# Minutes

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

**Quarterly Meeting**

**Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 10:00am**

# CALL TO ORDER

Richard Brenner called the meeting to order at 10:03am.

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

Role was taken and a quorum was present.

**Members Present:**

Allison Genco

Debra Dailey

Dennis Noland, Co-Chair

Eric Santos

James Morgan

Karen Luna

Kelly Thomas

Kimberley Ferguson

Lance Chantler

Michael Morton

Nicole Hoekstra

Richard Brenner, Co-Chair

William Gardner

Laurie Ginn, DAG

Brandilyn Baxter, SERC Administrator

**Local LEPC Members Present:**

James Johnston – Elko County

**Federal / State Agencies:**

Nick LaFronz – NV OSHA

Nicole Hoekstra – NV SFM

Sean Stratton – NV SFM

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

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

Deb Dailey made a motion to approve the July 20, 2023, SERC meeting minutes. Eric Santos seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

1. **COMMISSION MEMBERS AND STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATES**
	1. SERC Commissioners

Mr. Brenner advised there have been no new commission members.

* 1. Committee Membership

Mr. Brenner advised there have been no new committee memberships.

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

Elko County – James Johnston spoke about the eclipse event they had. Nothing else to report.

Storey County – Jim Morgan stated they had their LEPC meeting on 10/11/23. A new emergency manager, Adam Wilson will be taking over from now on.

Tribal Nations – Lance Chantler stated NTEC was able to fill their open position with Mason Perizo. Next meeting for NTEC is on November 1, 2023. No other updates.

1. **FEDERAL AGENCY UPDATES**
	1. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – No report.
	2. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) – No report.
	3. U.S. Department of Homeland Security – (DHS) – No report.
2. **STATE AGENCY UPDATES**
3. Nevada State Police Highway Patrol Division (NHP) – No report.
4. Nevada State Police Fire Marshal Division (SFM) – Nicole Hoekstra and Sean Stratton.

Ms. Hoekstra stated that SFM training division has held various training classes around Nevada.

Mr. Brenner asked if there has been any hazmat training since July.

Mr. Stratton stated nothing has been put on by SFM in the office but are looking to do a class in January/ February.

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

Mr. Thomas stated he doesn’t have anything to report.

1. Nevada Division of Industrial Relations, OSHA Unit – Bill Gardner/ Nick LaFronz

Mr. LaFronz stated OSHA completed training with California OSHA and Oregon OSHA to inspect locations with threshold quantities of hazardous chemicals. Plan to coordinate with NDEP to ensure facilities comply with provisions.

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

Ms. Baxter stated that she has hired someone who is currently going through backgrounds.

* 1. Face to Face meetings

Ms. Baxter explained how she will need to do a Work Program to move money to be able to hold a face-to-face meeting and will get to work on that.

* 1. NRS and NAC status updates

Ms. Baxter noted there are no updates.

* 1. Grant Budget balances

Ms. Baxter stated SERC received $466,088.00 and still have $401,946.00 left for HMEP. The HMEP year 2 application is open. The initial allocation amount is $30,000.00.

* 1. Upcoming Grant Cycles

Ms. Baxter explained the OPTE grant will open in March. UWS will open in April. Funding committee meetings for OPTE will happen in May, UWS funding committee meetings will happen in June. SERC Quarterly in July.

1. **LEGACY FOAM CONCERNS**

Mr. Brenner stated he asked Jeffrey Kinder from NDEP to attend this meeting. Mr. Brenner discussed that (PFAS) which are Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl substances are in many items used in various materials such as frying pans, carpet, furniture, firefighting foams, etc. and are potentially very dangerous. There are various lawsuits trying to address this issue. NDEP and SERC will be working together to identify the firefighting foams that have PFAS in them so they can be properly disposed of. Right now, PFAS is not a regulated hazardous material, but we need to keep this on our radar because they are potential contaminants. Mr. Brenner is trying to reach out to the legislature to get involvement and funding.

Mr. Kinder explained that NDEP have a PFAS action plan that is just now being implemented. Its focus is currently on drinking water. NDEP wants to continue to be involved in this as it moves forward.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Brenner called for public comment.

Ms. Dailey stated that they have had several planning meetings and drills at the EMS training center. They recently had an active shooter drill that was very extensive. She wanted to make sure the committee was aware of the preparedness drills that were available.

# ADJOURNMENT

# Mr. Santos made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Chantler seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.