

# Minutes

## Nevada State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)

### Third Quarterly Meeting

September 09, 2021 – 9:00am

1. **CALL TO ORDER (Non-Action Item)** – Meeting called to order 9:02am
2. **ROLL CALL, CONFIRM QUORUM, AND INTRODUCTIONS** – Quorum present to proceed

#### **Members Present:**

Richard Brenner  
Dennis Nolan  
Gus Farias  
Susan Crowley  
Eric Santos  
Jon Bakkedahl  
Karen Luna  
Kelly Thomas  
Lance Chantler  
David Sellen  
Debra Daily  
Kimberly Ferguson  
Carolyn Levering  
Danny Brennan  
Nathan Hastings- NV DAG

#### **Local LEPC Members Present:**

Jason Danen - Carson City  
Karen Taylor -Clark County  
Patricia Brownfield - Esmeralda County  
Joe Curtis - Storey County  
Kelly Echeverria - Washoe County  
Meghan Sullivan - Washoe County  
Tabatha Hamilton - White Pine County  
Brett North - White Pine County

#### **Federal Agency:**

William Gardner - NV OSHA  
Greg Bazley - EPA Region 9  
Marcie Stone - DHS  
Mark Shugart – FEMA

#### **Guests:**

Steven Spencer

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Action Item)** – No public comment made.
4. **APPROVAL OF JUNE 16, 2021 MEETING MINUTES** – Dennis Nolan motioned to approve the minutes. Susan Crowley seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
5. **NEW COMMISSION MEMBERS AND STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATES (Discussion/For Possible Action)** – Working with Co-Chairs, staff created spreadsheets to reflect the Committees' chair and members and the Commissioners' memberships by categories. These will be posted on the SERC website.

#### **SERC Commissioners**

- a. Quad County Hazmat Team – James Morgan has submitted an application, awaiting final appointment notification from the Boards office.

- b. Triad Hazmat Team – Paul Patocka has submitted an application, awaiting final appointment notification from the Boards office.
- c. Clark County Emergency Manager – Billy Samuels; Richard Brenner is speaking with him about submitting an application.
- d. Air Liquide – Steven Spencer has submitted an application, awaiting final appointment notification from the Boards office.
- e. NVOSHA – William Gardner to apply to replace the vacancy that Jess Lankford left.

Richard Brenner announced that if anyone would like any information about the subcommittee's to please contact SERC staff.

## 6. LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC) UPDATES

**Carson City:** - Jason Danen provided an update; they continue to hold quarterly meetings and are awaiting the FireShowsWest grant.

**Clark County:** - Karen Taylor stated their last meeting was August 10 2021, and the next meeting, for the last quarter of the year, is in November.

**Esmeralda County:** - Patricia Brownfield stated they are still going day by day; meetings are being held, a new member will soon join the LEPC with nothing further to add.

**Storey County:** - Joe Curtis stated dates for the LEPC to meet have been busy this summer and the lapsing meetings are being held each quarter to become in compliance. Two exercises had to be canceled which would have been with the Quad County. The first being at Tesla in August was canceled due to corporate members not providing appropriate approvals to hold trainings at the facility and tried to change to AUECC (Asia Union Electric Chemical Corporation) to September 7<sup>th</sup>, however had to cancel due to numerous fire teams being dispatched. The county has had three separate Hazmat incidences within the last quarter; the first was in July, when a 4,000-gallon dumping of commercially obtained septic sewage was spilled on 6 Mile Canyon Road near town and costing the county about \$30,000 to cleanup. There was a fire pertaining to lithium batteries in a storage facility where the batteries are stored for recycling, this was cleaned up fairly easy. Most recently was a spill from Comstock Mining of the milling material; even though the concentration level was low, we are still working with NDEP to clean up the spill properly. Attendance and communication with LEPC membership is great.

**Washoe County:** - Megan Sullivan stated the next meeting will be October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021, there has been a large response to the wildfires in surrounding areas and are awaiting the FireShowsWest grant.

**White Pine County:** - Tabatha Hamilton stated the last meeting was held August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 and the county has been active and content.

- 7. NON-STATE AGENCY UPDATES (Non-Action Item)** – This item includes and addresses updated reports from the agencies listed below regarding activities occurring since the last SERC quarterly meeting and any future activities. Reports may include:
- a. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – Greg Bazley provided an update with a weblink, to share with all, a recent video to raise awareness on the basics of EPCRA. It's geared towards a new generation of emergency planners and responders. Richard Brenner added he worked with Greg on a tabletop exercise with Guam involving chlorine.
  - b. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) – Mark Shugart reported multiple staff are supporting the entire state for vaccine and fire efforts and the Region has deployment for disaster declarations.
  - c. U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) – Marcie Stone, Chief of Chemical Security for Cybersecurity Infrastructure Security Agency, which implement the CFATS (Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standard) inspections continue through pandemic. Registration opened for Chemical Security webinars being offered with three dates in December 2021.
- 8. STATE AGENCY UPDATES (Non-Action Item)** – This item includes and addresses updated reports from the agencies listed below regarding activities occurring since the last SERC quarterly meeting and any future activities. Reports may include.
- a. Nevada Highway Patrol Division (NHP) – Sgt. Clay Madsen: Northern Command will start WIPP (Waste Isolation Pilot Project) shipments in the future across I80. Last week Southern Command had a truck tanker combination rollover on US 95 northbound at Valley View after being involved in a crash. A tanker breached and spilled approximately 1,000 gallons of the 8,000 gallons load of diesel fuel prompting lanes to be closed for approximately ten hours for cleanup
  - b. Nevada State Fire Marshal Division (SFM) – Danny Brennan: The state hazmat system update has been completed. Training classes will start to take place in person at the State Fire Marshal building. NFA (National Fire Academy) courses will be held in Las Vegas, and direct delivery will be in Clark County fire department.
  - c. Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) – Kelly Thomas: No major chemical incidents have occurred since the last meeting. The Division is working with Air Liquide in Las Vegas for a permit to operate.
  - d. Nevada Division of Industrial Relations, OSHA Unit – William Gardner: The Division adopted the Emergency Temporary Standard for Covid-19. Over the pandemic 12,460 complaints has been received. The previous period 2,650 had been received, just to give a snapshot. Two new regulations are coming, and information is on the OSHA state website.

- e. Nevada Division of Emergency Management & Nevada Radiation Control Program – Jon Bakkedahl: EOC has been activated 24 hours a day due to the Caldor fire and multiple evacuations. There has been a great effort by the quad county team. The office has transferred over to the Office of the Military under TAG General Berry. They are offering PPE for authorities due to everything else happening, including COVID-19. Focusing on keeping responders and medical staff safe. WIPP joint shipments are starting again next week with CVSA (Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance) inspections in California, then a level two inspection by NHP through the state. This is radioactive transuranic material and will happen for about five weeks then be completed.

**9. SERC COMMITTEE REPORTS (Discussion / Possible Actions)** – 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** – Has not met since last meeting, nothing new to report.
- b. **POLICY COMMITTEE** – Has not met since last meeting, nothing new to report.
- c. **PLANNING AND TRAINING SUB-COMMITTEE** – Has not met since last meeting, nothing new to report.
- d. **BYLAWS COMMITTEE** – Has not met since last meeting, nothing new to report.
- e. **RADIATION COMMITTEE** – Has not met since last meeting, nothing new to report.
- f. **FUNDING COMMITTEE** – SERC Commissioners review of the Grant Applications (Discussion/For Action Item)
  - 1. **REVIEW OF FY21 HMEP MID-CYCLE GRANT APPLICATIONS - (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)** – The following LEPCs submitted applications, Storey County, Washoe County and White Pine County. Eric Santos motioned to approve all submitted applications for the FireShowsWest. Lance Chantler seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

**10. GRANT CHANGE REQUESTS (DISCUSSION/ FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

– Clark County is requesting to purchase different items than originally on the application, they are requesting to purchase three calibration equipment systems from Altair multi-gas detectors with no change to the amount originally approved for. Humboldt County was originally approved to purchase two UAVs and now request to purchase one UAV with the software to work this UAV for Mapping and Nav. Systems. White Pine

withdrew their request.

Susan Crowley motioned to approve the changes. Jon Bakkedahl seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

11. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT (DISCUSSION ONLY)** – Christina Wilson provided an update for the State Emergency Response Commission.
  - a. Budget Update – HMEP balance after the approval of FireShowsWest applications is \$176,469.30. The next grant award will be received shortly after or on October 1, 2021. OPTE and UWS are closed for FY21 and FY22 is open as of June 1, 2021.
  - b. USDOT/HMEP – Funds are available to provide PPE to enable in person trainings for Hazardous Material within Transportation; to ensure that all have the opportunity to stay up to date with training and tabletops. Also, the overfill/backfill policy has been approved to help our sub-grantees. A desk review with HMEP partners will be October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
  - c. FireShowsWest – Event will be held in person at the Sparks Nugget September 27-30, 2021.
  - d. The search for a new SERC Administer has been ongoing and hope to have it filled in the near future. Richard Brenner added he and Christina are working together to get the website updated and modified to keep things current and is a work in progress.
12. **PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Action Item)** – No public comment made.
13. **ADJOURNMENT (Discussion/For Possible Action)** – Susan Crowley motioned to adjourn the Meeting. Dennis Nolan seconded the Meeting which was unanimously approved.