

Nevada State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) Quarterly Meeting

Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 9:00am

1. Call to Order

Christina Wilson called the meeting of the Nevada State Emergency Response Commission to order on Wednesday June 16, 2021 at 9:01am.

2. Roll Call, Confirm Quorum, and Introductions

Ms. Wilson, SERC Coordinator, conducted a roll call. **Quorum was established.**

Commission Members Present

Richard Brenner, Co-Chair
Dennis Nolan, Co-Chair
Gus Farias
Susan Crowley
Eric Santos
Clay Madsen
Michael Mallner

Jon Bakkedahl
Karen Luna
Kelly Thomas
Lance Chantler
Matt Griego
David Sellen
Danny Brennan
Debra Dailey

Others Present

Christina Wilson, SERC Coordinator
Nathan Hastings, DAG, Attorney General's Office
Jason Danan, Carson City
Karen Taylor, Clark County
Billy Samuels, Clark County
Matt Petersen, Elko County
Patricia Brownfield, Esmerelda County
Joyce Jeppeson, Eureka County

Derek Bowman, Lincoln County
Denise Brown, Lincoln County
Patrick Hughes, Mineral County
Joe Curtis, Storey County
Megan Sullivan, Washoe County
Tabatha Hamilton, White Pine County
Greg Bazley, EPA
Perry Faigin, OSHA
Darren Sindt, FEMA

Commission Members Absent

Carolyn Levering
Kimberly Ferguson

3. Public Comment

Susan Crowley wanted to notify of an obligation at 10am will notify when stepping away and return.
Richard Brenner advised that we still have quorum and thanked her.

4. Approval of February 11th, 2021 SERC Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve with contingency to add Eric Santos to Members present and adding a "s" at end of Gus Faria's name.

Motion: Approve February 11th 2021 Meeting Minutes

By: Eric Santos

Second: Jon Bakkedahl

Vote: Motion approved

5. Commission Members, Standing Committees, Subcommittee Chair Updates

Ms. Wilson stated that SERC had a couple new members appointed to the commission.

Newly Appointed Members:

Danny Brennan is a part of the State Fire Marshal's office and will present the agency updates on behalf of the State Fire Marshal Mike Dzyak. Danny presented a brief history of background, being with State Fire Marshal since 2004. He is the bureau chief of licensing/hazmat. Retired military since 2003.

Michael Mallner who is a representative from Tesla. Mike is the environmental manager, came into this role January of 2020, moved from Tennessee.

Ms. Wilson advises that Jess Lankford will no longer be a part of the SERC commission.

The Commission is looking to fill different positions and vacancies from the different committees. These are:

By-Laws Committee: The Chair position is David Sellen. Currently we have Eric Santos, David Sellen, Gus Farias, TJ Qualls, and Richard Brenner.

Funding Committee: Matt Griego is the Chair of this committee. Currently we have Susan Crowley, Dennis Nolan, Lance Chantler, Karen Luna, TJ Qualls, and Richard Brenner as Members.

Legislative Committee: The Chair is Dennis Nolan. Current members are Susan Crowley, TJ Qualls, David Sellen, and Richard Brenner are members.

RAD Committee: This committee is full. Jon Bakkedahl is the Chair. Members are Gus Farias, Eric Santos, Felix Acevedo, Jeremy Hynds, Karl Rosette, Ed Ericson, Sarah Hartson, Tiffany Gomero, and Will Grass.

Planning and Training Sub-Committee: This is a sub-committee of the Funding committee. Kimberly Ferguson is Chair. Current members are Kelly Echeverria, Alex Lanza, Patty Polish, Kelly Thomas and Mike Heidemann, Richard Brenner, TJ Qualls, and Carlito Rayos.

Policy Committee: The Chair is vacant on this one as well. Susan Crowley, Dennis Nolan, Matt Griego, and Jon Bakkedahl, and Richard Brenner are current members of this committee.

Co-Chair Brenner said this is why we keep this as an ongoing update on the agenda we'll have new members joining soon, so we'll update each meeting to keep you all update.

6. Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Updates

Chair Nolan asked for LEPC updates and they were as follows:

- **Carson City:** Jason Danen presented for first time as the Deputy emergency manager. Jason stated they been on schedule with holding LEPC Meetings. LEPC started the process of updating their mitigation plan, with their LEPC members to be apart. Schedule for skills and drills is full and have one today with quad county in Lyon County. Applied for FY22 Grants. We are moving forward to complete compliance items.
- **Churchill County:** Mike Heidemann reported they held their LEPC meeting last being May 29th very well attended. It was about double the attendance. Churchill county has continued to support vaccination and Testing and has set up a permanent facility at the fairgrounds and conducting 3 days a week as well as mobile in other parts of county. Hazard mitigation plan update for 2022, planning drill for August with all partners as

well, earthquake drill with Kinder-Morgan to rupture a pipeline with some jet fuel should be good functional exercise.

- **Clark County:** Chief Billy Samuels advised they are conducting vaccination and testing but going to turn it over to the health services shortly. They have been maintaining compliance of quarterly meeting next is August for 3rd quarter. Will start updating Hazmat mitigation plan for 2022 by August as well. Requested contact with Mike Mallner.
- **Douglas County:** Due to being pulled into Urgent matter this morning, Chief Carlini provided SERC with an update to present on their behalf.
Ms. Wilson presented, the Douglas County local emergency planning committee remains a strong group of both community and government agency representatives the LEPC has managed by east fork Fire Protection district over the past quarter the LEPC has held two meetings. One was a grant subcommittee meeting and the other was a full LEPC meeting to approve the grants recommended by the subcommittee. These included the state emergency response Commission OPTe grant and the United we stand grant as well as a hazardous materials emergency preparedness HMEP grant. Douglas County also conducted a complete review of its Bylaws a quarterly review of membership roster. The Ellie PC also extended an open invitation for the Washoe tribe of Nevada and California to participate with our meetings. General membership virtual meetings remain high, but we are looking forward to resume in person meetings hopefully at the next meeting. In closing I would like to apologize for not being able to attend today's meeting. I also want to thank the state emergency response Commission for the support that they continue to provide to Douglas County and the grants which are awarded.
- **Elko County:** Matt Petersen, new emergency manager has arrived, will provide update. Elko has had decently successful with our group. We've had two zoom meetings we are hoping to resume in person meetings with our meeting next week. We've been successful with receiving Hazmat and Community preparedness grants through SERC and DEM. we are still looking to look and explore setting up a regional hazmat team northeastern area of our state. We will also be looking into Leadership classes as well as Heavy technical hazmat safety and Hazmat safety and hazmat IC classes. We are reaching out to all partnerships. To create unique Partnership, to partner up and make everything happen for Northern Nevada.
- **Mineral County:** This county was moved up due to be of attendance in another meeting. Patrick Hughes apologized and thanked the commission due to needing to attend the county commissioners meeting at same time, to present. The LEPC is doing well in the process of updating the hazard material mitigation for 2022. Trainings coming up for county two include a hazmat refresher training, dispatch training. weighting grant awards for the FY22 grants which included for new gas detectors quitch a training will be scheduled for that as well as an exercise the training they received. Exercise is scheduled for end of August to include hospital as well. POD taking place in October. We are going to be meeting in person but also offering the option to still attend via zoom TO ensure quorum to take action on items without delay.
- **Esmeralda County:** Patricia Brownfield reported they have next meeting July 21, 2021, a hazmat exercise planned for June the 26th 2021. Held Meeting via Zoom but attendance. Patricia updated that their hazmat plan has been updated and submitted to the SERC office. As most others working on starting to update compliance items for 2022.
- **Eureka County:** Joyce Jeppesen presented their last meeting was April 8th 2021. They received Hazmat training from the Nevada state fire marshal's training division which they received May 13th, 2021. Originally had 18 to attend due to all volunteers, ended up with 10 attendees in class. Next meeting July 20th, 2021. End of report.
- **Humboldt County:** no speakers either in person or on the phone.
- **Lander County:** no speakers either in person or on the phone.
- **Lincoln County:** Derek Bowman updated that Lincoln County has already held two meeting this year the next will be April 21st and next is July 2021. Most efforts have been vehicle accident and fire on mt. Wilson, Fire is

under control, but fire season seems to be busy.

- **Lyon County:** no speakers either in person or on the phone.
- **Nye County:** no speakers either in person or on the phone.
- **Pershing County:** no speakers either in person or on the phone.

6. Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Updates

- **Storey County:** Joe Curtis reported one very minor radiological incident at NV Energy that Jon Bakkedah assisted with, it's been pretty quiet otherwise. We have a couple of exercises planned one being July 1st, 2021, with National guard civil support Team, and they are bringing up a civil support team from Sacramento, Ca to participate as well. 2nd Exercise scheduled for September 2nd, 2021, with all clear, which will be done at TESLA, and will be utilized for yearly compliance. Also have radiological training with the fire department that still in process of being finalized and looking forward to. LEPC has been smooth via zoom and in person starting JULY. Working with emergency operations with some new businesses. A common mistake is that businesses are setting up their items thinking there in Washoe County working with them to have it corrected based on story county resources. Next meeting is July at the industrial complex in McCarren, NV.
- **Washoe County:** Megan Sullivan present, the county has easily met the quorum for each meeting which has led to great discussions during these meetings. Received a request from a new agency within Washoe County to be a part of the LEPC which still needs to be approved but excited to accept knew partnership/members. Our first in person meeting for our county is tomorrow however we are still offering the virtual meeting option as well for this next meeting. Discussing grant awards for the FY22 grants that we submitted.
- **White Pine County:** Tabatha Hamilton was called away during meeting. Sent her updates to Christina to present on her behalf. white pine county held two meetings both in April discussing membership and grants to be submitted. We have been focusing on vaccinations and testing within this COVID pandemic. our county has held various pod events partnering with the health offices to distribute the COVID vaccine. our next meeting is scheduled for July 16th, 2021. No further without Brett north being present.
- **TERC:** no speakers either in person or on the phone.

7. Non-State Agency Updates

- **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA):** Greg Bazley stated didn't have a ton of updates to provide but did provide a tribal workshop with a website with Tribal resources which we can add and update. We are planning a Tabletop exercise which will be around September. Will send updates to your office.
- **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):** Darren Sindt which is team lead, requested by Jon Bakkedah while at DEM Office. Update in staffing overall is at 135 in Clark County, 6 at EOC in Carson City, and 16 in Washoe County. Finalized the Clark County demo plan. 6/21/21 being last day work and 6/23/21 with retrograde with their hires. Expected to stay until 6/24/21. Confirming 9 in Washoe for 6/21/21. Working with Reno Aces at the Greater Nevada Field in Reno set for 7/1/21 and 7/7/21 to provide vaccination an in final process of confirming that.
- **U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS):** no speakers either in person or on the phone.

8. State Agency Updates

- **Nevada Highway Patrol:** Sgt. Clay Madsen presenting, Nevada Highway Patrol commercial unit has seen

an influx across the entire state of new inspectors, so getting them through their trainings. Last week in Reno they went through their general hazmat course, Cargo take inspections in Vegas will be happening next week with 8- 10 people. Jon Bakkedahl was great to come down and conduct a PRD class for us which was greatly received. Whipp shipments have been on hold for winter, sounds like they are gearing up to continue, Jon will probably have more info.

- **Nevada State Fire Marshal Division (SFM):** Danny Brennan stated the update with the notice that the executive assistant to Chief Dzyak, Patsy Milton had passed away. Patsy had been with the State Fire Marshal since 2005. Legislation went well for State Fire Marshal division, as of July 1, 2021 they are beginning to be completely fee based. Hazconnect and IDSI along with state fire marshal will be update to system. SFM Training Division provided Hazmat training and classes are starting to be provided at our locations. Will try to have more complete input next meeting.
- **Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (DEP):** Kelly Thomas reported Bryant building is open to public and people are slowly returning as of July 1st 2021. No major chemical instances or releases since last meeting. The Division has issued a permit to operate for two process Asian Union chemical company (AUECC) in Storey County and is finishing permits to operate for Air Liquide in Clark County.
- **Nevada Division of Industrial Relations, OSHA Unit:** Perry Faigan deputy administrator, Jess Lankford is no longer apart of OSHA, a search has begun for a replacement. Posting is on the State website will be posted out through next week. Also, a couple other items, Nevada OSHA was a forefront for reviewing for compliance per the governor's guidance. For the most part they have ceased within the last thirty to sixty days they will have compliance checks every now and then but nothing as in depth. These checks are from receiving complaints pertaining COVID. Updates can be found at dir.nv.gov which is our website. OSHA has its own state program, but we have federal OSHA that provide information that we have to pay attention to, Nevada did adopt the National Emphasis program for the corona which pertains to state and federal level inspections in order to help mitigate hazards around the virus within workplaces, however it is not identical Nevada, it has been adopted. There is an ETS emergency temporary standard is in a draft format related to COVID-19 in the healthcare industry will be paying attention to session to see what bills we will have to be implementing and working with.

8. State Agency Updates

- **Nevada Radiation Control Program:** Jon Bakkedahl presented updates, stating escorted RAD shipments will continue across the I-80 corridor continuing to coordinate with Nevada Highway Patrol on when this will happen is to make sure what in them safe to be on the roadways. RCP side we held an authorized user course here at department of Emergency Management as well as the national guard civil support team. We have multiple training classes that we had 22 people attended. In April we calibrated the entire states radiological calibration equipment so they're all great and they will be able to start calibration of their own equipment with DEM and not using a contractor going forward. We've acquired the calibrations sources and training. Which will reduce the time of the calibration from days to weeks to just a couple hours, so nobody is without their equipment radiation control have one in the last quarter, A moisture density gauge that was crushed at a construction scene, it was packaged up and sent back to them manufacturer, more importantly the source itself did not release any materials. As Joe Curtis stated they had an incident where some materials were showed back up returned from a scrap yard with elevated radiation readings so there was an initial large a prize but quickly calmed down and back to normal operations and met with the leaderships later that day for a after action it was great training all.
- **Nevada Division of Emergency Management (DEM):** Jon Bakkedahl reporting, we were successful in getting our two bills that we sponsored passed, which was changing some of our planning mechanisms, had

an old statute that was requiring us to get emergency operation plans from all utilities and the definition of utilities was all facilities that sold phone cards within our state. Before the update we were collecting approximately 700,000 plans from facilities with no infrastructure in our state. We were successful with Dems getting it modified to work with state agencies ag, energy and NDEP to define who we want to inquire plans from so it specifies more appropriately who should be sending an EOP's to our facility. Second update is our move to the office of the military as of July 1, 2021. We leave DPS and join office of the Military. We are joining as civilians, no one will be dressing in greens. We will continue "as is" no one will see a change externally other than reporting processes is going to be towards TAG general Barry Instead of The DPS Headquarters. Warehouse logistics plan is the plan is going to be to house PPE and gloves that anybody can use for any emergency that is needed, we will have a 60-day stock in southern Nevada currently have two warehouses that we are decommissioning and moving everything down South. Next week is weeklong FEMA emergency function trainings and exercises. To fine tune mass shelter mass housing issues and we're basically taking out Reno similar to the paradise fire too practice in this scenario. we are still continuing to do the Covid emergency management the declaration is still active and still there is no ETA as to when the governor is going to cancel the emergency declaration for the Covid virus, currently everything is 100% federal funding eta is September for the close of it, but just rumor mill.

9. SERC Committees Report

A. Legislative Committee: No updates since last meeting.

B. Policy Committee: Richard updated the commission that Policy committee did meet. 4 items were reviewed and updated. These Items included SERC policy update to 8.2A, 8.5, 8.14 and adding a new SERC Policy 8.16 pertaining to HMEP Backfill.

Action taken for SERC Policy 8.2A

Motion: Approve recommended changes from Policy committee
By: Debra Dailey
Second: Dennis Nolan
Discussion: None
Vote: Motion approved

Action taken for SERC Policy 8.5

Motion: Approve recommended changes from Policy committee
By: Dennis Nolan
Second: Susan Crowley
Discussion: None
Vote: Motion approved

Action taken for SERC Policy 8.14

Motion: Approve recommended changes from Policy committee
By: Susan Crowley
Second: Mike Millner
Discussion: None pertaining action taken; was discussed that each request if reviewed and verified before any decision is made, ensure lake of disclosure of sensitive information.
DAG explained to clarify: As well when request are asks for materials than SERC staff can ask for identification and ask to put in writing through the portal; however, if they decline an only want to verbally request staff will then enter into the system on their behalf
Vote: Motion approved

Action taken for SERC Policy 8.16

Motion: Approve recommended changes from Policy committee
By: Susan Crowley

Second: David Sellen
Discussion: None
Vote: Motion approved

9. SERC Committees Report (Discussion Only) (continued)

C. Planning and Training Committee: Co-Chair Richard Brenner presented on behalf of Kimberly Ferguson which is chair. Our subcommittee met multiple times this year to review the submissions from the counties for their annual compliance. An updated checklist to help mainstream the review process for our committee members it turned out to be the biggest deficiency was that some of our counties were unable to hold exercises due to covid-19. We are able to review and grant exceptions as needed because they showed good faith effort to try to complete but couldn't. However, it was an exception for 2020 only.

Ms. Wilson stated that not only was the checklist for the subcommittee members updated but our checklist and NRT1-A was also updated for our LEPC members. To better communicate what is needed to fulfill requirements. All these updates are to help mainstream and reduce the time it takes to review.

D. By-Laws Committee: Chair of committee David Sellen, stated last meeting was March 3, 2021. We reviewed the Bylaws for all the Counties/LEPC. As well as updating our SERC Bylaws, grammatical corrections were made, under the Membership sections we removed "and "as well as updating the number of members within categories, Removed Legislative ex-officios, and increased the private citizens to 3 from 2, and Private sector/Regulated Industry increased to 8 from 7. Added Radiological add under committees within SERC.

Action taken for SERC Bylaws

Motion: Approve recommended changes from Policy committee
By: Susan Crowley
Second: Debra Dailey
Discussion: None
Vote: Motion approved

E. Funding Committee:

Committee Chair Matt Griego discuss the various grants the sub-committee reviewed.

Action taken for FY22 United We Stand Grant Applications

Ms. Wilson provided a summary:

Carson City: \$31,925.00

Churchill County: \$17,708.00

Clark County: \$32,000

Douglas County: \$26,644.00

Elko County: \$32,000.00

Esmeralda County: Removed- recommended to apply as OPTE,

Eureka County: did not submit a grant application for the United We Stand for FY22

Humboldt County: \$19,996.00

Lander County: did not submit a grant application for the United We Stand for FY22

Lincoln County: \$31,985.00

Mineral County: did not submit a grant application for the United We Stand for FY22

Nye County: did not submit a grant application for the United We Stand for FY22

Pershing County: \$21,936.00
Storey County: \$32,000.00
Washoe County: \$32,000
White Pine: 31,998.00
Nevada State Fire Marshal: \$15,546.00
Nevada Highway Patrol: \$18,589.00

Motion: Approve recommendations from Funding committee
By: Susan Crowley
Second: Dennis Nolan
Discussion: None
Vote: Motion approved

Action taken for FY22 SERC OPTE Grant Applications
Ms. Wilson provided a summary:

Carson City: \$26,526.00
Churchill County: \$28,970.60
Clark County: \$29,000.00
Douglas County: \$28,050.00
Elko County: \$29,000.00
Eureka County: \$29,000.00
Humboldt County: \$28,142.00
Lander County: did not submit a grant application for the United We Stand for FY22
Lincoln County: \$29,000.00
Mineral County: \$16,133.00
Nye County: did not submit a grant application for the United We Stand for FY22
Pershing County: \$28,960.00
Storey County: \$28,950.00
Washoe County: \$29,000.00
White Pine: did not submit a grant application for the United We Stand for FY22

Motion: Approve recommendations from Funding committee
By: Eric Santos
Second: Susan Crowley
Discussion: None
Vote: Motion approved

ACTION TAKEN FOR FY22 OPTE FOR ESMERALDA COUNTY

Ms. Wilson reminded due to the fact that the funding committee originally reviewed Esmeralda's request as a united we stand, and it was recommended to change over to an OPTE application the Commission approval is needed to approve this as a standalone request

Esmeralda County: \$29,000.00

Motion: Approve Esmeralda's OPTE grant application
By: Susan Crowley
Second: David Sellen
Discussion: None
Vote: Motion approved

DISCUSSION OF FY2021 HMEP MIDCYCLES APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY FUNDING COMMITTEE

Ms. Wilson provided a summary:

Elko County: \$24,255.00

***Elko County#2:** \$28,850.00

Washoe County: \$7,770.00

Storey County: \$7,415.00

***Clark County:** \$26,136.00 (hazmat refresher)

*** = DENOTES AWAITING PHMSA APPROVAL**

Motion: Approved By funding Committee Funding committee

By: Eric Santos

Second: Susan Crowley

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion approved

F. Radiation Committee: Mr. Bakkedahl updated our Commission stating we were able to meet and review the co-ops and the sustainment plans and make changes and updates line by line as needed. Our goal is to meet again and final acceptance of those changes by the radiation committee members. Looking to also discuss the future shipments and also discuss further incidents that happen in Nevada within the last six months. That meeting will be taking place June 29 or 30th, 2021. End of report.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

A. Grant Change requests:

Ms. Salisbury provided an update that we had received two grant change requests of from Elko County. The first HMEP grant change request was an extension of their end performance period. The second one was to change the LEPC chair to Matt Peterson.

Washoe county submitted a grant change request for their United We Stand; they were able to get the same equipment from a different vendor for cheaper amount so they were able to increase the number of items that they could receive. They wanted to use the remainder \$0.85 cents to restock their EOC. Washoe County submitted a grant change request for their OPTE grant which was denied due to the fact they were trying to move savings from their equipment category over to their operations category raising it above the \$4000 limit which is not permitted so, again this one was denied.

B. Budget Update:

For the FY2021 as of this meeting, we received \$255,901.55 in reimbursement claimed, \$119,596.91 still unclaimed in reimbursements. UWS, we reimbursed \$291,652.45 Unclaimed reimbursements of \$88,829.75. FY22 Updates will be on next meeting

C. HMEP/USDOT Update:

FY21, we awarded \$380,367.95. In FY20 deobligated \$98,383.72, currently have Reimbursed \$74,843.83, and Pending reimbursements claim are totaling \$207,640.00. Currently midcycle \$195,390.00 in midcycle that is eligible to grant out. Year 3 application is still pending approval by HMEP/PHMSA.

D. FireShowsWest

FireShowsWest is scheduled to be an in person and hybrid virtual conference. We've all been used to having this training opportunity provided in October. The difference is this year they're looking at having this September 27-30th 2021. The other difference from previous years is that the change of locations for the venue instead of the Grand Sierra resort in Reno, they are relocating the venue to the Nugget off Victorian Avenue in Sparks. The classes and instructors are in the process of being finalized so as soon as we have a final Class listing and a catalog for you all we will send this out from our office.

E. National Night Out

August 3rd, 2021, we will be at Carson City at Mill's Park. Also had notifications that many of our counties are going to be holding their own national night outs in their perspective regions.

F. Update and Information from SERC office

Ms. Wilson states we also have some updating news for you all that as of June seventh Brandi is no longer the SERC Administrator, she has accepted a promotion and we're excited for her. Until further notice I am going to be back as an only person in this office. Brandi will be providing some fiscal backup and assistance when it comes to reimbursements to ensure that we stay up to speed and not overwhelmed. Please continue to include Brandi with reimbursements. Please allows for at minimum 24 hours to reply and if you don't see a response from me touch base, as it's not intentional.

11. Public Comment

12. Adjournment

Chairman Nolan thanked everyone for their participation and said he would accept a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Adjourn June 16, 2021 at 11:55 am from SERC Quarterly Meeting

By: Dennis Nolan

Second: Jon Bakkedahl

Vote: Motion approved