database will be created to help educate how and where fees originate. Reserves will be looked at and if needed spent or returned. Five year strategic plans will also be looked at and agencies without plans will need to create one. In the case of low economic numbers, the FY17 SERC Flat budget and Plan "B" approach budget (5% reduced) will need to be turned in. SERC has a \$13,590 per fiscal year dollar amount.

Organization charts are requested too. Jim Dibasillio is working on the Highway fund budget for SERC, the cap is \$276,574. Ms. Crowley asked if the budget could be shared, Mr. Mulvihill said of course.

- b. Mr. Mulvihill said there were no reports on LEPC compliance issues occurring since the last SERC quarterly meeting. He or Ms. Parker would send out updates should any occur.

**13. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Mulvihill called for public comment, Ms. Crowley asked about the database which Mr. Mulvihill said was running well. There was a Request For Information (RFI) that had been put out by state contract managers and four companies showed interested. Danny Brennan from the SFM had been

resolving a lot of outstanding issues and installed an upgrade. Now the Hazmat database will take debit and credit cards. The State changed bank providers, and the Treasures office helped with the cost. Mr. Brenner asked about an evaluation for Ms. Parker, Mr. Mulvihill said SERC staff are classified employees of the state, not SERC Commission, so that would not be appropriate. Mr. Brenner said it was done for Ms. Pabon previously. Mr. Mulvihill said there were no evaluations in Ms. Pabon's file. Ms. Crowley commented that this had been done in the past and mentioned feedback on what will help the SERC administrator, Mr. Mulvihill asked Mr. Brenner to get together with him later to discuss that.

Mr. Dennis Nolan the new EMS Division Chief from the Reno Fire Department was introduced and spoke about his new position and plans for their LEPC.

#### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

Jim Reagan motioned to adjourns at 10:08am; Ryan Sommers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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