# Minutes

**Nevada State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)**

**Second Quarterly Meeting**

**Thursday, July 20, 2023 at 9:00am**

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# CALL TO ORDER

Richard Brenner called the meeting to order at 9:06am.

1. **ROLL CALL, CONFIRM QUORUM, AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Role was taken of members and a quorum was present.

**Members Present:**

Billy Samuels

David Sellen

Debra Dailey

Dennis Nolan, Co-Chair

Eric Santos

James Morgan

Jason Nicholl

Jon Bakkedahl

Karen Luna

Michael Mallner

Richard Brenner, Co-Chair

William Gardner

Nathan Hastings, DAG

Laurie Ginn, DAG

Brandilyn Baxter, SERC Administrator

**Guests:**

Brandi Salisbury

**Local LEPC Members Present:**

Billy Samuels – Clark County

Adam Wilson – Storey County

James Johnston – Elko County

Derek Bowman – Lincoln County

Patrick Lazenby – Nye County

Francisco Ceballos – Washoe County

Jeb Rowley—Eureka County

MeShell Young—Lander County

Patricia Brownfield—Esmerelda County

Taylor Allison—Lyon County

**Federal / State Agencies:**

William Gardner, NV OSHA

Kris Haines, FEMA

Michael Pickern, Nevada Legislative Police

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

1. **APPROVAL OF July 20, 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Santos made a motion to approve the April 13, 2023 SERC First Quarterly Meeting minutes. Mr. Nicholl seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

1. **NEW COMMISSION MEMBERS AND STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATES**

a. SERC Commissioners

No new SERC Commissioners

1. Committee Membership

Mrs. Baxter stated there were three individuals that want to be on the ByLaw committee. Michael Morton, Amanda Windes, and Kimberley Ferguson that were all approved.

1. **LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC) UPDATES**

Clark County – Billy Samuels advised they are in compliance with LEPC meetings. They also have weekly and bi-weekly meetings.

Esmeralda County – Patricia Brownfield advised they are compliant and had their quarterly meeting the night before and are working on this year’s compliance issues.

Eureka County – Jeb Rowley advised they are working on upcoming compliance items, and everything is going well.

Lander County – MeShell Young noted they didn’t meet for July, but they are meeting in August. She wanted to thank everyone on the SERC board that helped update their emergency operations plan.

Lincoln County – Derek Bowman stated they have had their quarterly meetings. In March they had a multi-agency emergency drill with the school district that went well. They are scheduled to work with county fire districts to get the county fire plan updated.

Lyon County- Taylor Allison advised they are compliant and LEPC is meeting monthly to work through regional hazard mitigation plan.

Nye County – Patrick Lazenby stated they are compliant with their meetings and are hosting low level radioactive waste stakeholders meeting on August 9th.

Storey County – Adam Wilson stated there is nothing new to report.

Washoe County – Francisco Ceballos stated they are compliant, and their next meeting is August 17th.

Trible-- SERC staff assisted the Paiute- Shoshone tribe in getting their TEIR II data from the Hazmat database for Churchill County. The information was used in a CAMEO class. (Computer-aided management of emergency operations.)

1. **NON-STATE AGENCY UPDATES**
   1. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) – Kris Haines

Mr. Haines noted they currently have declaration 4708 severe weather (winter storm, flooding, landslide, and mudslides) that covered many counties in Nevada. This event is in the recovery process. They are also working on hiring a FEMA integrated team member.

1. **STATE AGENCY UPDATES**
2. Nevada Highway Patrol Division (NHP) – Cpt. Anthony Munoz

Mr. Munoz has taken this position, but he did not attend this meeting. Nothing to report.

1. Nevada State Fire Marshal Division (SFM) – Nicole Hoekstra

She was not able to attend this meeting. Nothing to report.

1. Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) – Kelly Thomas

He did not attend this meeting. Nothing to report.

1. Nevada Division of Industrial Relations, OSHA Unit – William Gardner

Mr. Gardner stated Nevada OSHA has joined California OSHA, Oregon OSHA, and Washington OSHA in creating a PSM conference for the management of large volumes of chemicals. The purpose of the conference is to collaborate on technical resources and consolidate training resources among the four states.

1. Nevada Division of Emergency Management & Nevada Radiation Control Program – Jon Bakkedahl

Mr. Bakkedahl advised there have been major flooding the last couple days in Esmerelda County. The Chief is currently down there supporting the emergency managers. During the flooding events that have happened there has been multiple protentional for hazardous material releases and clean ups. They have received some assistance from the US EPA on removing an unknown 55- gallon drum away from the Yerington Paiute tribe.

He noted they have had three of the modified radiological transportation training classes in multiple counties through Nevada.

1. **SERC COMMITTEE REPORTS**
   1. **FUNDING COMMITTEE**
      * 1. **REVIEW OF SERC UWS GRANT APPLICATIOINS**

Mr. Brenner stated the funding committee put a recommendation in approving all the UWS Grant applications.

Mr. Nolan made a motion to approve the Funding Committee’s recommendations. Mr. Sellen seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

* + - 1. **REVIEW OF HMEP MID-CYCLE GRANT APPLICATIOIN**

Mr. Brenner advised Carson, Douglas, and Clark County have submitted their applications.

Ms. Baxter stated Clark County is contingent on them submitting supporting documents and going through HMEP for approval as well.

1. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**
   1. Status of filling the position of SERC Assistant

Ms. Baxter advised she did hire an applicant and just waiting for them to go through backgrounds.

* 1. NRS and NAC Status Updates

No updates on NRS or NACs.

* 1. LEPC’s that are out of compliance

No LEPC’s are out of compliance.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Brenner called for public comment.

Jon Bakkedahl stated that he is leaving the State and will be moving to the LEPC side within Carson City Emergency Management.

# ADJOURNMENT

# Mr. Nolan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:07am. Mr. Nicholl seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.