

**Nevada State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)  
Quarterly Meeting  
Thursday, February 11th, 2021  
9:30am**

**A. COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dennis Nolan  
Richard Brenner  
Augustine Farias  
Susan Crowley  
Jess Lankford  
Jon Bakkedahl  
Karen Luna  
Kelly Thomas  
Lance Chantler  
Ryan Sommers  
Debra Dailey  
Kimberly Ferguson  
David Sellen  
Sgt. Clay Madsen  
Christina Wilson, SERC Coordinator  
Brandi Salisbury, SERC Administrator

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Nathan Hastings  
Danny Brennan, State Fire Marshal  
Bill Jones, EPA  
Greg Bazley, EPA  
Marcie Stone, DHS

**1. CALL TO ORDER (Non-action Item)**

Christina Wilson called the meeting to order.

**2. ROLL, CONFIRM QUORUM AND INTRODUCTIONS (Non-action Item)**

Christina Wilson called roll and a quorum was confirmed.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-ACTION ITEM)**

Susan Crowley indicated that the agenda includes several items regarding LEPC compliance following the committee reports and questioned whether the money was related to 2020 money and if so, should the compliance discussions precede other agenda items.

Co-Chair Brenner informed the Committee that there was no need to move up the items as the items were agendized for updates but not for voting.

**4. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 18, 2020 MEETING MINUTES - (DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

Chair Nolan stated the Committee may review and approve, with or without changes or deny, these minutes of the November 18, 2020 Committee Meeting. Susan

**Crowley made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2020 meeting. Augustine Faria seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried.**

#### **5. NEW COMMISSION MEMBERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES UPDATES - (For Discussion/For Possible Action)**

Brandi Salisbury reported that Danny Brennan from the State Fire Marshall has submitted an application since he does the hazmat side of the fire marshal, and is awaiting approval.

There was discussion regarding an application from someone named Christopher. Jon Bakkedahl indicated that this person has retired.

Karen Luna asked for an update regarding her application for the Commission.

Brandi Salisbury indicated that she should be hearing from the Board regarding her application soon and that working from home has slowed the process, hence the long wait.

Co-Chair Brenner indicated that the Commission is working to get a representative from Tesla as a member, and that this is a work still in process.

Christina Wilson informed the Committee that the bylaws committee only has two active members and is short a Chair and asked if any members would like to volunteer for the bylaws committee.

#### **6. LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATES- (Non-Action Item)**

Carson City: Christina Wilson reported that Carson City LEPC submitted their compliance packet in January and is just waiting on approval of the compliance acceptance. Carson City's next LEPC meeting is scheduled for March 2nd and they will send SERC the draft minutes once completed.

Churchill County: Mike Heidemann explained that the last LEPC meeting was on January 28th and the compliance packet, with the exception of the minutes, was completed. The next meeting is scheduled for April 26. Churchill County is deeply involved in their combination vaccine/testing program, which alternates between five days a week one week and two days a week the next. Mr. Heidemann explained that a new testing facility is being built by the fairgrounds and expected to be completed within a couple of weeks. Mr. Heidemann further indicated that a meeting with the Bureau of Reclamation will take place in March to design a multi-jurisdictional tabletop exercise in regards to a breach of the Lahontan Dam. The exercise will involve the base, the county, the city, the tribe, and Truckee-Carson Irrigation District.

Clark County: Karen Taylor reported that Clark County submitted their compliance package at the end of January and that the next LEPC meeting is scheduled for the following Tuesday. Ms. Taylor further informed the Commission that the resources in Clark County and surrounding cities are currently taxed with running vaccination pods.

Douglas County: Chief Todd Carlini reported that the last LEPC meeting took place on December 11th with 15 members, during which the NRT1 checklist was completed along with the compliancy package, which was been sent. Chief Carlini reported that Douglas County is needing to update membership at each meeting and as such, that has been added as a standing item. Chief Carlini further indicated that a subcommittee was appointed for the various grants at the last meeting, and that the subcommittee met on January 29th. Chief Carlini reported that a countywide solicitation for proposals that would fit the various grant opportunities has gone out, has been vetted, and will likely be acted upon at the next quarterly meeting in March. Chief Carlini concluded his report by stating that COVID has been one of the main topics and LEPC is being included in that and in as much of the information flow as possible.

Elko County: Pat Anderson reported that at the last meeting on December 10th, Elko was able to approve all the items and that the packet was sent in and that Christina had confirmed receipt of the packet. Ms. Anderson further indicated that in January, Elko was able to get vaccinations to some of the outlying towns outside the Elko City area also has done a vaccination pod specifically at the senior center. A two-day vaccination pod was held at the Elko County Convention Center the last Friday and Saturday of January with the second-shot pod for those participants set for the 26th and 27th of February. Ms. Anderson informed the Committee that Matt Peterson is the new county emergency manager and LEPC chair as well as serving as interim fire chief since the former chief's retirement in the winter.

Eureka County: Joyce Jeppesen indicated that the last meeting was January 21st, at which time the packet was approved. Ms. Jeppesen indicated that the packet was sent out late due to her being out for two weeks with COVID. Ms. Jeppesen indicated that Eureka County's emergency management director, who is also the new LEPC chair, has been busy with the approximately 400 vaccines that have been distributed to residents throughout the valley, including Crescent Valley and Pine Valley.

Lander County: Meshell Prawitz, submitted an email indicating that the 2021 requirements have been completed, as well as a hazard mitigation plan requiring approval from Lander, Humboldt, and Pershing counties. Lander County is hoping to plan a tabletop for April and it will be included on the February LEPC agenda.

Lincoln County: Derek Bowman informed the Committee that the last quarterly LEPC meeting was on January 12 and the next one scheduled for April 13. The compliance packet was approved and submitted. Lincoln County continues to work with county health officials in running vaccination pods. Mr. Bowman explained that Lincoln County has had a good downturn in COVID, indicating only 19 current, active cases with a total of 322 since the beginning of the pandemic. Mr. Bowman further indicated that Lincoln County has updated its hazmat plan and will be starting the next LEPC meeting with a hazmat drill, potentially alongside the Lincoln County School District.

Mineral County: Patrick Hughes reported that the last LEPC meeting was on January 27th, at which time the packet was approved. Mr. Hughes was subsequently diagnosed with COVID and is still in the process of recovery, the result of which has delayed the relaying of the packet to SERC. Mr. Hughes indicated that the packet will be submitted by the following morning at latest. Mr. Hughes further indicated that a subcommittee was established for training and exercise within the county with the hopes of streamlining that process and holding an exercise in the April-May timeframe.

Nye County: Patrick Lazenby explained that the hazmat and bylaws subcommittees have reviewed and approved the hazmat plan and bylaws for the year, but due to lack of a quorum at the last meeting, the plans could not be voted for approval and thus have not yet been sent in as part of the compliance packet. Mr. Lazenby indicated that the membership committee is currently trying to review membership and stimulate more activity. Mr. Lazenby concluded his report by indicating that Nye County's next LEPC meeting is scheduled for May 5th.

Pershing County: Sean Burke indicated that the last quarterly LEPC meeting was held on January 13th, at which time all compliance-package items, including a complete rewrite of the hazmat plan was approved. Mr. Burke informed the Committee that a brief tabletop active-shooter exercise was held with the intent of holding a full-scale exercise later in the year. Mr. Burke indicated that approximately 10 percent of Pershing County's populace has been vaccinated against COVID, with the current limiting factor being vaccine availability.

Storey County: Christina Wilson presented the updates for Storey County, indicating that as of January 27th, Storey County has been almost completely absorbed in dealing with the COVID crisis. Ms. Wilson indicated that Storey County has been holding testing pods for several months in collaboration with the Carson City Health and Human Resources Quad County Health Coalition. Beginning in December, Storey County has also been holding vaccination pods. Ms. Wilson further reported on behalf of Storey County that 25 hand sanitation stations have been in front of the 12 businesses on each side of C Street in Virginia City, with the sanitizer having been distributed to the businesses themselves in order to keep the dispensers filled. Ms. Wilson explained that Storey County has had two spill reports, which involved: the spill of 2,400 gallons of water used during the drilling process in search for underground gold resources at Tona Gold; dispersal of residential water treatment equipment cleaning materials into open soil ditches. The latter is currently under review by the appropriate agencies. Ms. Wilson indicated that Storey County has invited members of Tesla, Panasonic, and the AUECC (Asia Union Electronic Chemical Corporation) to join in LEPC meetings. All required annual paperwork has been submitted to the SERC office. Storey County is starting the planning process for two, maybe three, hazmat exercises for 2021, all of which are involved with chemical operations that are currently in operation in the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center; at least one of these exercises will involve members from all four quad county hazardous materials response teams. All paperwork for 2020 training has been submitted under the COVID safety restrictions required by the governor. Ms. Wilson reported that there have been many changes to the reporting process to SERC that have created some additional time.

Washoe County: Kelly Echeverria indicated that the annual documentation was approved at the December 17 meeting and subsequently sent to SERC. Ms. Echeverria explained that the membership form was insufficient and thus a new one was filled out and is awaiting approval at the February 18 meeting.

White Pine County: Brett North indicated that the last meeting was held on January 19, following which, the compliance packet was submitted and received. The next meeting is scheduled for April 6, at which time a training exercise involving different agencies will be planned for May or June in order for White Pine County to meet compliance. Mr. North indicated that at last count, 1,760 vaccines have been distributed through the public

health nurse, the hospital, and a pharmacist.

## **7. NON-STATE AGENCY UPDATES (Non-Action Item)**

- A. Greg Bazley reported for US EPA, indicating that the Western States SERC Conference was held for its fifth year. Mr. Bazley explained that there are 14 states in the western US that get together to discuss issues and best practices at this full-day conference. Mr. Bazley informed the Committee that a tabletop was recently held in Arizona near Flagstaff, which tested the unified command in a transportation incident. Mr. Bazley further indicated that they are looking to partner with an LEPC in Nevada. Mr. Bazley indicated that if any LEPC has an ammonia facility or large propane storage, he would like to partner with them and facilitate an exercise using the premade tabletop injects. Mr. Bazley discussed a tribal workshop that is in development specifically for emergency response in hopes of being ready by mid-May.

Bill Jones added to update that there are other trainings available through on-scene coordinators, one on mercury spill training and another self-guided training. Mr. Jones further indicated the existence of an executive version of the importance of EPCRA and LEPC and suggested his hope that this sales pitch will be helpful in recruiting new members and spreading the word about EPCRA and LEPCs. Mr. Jones further discussed an overview CAMEO training that is a little under an hour and dovetails with the training Tom Bergman from Oklahoma does for CAMEO.

Co-Chair Richard Brenner explained how impressed he was with the training in Flagstaff that had been held by the Ammonia Safety Institute and recommended the training to the Committee.

- B. There was no representative from FEMA present.
- C. Marci Stone, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, described the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) program. Ms. Stone explained that the regulatory program is still in effect during COVID and that inspectors have been out in the field doing inspections. Ms. Stone indicated that personnel are available to assist facilities with identifying compensatory measures to secure critical assets or chemicals where needed in responses to changes in operating conditions during the pandemic.

Ms. Stone discussed that exploration has begun in how to incentivize chemical security through non-regulatory approach. Ms. Stone explained that the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) is concerned with the physical security of high-risk chemicals that could be weaponized by terrorists and indicated that only approximately 3,300 facilities are nationally regulated while tens of thousands of facilities have reported chemical holdings within the programs over the program's 13-year existence.

Ms. Stone indicated that a couple of fact sheets have been created such as: securing your chemicals before, during, and after a pandemic; an insight bulletin on enhancing chemical security during heightened geopolitical tension. These fact sheets are available on CISA.gov. Ms. Stone further indicated that the agency not only looks at chemical security, but also protective and cybersecurity and encouraged the Commissioners to reach out should they need any of those resources.

## **8. STATE AGENCY UPDATES (Non-Action Item)**

- A. Sergeant Clay Madsen, NHP, reported that Highway Patrol is still handling crashes, making traffic stops, and doing motor assists as well as doing the heavy lifting in hazmat situations. Sgt. Madsen indicated that NHP has stepped up inspection efforts on the hazmat carriers partially due to the time of year, but also to reinforce continued compliance with federal rules.

Sgt. Madsen reported crashes involving hazmat, the biggest recent one being on State Route 318 near Sunnyside, where three tractor trailers were involved in a fatal crash. Sgt. Madsen indicated that this particular crash involved a spill of approximately 8,000 gallons of diesel fuel. Two of the three units have been removed from scene, but the last unit is still at the crash site with a partial amount of diesel fuel still in it.

Co-Chair Brennan asked who paid for the incident with the diesel, the state contract or the shipper.

Sgt. Madsen indicated that because the incident was handled out of Northeast Command, he did not have that information but assumed it was likely the state as with the burning of the vehicle, the carrier would be difficult to identify.

- B. Danny Brennan, Nevada State Fire Marshal, explained that he is the person in charge of the hazardous materials database system. Mr. Brennan discussed changes incorporated with IDSi and Hazconnect: the State fee has been updated to \$150; the SERC fee/Tier II fee remained at \$60 and is now \$210 per year; there is a 12 percent penalty fee now for customers that didn't pay their fees by March 1<sup>st</sup> Annually, which Mr. Brennan explained is not compounded, it's monthly at \$18 per month until fees are paid; companies cannot go forward with paying for a hazmat permit until past-due fees are paid.

Mr. Brennan discussed BDR40-141 under AB97 that was brought forward by Assemblyman Watts, which requires the State Environmental Commission to establish water quality standards of fluid limitations and maximum permissible levels in public water systems requiring certificates of registration from the Division of Environmental Protection to store or dispose of certain Class B firefighting foams.

Co-Chair Nolan indicated that he and Co-Chair Brenner had discussed this and will bring it up under the legislative committee.

Mike Heidemann asked how the lack of the FEMA side is going to affect the rural communities for grants when it comes to NFIRS (National Fire Incident Reporting System) compliance.

Danny Brennan indicated that everything regarding NFIRS is currently at a standstill as many vendors who have not yet updated their system per FEMA standard are having issues getting NFIRS to upload. Mr. Brennan explained that he is currently holding off on the annual report to the governor's office and to FEMA so that the communities are able to receive their grants, and to his knowledge, the issues with the software will not present an issue in grant distribution.

Co-Chair Richard Brenner asked if Mr. Brennan had any awareness of hazmat training going on around the state.

Mr. Brennan indicated that at this time, he has no information regarding training but when he does have information he will pass it on to SERC.

Co-Chair Brenner indicated that providing this information at the next meeting would be fine.

- C. Kelly Thomas, NDEP, indicated that the division continues to work remotely and conduct inspections virtually to the best of their ability. As of December 31, the division completed all 55 facility inspections and found that 92 percent were in substantial compliance. Mr. Thomas indicated that there were no major accidents or releases having public impact reported last quarter. Mr. Thomas informed the Committee that in the final quarter of 2020, the division issued a permit to Air Liquide to construct a new hydrogen facility in Clark County. Mr. Thomas concluded his report by indicating that the tentative plans for onsite inspections to resume is July 1.
- D. Jess Lankford, OSHA, was unable to attend the meeting to provide a report.
- E. Jon Bakkedahl, NDEM, reported that for NDEM, COVID operation continues to take on approximately 99 percent of daily duties. Mr. Bakkedahl explained that vaccination is DEM's number-one goal, and that this effort is coordinated statewide through the three major rural and urban health districts and with the state for the remaining 11 counties. Mr. Bakkedahl indicated that DEM's training programs have been back up for several months. Mr. Bakkedahl explained that there are several restrictions in place, but there are several all-hazard classes, including: hazmat; operations safety; metal class; medical unit leader; and liaison officer. All the information is

available on DEM's website. Mr. Bakkedahl indicated that DEM is working on a transition plan to return to normal emergency management operations but cannot do so while the Stafford Act is in place, thus suggesting a potential date of 12/31/2021 as a transition back.

Mr. Bakkedahl indicated that on the radiological side, DEM continues to purchase equipment for replacement as things life cycle out, and the current purchase is primarily the Ludlum 26 series, which is a simple, easy instrument that is well incorporated into doing dose rate as well as contamination surveys. Mr. Bakkedahl indicated that on March 2, he will be doing an authorized user course for people, including DEM members, CST members, NHP members, and radiation control program members, that can be entrusted to check out DEM's sources and use them for training.

Mr. Bakkedahl indicated that the WIPP shipments across the I-80 corridor should again pick up circa March/April, dependent upon weather. Mr. Bakkedahl explained that there are three to five convoys consisting of two to three trucks scheduled along with NHP escorts until they leave Nevada.

Sgt. Clay Madsen asked if DEM intended to do recertifications again this year.

Jon Bakkedahl indicated that DEM is intending to do the recertification and is coordinating with Don Plowman to do so.

## **9. SERC COMMITTEE REPORTS (Discussion Only)**

- A. Legislative Committee - Co-Chair Nolan indicated that because the bill had just come to the attention of the Legislative Committee on Tuesday, there had not yet been opportunity to pull together a subcommittee. Mr. Nolan indicated that the legislative committee had, however, gone back through and looked at all the different bills that have been requested thus far. Mr. Nolan further explained that based on what he had seen, the bills in the BDR list did not appear to have a direct impact on SERC.

Mr. Nolan discussed AB97, which basically requires the State Environmental Commission to adopt different water quality criteria on Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) for when the ingredients in foam firefighting chemicals are used for runoff.

Co-Chair Brenner added that the bill includes discussion of adding these chemicals to the EPA's Tier 2 list of chemicals that require reportable quantities in the case of a spill. Mr. Brenner further indicated that more research is needed. Mr. Brenner explained to the Committee that these chemicals exist not only in firefighting foams, but also in things like Scotch Gard and Teflon-type materials.



Co-Chair Nolan brought SB14 to the attention of the Committee, a bill requiring DEM to write a guide to assist people in governmental entities to file certain response plans. Mr. Nolan summarized that the bill requires the PUC of Nevada to coordinate with DEM to compile annual lists for utility providers who provide electrical resources to do vulnerability assessments and submit emergency response plans.

Jon Bakkedahl, DEM, indicated that DEM's partners either sent letters of support or testified during the first hearing regarding SB14. Mr. Bakkedahl indicated that there was no negative testimony regarding this bill, that the rules are already in place but not good enough to meet the intention behind emergency management. Mr. Bakkedahl explained that DEM is required to get these plans from the utilities, and the only current definition for utility is what is in statute by the PUCN, which means only public utilities, presenting the issue that many of the public utilities in Nevada are privately owned. Mr. Bakkedahl indicated that the new verbiage in the bill allows DEM to utilize their partners, with whom they gather prior to the end of each fiscal year to create an updated list of the true critical infrastructure utilities in the state and then mandate that they send vulnerability assessments and their EOPs.

Co-Chair Brenner indicated that the PUC regulates the railroad, as well as the liquid and gaseous pipelines and asked if energy was represented as well.

Jon Bakkedahl explained that PHMSA from US DOT is the regulator of the pipelines and that in the state of Nevada, the Department of Agriculture regulates the materials inside of the pipelines. Mr. Bakkedahl indicated that DEM has discussed engaging the Department of Agriculture and get their input and support prior to the next legislative cycle so that there is no negative testimony when they are added to this particular statute in legislative cycle 2023.

- B. Policy Committee - Co-Chair Brenner indicated that this subcommittee is looking to schedule a meeting because there are new policies being worked on that require a coordinated meeting in the near future. Moreover, Mr. Brenner indicated that there are other policies that need to be studied by this committee as well. Mr. Brenner requested that anyone interested in joining the policy committee should reach out to Christina and Brandi as the policy committee drives SERC in setting up deadlines and times when things need to be turned in as well as grant dollars.

Christina Wilson added that there is no experience needed in policy writing in order to join this committee.

- C. Planning and Training Subcommittee - Christina Wilson indicated on the record that Kelly Echevarria will be replacing Aaron Kenneston, who has retired. Christina Wilson further indicated that she is waiting for a reply from two more people to schedule a meeting for this subcommittee in order to ensure quorum.
- D. Bylaws Committee - Co-Chair Brenner indicated that the Bylaws committee is looking to schedule a meeting in the near future. Mr. Brenner indicated that when the committee meets, it will go through the bylaws of the LEPC and then report back.
- E. Funding Committee - Co-Chair Brenner indicated that the funding committee does not yet need to schedule a meeting as the SERC grant, and United We Stand grant have not yet been sent out.
- F. Radiation Committee - Jon Bakkedahl indicated that the committee met in November to go through all of the plans. Mr. Bakkedahl indicated that there are two plans in the works: the concept of operations and the sustainment plan. The committee is going through these plans line by line looking for the edits to meet the current intent. 12/31 was the deadline for comments. Mr. Bakkedahl indicated that he will be compiling the comments and making the recommended changes prior to the end of February and then coordinating a meeting to approve the plan prior to presenting it to SERC. Mr. Bakkedahl further indicated his plan to send the plan out to the local jurisdictions as many of them are requesting the plan.

Co-Chair Brenner commended Jon Bakkedahl for the work he's done in putting together plans and keeping them updated now and in the past.

#### **10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT (Discussion Only)**

- A. Grant Change Requests - Brandi Salisbury reported that only two have been received since the last meeting: Clark County submitted a grant change request for the United We Stand grant to increase the number of secondary pack sets since they received a lower quote for cameras than initially intended; Elko County submitted a grant change request for an extension on the performance period for the HMEP grant. Ms. Salisbury indicated that both changes were approved.
- B. Budget Update - Brandi Salisbury reported that SERC OPTE has reimbursed \$218,002, has collected \$77,700 in hazardous material permit, and \$315,657 in fees. For the United We Stand grant, SERC has paid \$167,826 in reimbursement claims and collected \$215,957 in license plate fees.
- C. USDOT/HMEP - Brandi Salisbury reported that she is currently working on year three of the application, which is due on March

11th. Ms. Salisbury indicated that there are currently a lot of funds for mid-cycle for HMEP, \$289,819 that needs to be spent. Ms. Salisbury further indicated that in year 1 and 2, only \$71,756 has been spent, indicating the need to get more grant applications out. Ms. Salisbury further indicated that HMEP money can be spent on presentation equipment for online training, such as cameras which pertains to Hazardous Material within transportation preparing and training.

Co-Chair Brenner asked Ms. Salisbury to send out reminder emails to LEPCs and to the Fire Marshal's office regarding available grant money.

**11. LEPC AND STATE AGENCIES SUBMISSION OF COMPLIANCE INFORMATION TO SERC BY THE JANUARY 31 DEADLINE (Discussion Only)**

Christina Wilson indicated that she is currently working on this item. There are a couple of counties that have not yet sent in their package, as they indicated earlier, and Ms. Wilson indicated that she has been in contact with all of the counties. She is currently ensuring that everything is there that is needed and adding them to a spreadsheet for the planning and training subcommittee, which will likely meet toward the second to last week of February, once Ms. Wilson has heard back from two additional committee members so that quorum can be established. Ms. Wilson indicated that once everything is finalized, she will email the subcommittee members and the co-chairs to notify them.

**12. DISCUSSION AND UPDATE OF THE UNITED WE STAND GRANT Second Round for FY21 (Discussion Only)**

Brandi Salisbury informed the Committee that the inability to do a second round for the United We Stand Grant was due to her mistake in reading the budget accounts. Ms. Salisbury explained that what she thought was the amount in there was not actually the amount, it was the authorized amount. Ms. Salisbury apologized to the Commissioners and the agencies and LEPCs who applied for the grant for her error.

**13. REVIEW OF COMPLIANCE EXCEPTION FOR ELKO COUNTY - (Discussion/For Possible Action)**

Christina Wilson explained that in December Elko County LEPC had requested a compliance exception for their quarterly meeting requirement for the 2020 calendar year. The May 7 meeting had been canceled due to the county's response to the COVID crisis. The county had held the other three LEPC meetings for the 2020 calendar year and requested a waiver for the May meeting to ensure that they would remain in compliance with their federal issuance in meeting for all four meetings.

Pat Anderson from Elko County explained that Elko was in the same situation as many counties in that with the COVID pandemic, LEPC ran out of days and time to meet.

**Debra Dailey made a motion to grant the compliance exception to Elko County. Dennis Nolan seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried.**

**14. PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Action Item)**

Kelly Thomas asked about a SERC brochure that had been mentioned in the past and wondered if it had ever been pushed through, and if not, if it could be brought back up again as an item.

Christina Wilson indicated that the brochure was approved but is still sitting in draft due to a change in personnel. Ms. Wilson indicated that there might be some updates necessary, but otherwise, the brochure is ready to go. Ms. Wilson suggested setting the brochure as an agenda item for the next SERC Commission meeting.

Karen Taylor indicated that the LEPCs do not have the time to take on additional projects given the current conditions within the state, and as such, the SERC Committee may need to look at any HMEP funding that will quickly expire and come with a plan so those funds are not lost for the state. Ms. Taylor also expressed concern regarding entities being able to spend grant funds because all staff is currently busy at the vaccination pods.

Co-Chair Brenner indicated that he has spoken with California and Arizona, both of whom have indicated that they are in the same boat as Nevada regarding spending of the grant money. Mr. Brenner next asked the LEPCs how they feel communication is going and whether their needs are being met in terms of communication with staff.

Karen Taylor indicated that communication with the LEPCs has significantly improved and that Christina Wilson and Brandi Salisbury have made great strides in communication.

Patrick Hughes echoed Karen Taylor's comment regarding communication.

**15. ADJOURNMENT (Discussion/For Possible Action)**

**Dennis Nolan made a motion to adjourn the February 11, 2021 SERC meeting. Susan Crowley seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried**

Pursuant to NRS 241.020(2) (c), a copy of supporting materials for the meeting may be obtained by contacting the State Emergency Response Commission at (775) 684-7511, 107 Jacobsen Way, Carson City, NV 89711 or [serc@dps.state.nv.us](mailto:serc@dps.state.nv.us).

This is a public meeting. In conformance with the Nevada Public Meeting Law, I, Christina Wilson, posted or caused the posting of this agenda on or before Friday September 18, 2020 by 9:00am at the following locations.

*State Emergency Response Commission – 107 Jacobsen Way – Carson City*  
*Nevada Department of Transportation- 1263 Stewart Street- Carson City*  
*Clark County Public Library – 833 Las Vegas Boulevard – Las Vegas*  
*Grant Sawyer Building – 555 East Washington Street – Las Vegas*  
*Nevada Department of Transportation – 1401 E. Aultman Street- Ely*  
*Great Basin College-729 Chilton Circle- Elko*  
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