

SERC Quarterly Meeting - In Person & Online- 20251003_130246-Meeting Recording

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 **Richard Brenner** 0:03

Fourth quarter meeting. This is our final meeting of the year. It's Friday, October 1st. It's around 1:02pm, 1:03pm. It's 1:03pm now, and what I'm going to do is go to the agenda and we'll start with roll call. I'm going to hand it over to Kelly.

 0:25

Susan Crowley.

 **Susan Crowley** 0:27

I'm here.

 0:30

David Sellen.

 **David Sellen** 0:33

I'm here.

 0:35

Michael Mallner

Deborah Dailey.

Amanda Windes.

 **Amanda Windes** 0:51

Good afternoon here.

 0:53

James Morgan.

Brian O'Neill.

 **Brian O'Neal** 1:03

Present.

1:06

James Johnston.

 **James Johnston** 1:09

Present.

1:12

Kelly Thomas.

 **Kelly Thomas** 1:17

Present.

1:19

Nicole Hoekstra present

Michael Morton.

William Gardner.

Tappen Cornmesser I think I saw him earlier.

 **Tappen Cornmesser** 1:36

Here.

1:38

Lance Chandler.

Allison Genco.

Eric Santos.

Dennis Nolan.

 **Dennis Nolan** 2:03

Here.

 **Richard Brenner** 2:11

Kelly, this is Richard.

I don't believe Mr. Gardner is with the state of Nevada anymore.

2:18

OK.

So we have a quorum.

Thank you.

We have 13.

RB

Richard Brenner 2:29

Alrighty then, let's move on to item number 2.

We did roll call, we confirmed we have a quorum.

Please, Kelly's been putting in the chat, if you please put your name and your affiliation in the chat so she can do roll call and she can put that on the transcript so we know who was attending the meeting would be greatly appreciated.

Item number three is public comment.

Do I have any public comment?

Just I'm going to make a public statement here this is important. I think there's some individuals that I really want to thank from the Fire Marshal's office, and I'm going to miss some of them, and Kelly, please fill me in if I miss some folks.

The last seven months we started in April where we lost everybody and Mike Dyzak, who was the State Fire Marshal, stepped in and helped us keep SERC up and running those seven months. Mike is now retired, and Joe Rodriguez is the new State Fire Marshal, and he stepped in also after Mike left and has helped us.

Kelly Hutter, who's coordinating the meeting, she is actually our new SERC Administrator. Ashley, I know who assisted Kelly a lot. Am I missing anybody, Kelly? That I can say give thanks to.

RB

Richard Brenner 4:12

OK, and the financial people that serve too that have helped you try to understand books and everything?

4:16

Yes.

RB **Richard Brenner** 4:18

Thank you very much, without your assistance, folks that I've named that this would never have happened. We would have been dead in the water and afloat for months, so thank you, thank you, thank you for all your effort in the State Fire Marshal's office.

Any other public comment?

Already hearing none.

We'll move to item number four. Item number four is approval of the July 16th, 2025, meeting minutes.

DS **David Sellen** 4:56

I Make a motion to approve the July 16th meeting minutes.

RB **Richard Brenner** 4:56

Is everyone? I believe that was Dave Sellen, correct.

DS **David Sellen** 5:02

David's Sellen for the record.

Thank you.

RB **Richard Brenner** 5:04

Thank you, Dave.

DD **Debra Dailey** 5:05

Deb Dailey. I second the motion.

RB **Richard Brenner** 5:08

OK, we have a motion, and we have a second.

Comments feedback anybody.

Hearing none will call for the vote.

All in favor, please say aye. Aye, aye.

DN **Dennis Nolan** 5:21

Aye, aye.

SC **Susan Crowley** 5:21

Aye.

DS

David Sellen 5:22

Aye.

RB **Richard Brenner** 5:24

Any opposed? The motion carries unanimously.

Alrighty, item number 5 is Commission members in Standing Committee updates.

Kelly, anything to add here?

5:40

No I'm just getting things better from the lost information with updates. Also for the new training that we're going to try to do and I've got the new list for the local emergency contacts I've made that up since we lost all of our S drive and all of our forms, everything for the last 19 weeks I've had to do a lot of gathering of information and remaking forms. I just got my S drive back this morning so now I'm checking what I do have against what we did have.

RB **Richard Brenner** 6:19

OK. What Kelly's talking about there, the state computer system was hacked, and it's taken months to get this, how should I say up and running the system? And it's not just public safety, it's all the computer systems in the state and it's a mess.

The drive she's talking about had all our data on it so I've been going back on my emails and trying to help her, and so it's been a real challenge, but if anybody knows someone who would be interested in becoming a SERC Commissioner, we do have some openings. I did coordinate with Kelly, Kelly Thomas from chemical accident prevention program. He gave me a name, Nate Gardner. Nathan works for Ormat, and he is in the process of working with the state boards and commissions to become a SERC commissioner. So I look forward to that happening in the near future. If anybody's got folks that would be interested, please reach out to them and if they wanna talk with me or Kelly, I'd be more than happy. I think it's our diversity is our critical thing here with industry, with local and state government working

together and the tribes I know Lance isn't here right now, but you know it's important that we all work together. So does anybody have any questions or comments in reference to item number 5 on the calendar or on the agenda? Excuse me.

Alrighty then, let's move to item number six.

Item number six is local emergency planning committee updates.

Yeah, I'm gonna go through all the different counties and if you would do like a can report. A can stands for Conditions, Action and Needs just give an update of what's going on in your LEPC and your county and if you have any needs, please let us know. Since we now have a full-time SERC administrator and now we can jump on and help you, we'll start out with Carson City. Anyone from Carson City?

JB **Jon Bakkedahl** 8:28

Hey, Richard, it's Jon Bakkedahl at Carson City Emergency Management.

RB **Richard Brenner** 8:31

Hello, Jon.

JB **Jon Bakkedahl** 8:32

Hey Sir, so I'm the new chair for Carson City's LEPC after Sean Slamon retired. The position of emergency manager was moved out of fire and it's now an office of the county or city manager, so I'll be your point of contact as well as Kristy Runyon. She's the admin support for our local emergency planning committee.

We are up to date on everything. Had all of our meetings through the year, we'll have one more. We have a little change in our membership. We had a state vet on there for some reason and a state health role. According to our bylaws.

So good news, he retired, and we found a state health person that's gonna fill that role. So you'll be getting an updated membership from us as well.

So that's our current condition. All the actions we've been taking are completely revamping the way that we hold our meetings and having more participation.

From the membership and not just the LEPC chair speaking towards the folks.

So we're gonna have presentations by the private sector partners that impact our community as well as the support agencies and departments that are part of the committee.

From there, our needs our fire acting Fire Chief when Kelly sent out the notification

of the training that was going to be coming available, he's requesting the Hazmat IQ be available to all three shifts, not just one class and so Carson City could host that Kelly, if that's something you could coordinate, but they said pretty much the Quad County region is in dire need of requesting the HAZMAT IQ.

Thank you. End of report.

RB **Richard Brenner** 10:12

Thank you, John, for that report. It's good to hear your voice and we look forward to working with you. That training that he's describing, we're gonna, it's an agenda item. I've got great news. We've resecured the HMEP Grant for the state of Nevada, and we'll go into more detail on that.

SC **Susan Crowley** 10:28

Yeah.

RB **Richard Brenner** 10:31

But John, we will work with you, Kelly and myself, and we'll make that happen, OK.

10:37

I have one more thing.

JB **Jon Bakkedahl** 10:37

Yearly.

RB **Richard Brenner** 10:38

Yes, Kelly.

10:41

Anybody any LEPC that is on here from any county I lost all your previous meeting minutes and stuff from this year I lost it all when it went away. If you can during that time re e-mail those to me so that I can resave them and print them and put them in a folder now because I'm not going to save them to our backup drive. I'm just going to print them if anyone on here could just send them to me that would be great.

D **Derek Lincoln County LEPC** 11:15

Kelly is that for 2025?

11:18

Yes for this whatever you've done since January this year went away.
I have nothing.

JB **Jon Bakkedahl** 11:33

This is Jon from Carson. So you'll receive ours when you get all of the changes to our bylaws and everything else that you're gonna receive for the annual cycle.

11:43

Thank you.

RB **Richard Brenner** 11:45

Anybody have any questions for Jon?

All righty.

Let's go with Churchill next, Churchill.

Hearing no one will move to Clark County Brian. Are you on?

I thought I heard your voice.

BO **Brian O'Neal** 12:05

Yes, Sir. Brian O'Neil for the record, we're holding our meetings as scheduled.

We have had a little bit of increased participation from the petrochemical fields.

We've added a couple members from that industry and just continue to hold our meetings going forward, but other than that, nothing significant to report.

RB **Richard Brenner** 12:28

Thank you, Brian.

Any questions for Brian?

We'll move to Douglas County. Douglas. Hearing nothing from Douglas, we'll move to Elko. Anything from Elko County?

JJ **James Johnston** 12:48

Hey, Richard, this is Chief James Johnson with the Elko LEPC.

We're working on a tabletop drill that we're doing with two different locations for earthquake and that'll be coming in November. We're also work with the office of Emergency Management to facilitate and then also for evaluation. Other than that, no further report.

RB **Richard Brenner** 13:09

James, appreciate it, Esmeralda, Patricia.

Are you there, Patricia?

RB **Radio Goldfield Broadcasting** 13:23

This is Patricia Brownfield with Esmeralda County.

We're working with the DEM on hazardous material plan update in conjunction with Mineral County. While both of us are working on that together, we're working on our year end requirements. I'll send all of our minutes and agendas with the yearend packet when I send that in and we're pretty much on schedule on track.

RB **Richard Brenner** 13:52

Patricia, thank you. Any questions for Patricia?

We'll move to Eureka. Anyone on from Eureka County LEPC?

Hearing none, we'll move to Humboldt. Anyone on from Humboldt?

Hearing nothing will move to Lander. I know, MeShell's on.

MY **MeShell Young** 14:24

Good afternoon, everybody. My name is MeShell Young.

I am the chairperson for Lander County LEPC, which is in Battle Mountain Nevada.

Happy to be here again. We participated in a multi county drill on May 21st with Humboldt County with assistance from FEMA. I just got the after action report so that will be making its way to SERC sometime in the next about a couple months or so. We do meetings every month the second Tuesday of every month at 5:30 PM. We will be participating in the great shakeout with our county on October 16th as well as a flu pod with our public health partner on October 16th and I guess that's about it for now.

RB **Richard Brenner** 15:09

Excellent. Thank you, MeShell. Any questions for MeShell?

We'll move to Lincoln County. Derek.

D **Derek Lincoln County LEPC** 15:20

Derek Bowman, Lincoln County LEPC chair. Everything's going well.

With our LEPC, we've had our first quarter, second quarter, third quarter LEPC meetings, we've got our fourth quarter meeting scheduled for next week and everything's on track. We're working on all of our compliance items for our next calendar year. And Kelly, I'll send you the agendas and the approved minutes throughout this call e-mail them over to you, so you've got them again.

RB **Richard Brenner** 15:53

Thank you, Derek, for that report.

Any questions for Derek?

Alrighty, let's move to Lyon County.

Anyone from Lyon County? Karen, nothing will move to Mineral County.

Anyone from Mineral County?

There are nothing.

We'll move to Nye County.

Anyone from Nye County?

That surprises me, OK.

Next one is Pershing County.

Anyone Pershing County?

Hearing nothing will move to Storey County. Anyone from Storey County.

TW **Tristian Wadsworth** 16:51

This is the Tristian Wadsworth with Storey County.

RB **Richard Brenner** 16:54

Howdy.

TW **Tristian Wadsworth** 16:55

We are all up to date on all of our websites.

We have our next lecture for two weeks from now and I'll make sure to get all those agendas and minutes out to you.

RB **Richard Brenner** 17:09

Excellent. Thank you.

Anybody have any questions for Tristian in Storey County?

All righty. Let's move on to Washoe County.

I thought I saw Kelly on there.

CF **Ceballos, Francisco** 17:21

This is Francis of BIOS with Washoe County.

We're up to date with all our meetings. We're going to have ours on the 16th.

Was also the Great Shakeout date, so probably participating in that and then also we have an intern working for us and they are working with the LEPC general membership meeting members to kind of help them direct and update that plan for us.

RB **Richard Brenner** 17:46

Perfect. Thank you, Francisco. Appreciate it.

Any questions for Francisco?

OK.

Let's move to White Pine County.

White Pine County any anyone there?

We did the 17 counties, so I believe Lance is not with us, the tribal nations.

Kelly, did you get a report from Lance or anything in reference to the tribal nations?

18:17

No I haven't.

RB **Richard Brenner** 18:19

OK. And Lance still not here?

Correct. Hearing nothing, OK.

All righty. We've had our report on item number six on the agenda for updates. We'll move to item number seven now. Item number #7 is non state agency updates. We'll jump down to EPA. Do we have anybody on from EPA?

 **Handley, Bianca** 18:46

This is Bianca Hanley.

I'm an on scene coordinator with EPA and I do not have any updates.

 **Richard Brenner** 18:53

Excellent. Thank you, Bianca.

I appreciate you attending our meeting.

 **Handley, Bianca** 18:59

Absolutely. I'm happy to be here.

 **Richard Brenner** 19:02

All righty. The next federal agency is FEMA, Federal Emergency Management agency, anybody from FEMA?

Hearing nothing will move to DHS. The Department of Homeland Security, anybody from DHS.

Alrighty. Hearing nothing will move to item number 8.

Item number 8 is state agencies.

We'll start with the Nevada Highway Patrol. Lieutenant Tappan.

 **Tappan Cornmesser** 19:38

Good afternoon, everybody.

We attended the commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance fall Conference last week and we had a chance to speak with Bill Reese, the HAZMAT chairman, and got an update and it looks like the petition that was sent to FIMSA regarding lithium reclassification has made its way towards the UN because I think it's widely accepted that we realize it's not just a national problem it is a worldwide problem. So it looks like that whole conversation is still moving forward and then later this month, I'll be down in Las Vegas for the Nevada Traffic Safety Summit speaking regarding lithium and some strategies that we're working on offline with some of the different fire departments for a standardized statewide response from the enforcement and the fire side.

Outside of that, we continue our WIP shipment trainings throughout the state mostly along 80 and things like that and that's it. That's it for now.

RB Richard Brenner 20:37

Great Report, Lieutenant. I appreciate it.

Anybody have any questions for the Lieutenant?

OK. We'll move on to the State Fire Marshal Division. Nicole.

20:51

Hey Richard thank you for having me. Yeah we have a few updates here.

Basically we have a new fire Marshal which you stated earlier.

Joe Rodriguez was promoted and he's doing a phenomenal job.

We've just been revamped so we are moving offices here, so everything is very behind especially with our S drive being down. We have several classes for hazmat that's being offered in November and December but because of all of our server issues I don't have any current updates as to exactly which classes they are.

It was a very big struggle we do have the room reserved for all these classes.

I just don't have the information at this time for it. You called for a FEMA update.

I can actually provide that a little bit for all these LEPC's out there we are switching from NFIRS to the NERIS system come November and that's going to be a huge change, but again with our servers going down I'm a little behind on my updates and my information. NFIRS will be completely shut down come January 31st & February 1st is done you will not be able to log in. You'll not be able to get any of your reports, so we ask that you download all of your information that you need now. If you need help FEMA is there and available and I'm available if you need any walkthroughs or just some guidance. We're going to be having a whole bunch of meetings here soon before you guys leave. Does anybody have any questions for me?

RB Richard Brenner 22:42

Thank you, Nicole, for that report. Appreciate it and we look forward to working with you in reference to the HMEP grant I mentioned earlier and in getting the word out to first responders that it's available, by the way, how's fire shows doing?

22:58

Oh it's doing fantastic. Yeah it was really good. It was a good experience, and we had quite a few people show up I believe if my numbers are correct we had over 20 people show up to be trained this year.

 **Richard Brenner** 23:13

Good, good. Alrighty. We'll move on now to Nevada Division Environmental Protection, Kelly.

 **Kelly Thomas** 23:24

Good afternoon.

No report.

 **Richard Brenner** 23:27

OK, and again, Kelly, thank you for giving me Nate's information. You sent it over in July and we've been touching bases and as a new Commissioner, I look forward to having him come on the Commission. He seems like a really great guy. Thank you.

 **Kelly Thomas** 23:45

Welcome. We'll try to find a couple more.

 **Richard Brenner** 23:49

OK, perfect. The next agency is Nevada Division industrial relations OSHA unit. As I mentioned, Bill is no longer with OSHA. Kelly, did we get a report from OSHA?

24:08

So I haven't gotten report.

 **Richard Brenner** 24:11

We probably wanna reach out to OSHA to talk with and get a new contact and we can work with him or her to become a SERC member.

24:13

Yeah.

RB Richard Brenner 24:20

So OK. Thank you, Nevada Division of Emergency Management is the next agency.

Is Brett on the call or anybody from DEM?

Kelly, you don't have a report or anything from DEM, do you?

24:41

Nope I don't.

RB Richard Brenner 24:42

OK, and the last agency, is the Nevada Radiological Control program, Corey?

And Kelly, you didn't receive anything from Corey, correct?

24:57

No I have none.

RB Richard Brenner 24:58

OK.

Alrighty, we're moving right through. Great. The next item is item 9 is SERC Committee reports.

There's two items that are on the agenda. We didn't really have a funding committee meeting cause there was really nothing to discuss but since we have a new SERC Administrator and Kelly has a fantastic knowledge of our HAZMAT database system many, many years ago we worked with the Fire Marshal's office to develop our HAZMAT database system. So web-based system that we could track hazardous materials at fixed facilities here in Nevada and the company did a really good job and we've been really happy with their overall performance in it for tracking and keeping track of information. One of the areas where we've always had issues was with what they call the TRI reports, and how they come out, and TRI stands for Toxic Release inventory. It's a report that's required by companies that have waste streams of hazardous materials, and they have to do it every year. We here in Nevada have a

form they must fill out. There's a fee associated with that, and it's always been a manual process of going in and looking for those TRI facilities and calling it out of the computer. When Kelly came over from the Fire Marshal's office, that was one of her first task to kind of catch up because I want to say the TRI are issued like in June or July. So she started and that was her first thing, and she realized that, hey, you know this is really antiquated. So she reached out to the company in our packet there was a proposal there from the company. They have a software that you can add on to our HAZMAT database, and it could make the system much easier for Kelly and staff to collect that TRI money and also for collecting data. Kelly, is there anything you'd like to add to that?

27:24

It will also on top of that it helps me generate more to do audits. It's what I use with hazmat I was able to generate a lot more. To do audits on the system and audits on the companies that aren't reporting so this will actually allow us also to find out who's been reporting and then skipped because they decided not to report so it'll help us keep track of everybody in the state of Nevada.

RB **Richard Brenner** 28:00

From the Commission standpoint, does anybody have any questions for Kelly in reference to the software? I mean, it is a sizable amount of money. It's a \$10,000 expenditure, but I definitely. It sounds like this would be very helpful to Kelly and staff to use this. Would someone like to make a motion that we recommend this purchase?

JJ **James Johnston** 28:38

Is James Johnson. For the record, I make a motion to accept the \$10,000 purchase.

SC **Susan Crowley** 28:44

This is Susan Crowley. I'll second that.

RB **Richard Brenner** 28:47

Thank you, James and Susan.

Appreciate it. Discussion.

Hearing no feedback or comments will call for the vote. All in favor, please say aye.

 **Debra Dailey** 29:02

Aye.

 **James Johnston** 29:03

Aye.

 **Tappan Cornmesser** 29:03

Aye.

 **Allison Herzik** 29:05

Aye.

 **Richard Brenner** 29:06

Aye, any opposed.

 **Richard Brenner** 29:08

The motion carries unanimously. Thank you folks.

It'll definitely help Kelly. Item number 10 is the HMEP grant discussion.

This one is we've had this on the agenda for over a year, and it's been a struggle with HMEP because SERC only had one person for a year and then we had two. Then we lost everybody and it's just been a real struggle to keep the HMEP grant up and running for the state of Nevada and the individual who is affiliated with the HMEP grant her name was Suzette reached out to us and said, hey, you know what can we do to help and I explained the situation and Suzette basically said Do you mind if I reach out to others in your state to see if they can help you? I said, sure, you know it, whatever you can do would be great. I've told her we reached out to various counties, and they don't have the personnel and staff. So she did, and we got a phone call from the governor's office. Mrs. McKnight, from the governor's office, said we're here to help and we can make this happen so in July and August, we got Kelly, Carla Shepherd, who's actually in charge of the US Department of Transportation's HMEP grant program and we talked and discussed it and we have now officially re-

secured the HMEP grant for Nevada, and this is a sizable grant. It can be used for hazardous materials, transportation, preparedness and planning. So you're talking training emergency preparedness. So we have this money, but we need your help because we need to spend it and we need to put a plan together for us to do this. So that's what John was talking about from Carson City in reference to the training that he's looking at for the HAZMAT IQ, I know talking with Gary Stevenson, who's the HAZMAT coordinator with Clark County. They were talking about Hazmat IQ also. So please give us your feedback and comments because this is a sizable chunk of money we're talking. I don't recall the exact number I want to say it's between 300 and \$400,000 and we have it.



32:02

300.



Richard Brenner 32:04

Pardon me, Kelly.



32:05

300.



Richard Brenner 32:06

300,000. OK. So we have to spend it, and you know please reach out to Kelly and talk with her about it. What I'd like to do cause I talked to the AG Lori before, and Lori's not here with us today but the one thing she did recommend is that we make a motion to re secure this as a SERC Commission. So I can't make the motion, but I'd like to have SERC as you know, a commissioner or Commission approve this process and make it official. So I'll put it out there. Would somebody like to make a motion that we approve and that we approve the process of resecuring the HMEP grant for hazmat training and preparedness for the state of Nevada using this grant dollar?



Susan Crowley 33:06

This is Susan Crowley.



Debra Dailey 33:07

Deb Dailey.

SC **Susan Crowley** 33:10

Oh, I'm sorry. I stepped on somebody.

DD **Debra Dailey** 33:11

That's OK. I would say this is Deb Dailey. I will support.

That process and I approve.

SC **Susan Crowley** 33:18

And this is Susan Crowley I'll second.

DD **Debra Dailey** 33:19

Make a motion.

RB **Richard Brenner** 33:23

Thank you, ladies. Appreciate it. Discussion.

Hearing none will call for the vote.

All in favor, please say aye.

SC **Susan Crowley** 33:36

Aye, aye.

33:36

Aye.

DS **David Sellen** 33:36

Aye,

 **Tappan Cornmesser** 33:36

Aye, aye.

AH **Allison Herzik** 33:37

Aye.

RB **Richard Brenner** 33:41

Any Opposed. Hearing None.

The motion carries unanimously.

Thank you folks.

I truly appreciate it.

It was a long time coming, but we got there.

Move to item number 11. Item number 11 is public comment.

Do I have any public comment?

OK.

Don't hear any public comment.

I'll move to item number 12, adjournment. Do I hear a motion to adjourn?

DS **David Sellen** 34:12

David Sellen, for the record, motion to adjourn.

RB **Richard Brenner** 34:15

OK.

Thank you, David.

Do I have a second?

SC **Susan Crowley** 34:21

Susan Crowley here. I'll second that.

RB **Richard Brenner** 34:23

OK.

Thank you, Susan.

Any discussion, all in favor, please say aye aye.

SC **Susan Crowley** 34:30

Aye, aye.

DD **Debra Dailey** 34:30

Aye, aye.



Tappan Cornmesser 34:31

Aye.



Richard Brenner 34:32

Any opposed?

The motion carries unanimously.

Thank you folks and happy holidays.

They're coming quickly. Take care.



Susan Crowley 34:39

You too.



Richard Brenner 34:40

Bye bye now.



David Sellen 34:40

Thank you, Richard. Hi team.



Susan Crowley 34:41

Thank you.

Bye.



Kelly Hutter stopped transcription