

MINUTES

Nevada State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)

Planning and Training Subcommittee Meeting

Thursday, April 07, 2022 – 9:00am

1. CALL TO ORDER

Kimberly Ferguson called the meeting or order at 9:03am.

2. ROLL CALL, CONFIRM QUORUM, AND INTRODUCTIONS

Role was taken of members and a quorum was present.

Members Present:

Richard Brenner
Kimberly Ferguson
Mike Heidemann
Michael Mallner
Patty Policy
Carlito Rayos

Guests:

Stephani Elliott, Nye
Jessica McCutcheon, Nye
Patty Brownfield, Esmeralda

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Ferguson called for public comment. There was none.

4. APPROVAL OF MARCH 03, 2022 MINUTES

Richard Brenner made a motion to approve the March 03, 2022 Planning and Training Subcommittee meeting minutes. Carlito Rayos noted at the previous meeting there were questions about his submitted comments on his assigned LEPCs documentation to review and is wondering if there are still outstanding questions. Ms. Ferguson stated she worked independently after the meeting to review the documentation and all LEPCs were in compliance and questions were addressed. Mr. Rayos seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

5. REVIEW DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED BY THE LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEES (LEPCs) AND STATE AGENCIES TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE AFTER BEING ADVISED OF DEFICIENCIES WITHIN SERC POLICIES – HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE PLAN, LEVEL OF RESPONSE QUESTIONNAIRE, AND EXERCISE/INCIDENT REPORT.

Carson City LEPC – Ms. Ferguson noted all required documentation has been reviewed and made a motion to approve the submitted documents. Mr. Brenner seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Douglas County LEPC – Patty Polish noted all required documentation has been reviewed and made a motion to approve the submitted documents. Mr. Brenner seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Esmeralda County LEPC – Ms. Polish noted all required documentation has been reviewed and made a motion to approve the submitted documents. Mr. Brenner seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Lincoln County LEPC – Ms. Ferguson noted all required documentation has been reviewed and made a motion to approve the submitted documents. Ms. Polish seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Nye County LEPC – Ms. Ferguson noted all required documentation has been reviewed and made a motion to approve the submitted documents. Mr. Brenner seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Storey County LEPC – Mr. Brenner noted all required documentation has been reviewed and made a motion to approve the submitted documents. Mr. Rayos seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

White Pine County LEPC – Mike Heidemann noted all required documentation has been reviewed and made a motion to approve the submitted documents. Mr. Brenner seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Legislative Council Bureau – Ms. Ferguson noted all required documentation has been reviewed and made a motion to approve the submitted documents. Mr. Brenner seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Tami Beauregard noted Kelly Echeverria was assigned Eureka County and Lander County and both County's submitted documents, but she is not in attendance today. Mr. Brenner questioned if the two LEPCs had submitted all the documentation. Ms. Beauregard advised the documents were received by each LEPC via email and forwarded to Ms. Echeverria for review and she replied to the email advising the LEPC was no longer out of compliance.

Lander County – Mr. Brenner made a motion to approve the submitted documents. Mr. Rayos seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Eureka County - Mr. Brenner made a motion to approve the submitted documents. Mr. Rayos seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Churchill County LEPC – Ms. Ferguson noted all required documentation has been reviewed and made a motion to approve the submitted documents. Mr. Brenner seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Elko County LEPC – Ms. Polish advised an updated Tier II Facility List has not been received, the Level of Response is not stated in the Hazmat Plan, and the Exercise/Incident Report Form does not specify what areas of the Hazmat Plan were used for the event.

Ms. Beauregard stated Lyon County and Mineral County have not submitted any documents for review.

6. REVIEW FY2023 SERC/OPT E GRANT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEES (LEPCs) AND STATE AGENICIES

Carson City LEPC – Mr. Rayos made a motion to approve the requested equipment with relation to their level of response. Mr. Brenner seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Clark County LEPC – Mr. Brenner asked Mr. Rayos if the level of response for Clark County LEPC should be Technician instead of Operations? Mr. Rayos noted the Level of Response needs to be changed to Technician, Charcoal Gas Detector should be changed to Chlorine and additional information is needed for the Hypsometer. Mr. Brenner made a motion to approve the requested equipment with relation to their level of response. Ms. Polish seconded the motion. Mr. Rayos asked if the motion could be changed to include the needed corrections. Mr. Rayos stated the Operations was chosen due to his specific organization. Mr. Brenner clarified the form is to cover the County as a whole. Mr. Brenner revised the motion to approve the requested equipment with relation to their level of response and have the LEPC work with staff to make requested corrections. Ms. Polish seconded the revised motion. Mr. Rayos noted the flammable freezer is for Las Vegas Metro Police Department and the CBRN Cannisters is for the North Las Vegas Police Department. A vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

Douglas County LEPC – Mr. Brenner made a motion to approve the requested equipment with relation to their level of response. Mr. Rayos seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Eureka County LEPC – Mr. Rayos made a motion to approve the requested equipment with relation to their level of response, contingent upon the LEPC justifying how the equipment will be used and who will be using the equipment. Mr. Brenner seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Humboldt County LEPC – Mr. Rayos made a motion to approve the requested

equipment with relation to their level of response. Mr. Brenner seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Lander County LEPC – Mr. Brenner made a motion to approve the requested equipment with relation to their level of response, contingent upon the LEPC justifying how the equipment will be used and who will be using the equipment. Ms. Polish seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Mineral County LEPC – Mr. Rayos stated he believes the safety tool kit and non-sparking tools are probably used to secure utilities and these would be ok within the Operations level of response but should still have the LEPC justify. Mike Heidemann agreed with Mr. Rayos with regards to the tools securing the utilities and added it is important to remember in the rural areas the Fire Department does everything and this equipment fits into the level of response until an upper level team arrives. Mr. Brenner made a motion to approve the requested equipment with relation to their level of response, contingent upon the LEPC justifying how the equipment will be used and who will be using the equipment. Mr. Rayos seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Pershing County LEPC – Mr. Brenner made a motion to approve the requested equipment with relation to their level of response. Mr. Rayos seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Storey County LEPC – Mr. Brenner made a motion to approve the requested equipment with relation to their level of response. Ms. Polish seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Washoe County LEPC – Mr. Brenner made a motion to approve the requested equipment with relation to their level of response. Mr. Rayos seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

White Pine County LEPC – Mr. Brenner made a motion to approve the requested equipment with relation to their level of response, contingent upon the LEPC justifying how the equipment will be used and who will be using the equipment. Mr. Rayos seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Ms. Beauregard questioned how the justifications from the noted LEPCs would be handled. Mr. Brenner stated the Funding Committee will evaluate the justification and decide if the equipment will then be approved or not.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Ferguson called for public comment.

Mr. Heidemann asked SERC staff to reach out to the rural LEPCs and impress upon them the importance of the Operations level and advised them of the training provided by the State Fire Marshall's office at no cost.

Mr. Heidemann thanked Ms. Beauregard for her organization and ability to communicate on a regular basis, as this has helped.

Nathan Hastings, DAG stated for next year the agenda for item number six (of this meeting) will need to include the probability of contingencies, to be more in line with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. Mr. Hastings also echoed Mr. Hedemann's statement with regards to Ms. Beauregard.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Ferguson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:10am. Mr. Brenner seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.