

Minutes

Nevada State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)

Fourth Quarterly Meeting November 8, 2017

1. **CALL TO ORDER (Non-Action Item)** Meeting was called to order at 9:02am
2. **ROLL CALL, CONFIRM QUORUM, AND INTRODUCTIONS (Non-Action Item)**
Present: Caleb Cage, Bart Chambers, Jon Bakkedahl, Peter Boffelli, Richard Brenner, Susan Crowley, Matthew Griego, Dennis Nolan, Eric Santos, Ryan Sommers, Kelly Thomas, Nathan Hastings; DAG, Christina Wilson; SERC Coordinator

Phoned In: Resty Malicdem, Karen Luna

Absent: Lance Chantler, Chris Collins, Stacey Giomi, Clinton Hayes, Andrew Weintraub.

Guests: Bill Jones, Rodney Locket, Scott Alquist, Larry Davis, Crystal Harjo, Tim Woolever, Patrick Hughes, Michael Heidemann, Joe Curtis, Peter Mulvihill, Bill Thompson
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Action Item)** – None at this time
4. **SERC ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE (Discussion)** – Chief Bart Chambers announced that there has been a Administrator for State Emergency Response Commission Office has been selected. Her name is Wendi Wyatt she comes from Department of Education with 16 years experience in grants. She has experience in dealing with 125-500 sub grantees. Bio will be sent out promptly after her first day November 13, 2017.
5. **COMMISSION MEMBERS UPDATES AND FILLING VACANCIES IN STANDING COMMITTEES (Discussion)** Richard Brenner advised that David Pectol from NV Energy has ended the commitment with the SERC; Caleb Cage stated he would reach out to NV Energy to see if there is a forwarding address for Mr. Pectol to send a Resignation letter. There was discussion from Chief Cage about reaching out about a new representative for SERC from NV Energy.
6. **APPROVAL OF JULY 27, 2017 MEETING MINUTES (Discussion/For Possible Action)** – Peter Boffelli motioned to approved these minutes with no amendments. Susan Crowley seconded the motion; there was no further discussion. All in favor of the motion to approve; Motion carries unanimously.
7. **WASHOE COUNTY GRANT DOCUMENTS (Discussion)** – Richard Brenner started this conversation with an overview of what occurred; Advising that

Washoe County has not turned in the financial documents on time and requested an overview to see if there was any way to assist in trying to recover these payments. Eric Santos asked the question of the amount of the payments that are being reviewed. Christina Wilson SERC Coordinator spoke up and advised that the FY17 UWS Grant payment that is being requested is for \$16,884.15 and the FY17 SERC OPTE Grant payment is \$27,565.72. She continued with informing the commission that Larry Davis and Aaron Kenneston were advised that this could potentially not be payed. During the process of working with Fiscal there was a lengthy process that could take over 6 months to even get an answer they requested this due to this "falling through cracks" due to change in personnel. Richard Brenner motioned to approve to go through state process for possibility of payment, Susan Crowley seconded. No further discussion on this topic; It passed unanimously. Washoe County thanked the SERC staff and continued with stating how appreciative they are for the help.

8. LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC) UPDATES (Non-Action Item) –

Clark- Richard Brenner gave an update for Clark County advising they have been very busy- Oct 1, 2017; the harvestfest shooting took place and they had their Emergency Operation Center on fully staffed. They are working with the Ammonia Safety day which will taking place March 27-28 2018.We continue to work with BMI (Basic Management Industry) doing tours and table top exercises. Planning in December another table top exercise. HICAP (Henderson Industrial Community Awareness Panel) - Plant managers and community leaders to discuss community issues next week (November 14 2018).

Douglas- No one in attendance to give update.

Elko- Jack Snyder and Matthew Griego have been gathering public information survey into boards by January 2018.Cameo class went well

Esmeralda- No updates from this county at this time

Humboldt- No updates from this county at this time

Lander- No updates from this county at this time

Lincoln- No updates from this county at this time

Lyon- No updates from this county at this time

Mineral- Patrick Hughes stating that the county is working to update the county emergency operation plan. They are getting training for committee Members due to being a lot of changes in personnel.

Nye- No updates from this county at this time

Pershing- No updates from this county at this time

Washoe- Scott Alquist Chair appreciative of the SERC, year brings new officer Larry Davis as Secretary Eric Millette is now treasurer. Speaking with Jon Bakkedahl we are planning to conduct a table top RAD(Radiatio), exercise in the future they will follow through with a full scale exercise and will form a committee with the county to get training. Richard Brenner confirmed they worked with PIO's and Governor's office to conduct a similar exercise in 2016. Scott Alquist requested information to be emailed to him about this exercise.

White Pine County- Tim Woolever stated that April they conducted a Hazmat drill with Lincoln Tribe, school district, 1st responders. They ordered a stay in place, closed roads. Nevada Highway Patrol and Department of Transportation to be on some LEPC seats. County Emergency Management ran PODS with flu vaccines. Full blown scenario with paramedics as dosers. Immunizers certified starting with 12 certified and ending with 20 Certified Immunizers. With Full scenario utilizing WebIZ the only hiccup is the access through the state as entering went to clinic instead of POD event Location which they fixed within 15 minutes. Tim Continued with his update sending a large thank you to Christina and the SERC office for working with the counties to ensure and even the rural counties were able to receive and utilize Grant award to FireShowsWest. Richard Brenner asked about the PODS exercise and asked if it was a Drive through. Tim answered that no it wasn't, should have had one; however had a health nurse who is retired, brought a retired health nurse from Lander to assist with immunizations. Dennis Nolan added to this topic that a drive through with EMS personnel to administer are required to have additional certifications. Dennis added that if Tim would like more information he is a phone call away.

Tribal- No updates from this county at this time

Storey- Joe Curtis gave an update that their county has been busy last week (1st week of November 2017) they started to look into industrial – Nothing major but they have had spills none the less. The county does have an exercise planned for spring with Tesla. The county is prepping for winter trying to stay on top of things.

9. NON-STATE AGENCY UPDATES (Non-Action Item) –

- a. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) - Bill Jones advised that their agency is actively engaging due to the fires in California. Work on it 7,000 Parcels; heard a containment date of November 15,2017. Mr. Jones continued with stating that forms will be required to submit for air releases when animal waste meet or exceed their reportable quantities with in a 24-hour period. Continuing that farms with animals operations that release certain amount of hazardous substances will be required to report on these air emissions as early as January 22, 2018. He continues Ammonia Safety Day to be in March 2018. Mr. Brenner to be there for presentation.

- b. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) - John Woytak wasn't able to make it to meeting due to be of assistance at the wildland fires in California
- c. U.S. Department of Homeland Security - (DHS) Rodney Lockett starting with sharing some information regarding CFATS its Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards. Nitromethane has been added to this chemical list. This chemical is vital from developing medications, to refrigeration for food supply. In the wrong hands it could have the potential of significant death or injuries. Using the example of the Oklahoma City Bombing we have to re-educate users. Mr. Lockett continued that 42 Gallons is magic number. If a facility has 42 gallons or more (400lbs) of Nitromethane (which was the chemical in IED for use in the Oklahoma city Murrah Federal Building); under the CFATS they are to report it to Department of Homeland Security. Mr. Lockett went on with the Chem engineering assessment 2.0. It's improved how facilities submit and identify whether they are Tier 1-4. We are trying to increase security across the US. 2nd year now have compliance inspections. Rodney added there is a whistleblowers hotline for employee to report NCF (non complaint facilities).

10. STATE AGENCY UPDATES (Non-Action Item) –

- a. Nevada Department of Transportation (DOT) – Bill Thompson- the commodity flow will include all modes of Commodity. Background going over; once all the info is collected then it will be submit to a consultant following they will follow a flow after the consultation of being reviewed by Stakeholders, then scheduling Meetings. Review Transportation routes discussing the different classes but in the final report will present to the SERC Commission. This will be a 12 month study period.

Nevada Division of Emergency Management (DEM) - Caleb Cage who provided the commission with a copy of the yearly report for FY16 giving overview of what was worked on throughout the Fiscal Year 2016. Jon Bakkedahl is training officer for state through DEM. There was various declared Emergency include coordination with tribal and other agencies. We have tried to include all hazards. Applying new technologies such as Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) in a way that better prepares the state's response capabilities to maximize emergency and disaster resiliency in the new Nevada. DPS having the role to oversee regulations with this, the annual report includes 2 pages total including public use of UAV/UAS.
- b. Nevada State Fire Marshal Division (SFM) – Bart Chambers started the update with informing it's been overwhelming and which reading up on policies SFM is noted as the backup for the EOC; started with participating in exercises. Along with the National Fire Code, SFM and SERC are looking at the Marijuana section 39 training with Fire Service and Extracting Oil making sure training is available in our area. The State Fire Marshal has enhanced its websites along with having a Public presence on social media with Twitter

and Facebook. Looking at possibly having one for SERC through the DPS PIO (public information officer). SERC is re-establishing transparency make sure we are doing the right thing while following the policies. Chief stated that he appreciated the patience with us while we work with the timeline and answering area of questions. SERC staff is here for the LEPC's. Will be updating website, will be hitting the road to state and LEPC's to meet face to face. Looking forward working with DPS Training Division with enhancing the distant learning with smart boards to help Teach Hazmat classes with the Academy classes. Hoping to close the gap and truly reflect the 1 team 1 fight with state agencies and regions.

- c. Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (DEP) – Kelly Thomas No updates from this agency at this time
- d. Nevada Division of Industrial Relations, OSHA Unit – Resty Malicdem No updates from this agency at this time
- e. Nevada Radiation Control Program – Jon Bakkedahl greeted all starting his updated with announcing that NHP had escorted a Category1 shipment across the State of Nevada. Training via roadshow will be in 2 sections. Washoe County having a tabletop and a full exercise then into Winnemucca for a week of training then headed to southern Nevada with RAD Response Training. NNSS (Nevada Nuclear Security Site) requested training. Washoe Triad coordination with multiple classes to lead up to exercise to include Nye, Lincoln, Mineral counties. Jon added that Salt Lake City in August was available now. DEM manages a grant to go to this, Salt Lake City has been the closest to make you RSO-Specialist

11. SERC COMMITTEE REPORTS (Discussion/For Possible Action only as noted below) – This item includes and addresses updated reports from the Committees listed below regarding activities occurring since the last SERC quarterly meeting and any future activities.

- a. **Legislative Committee & Policy Committee-** Led by Caleb we need to get a policy committee together to create a policy to use Contingency account. Recommend NAC Changes with admin. Dennis Nolan spoke up stating that he” got to the dance late” and have been “scrambling to get a friendly amendment” The owners of the bills don’t like adding it themselves. Finding a good sponsor. Finding one the earlier the better Mr. Nolan added. Susan Crowley added that little edits were made during the workup was so marked with different ink hard to tell start to end. Recommended starting over with language as of today. Nathan Hasting’s interjected to clarify that we were talking about the policy committee with NAC along with what Dennis was speaking about.

b. FUNDING COMMITTEE

I. REVIEW OF “UNITED WE STAND” GRANT APPLICATIONS

Susan Crowley Motioned to approve the Elko County UWS grant. Peter Boffelli seconded the motion to approve. There was no further discussion pertaining this item. All in favor this passed unanimously.

12. PRESENTATION FOR POSSIBLE NEW SUB-COMMITTEE FOR RADIATION Program.

– After reviewing the presentation from Jon Bakkendahl he stated that we spoke about last meeting. We have training to encompass the whole state. Now we have CONOPS in place to create sustainment documentation; if someone leaves it won't fall apart. To supply training across agencies to include prevention. Nathan Hastings spoke up to comment that other committees are related to grants, stating not understanding the vision what the function would be? Jon replied with this would be through SERC and other resources which would mandate certain exercises to make sure to meet Hazardous materials, no state agency to supply this. The hazmat falls under SERC and DEM Caleb stated that he was in favor of this committee and with Jon being a part of DEM he is very knowledgeable and has a great background. Nathan included a question if the authority for funding and review be the same as what we currently run? Susan Crowley inserted that it sounded like there are 2 different things we are speaking about. If they come to SERC would it be HMEP? Susan Crowley added that people would need training due to not having the experience. Nathan added that SERC has the facilitation to create a committee and once created then determines what sources it does or doesn't have. Susan added due to the element of both funding and planning would we have this as a stand alone? Adding that if the SERC members could get more information and hold this aside? Eric Santos adding that SERC have a larger capacity to these to administer these funds. Jon added that CONOPS have been developed would allow the commission to overview and regulate will provide details of who to call and who could help. Caleb Motion to create RAD committee a motion to appoint Jon with next meeting providing an overview of our mission Susan Crowley seconded the motion. All in favor passed unanimously.

13. 2018 EPA WESTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE SEATTLE, WA January 30-31, 2018 (Discussion for Possible Action) – Chief Caleb Cage made a motion to approve for SERC staff to travel to EPA conference in Seattle, Dennis Nolan seconded the motion is passed unanimously. Richard abstained from voting on this topic

15. PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Action Item) – Chief Bart Chambers brought up that the NAC Update need to get the ball rolling with this. Nathan suggests that new administrator contact at Legislation who was in support of the regulation and find out the time rules. Richard Brenner stated “we were told there no timeline once past a certain point”. Caleb asked to be reminded to work with Wendi on this topic.

16. **ADJOURNMENT (Discussion/For Possible Action)** Chief Caleb Cage motion to adjourn Susan Crowley Seconded the motion; all in favor passed unanimously

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