



STATE OF NEVADA MEETING MINUTES NEVADA HAZARD MITIGATION WORKING GROUP

Attendance	DATE	May 05, 2026
	TIME	10:00 a.m.
	METHOD	Zoom
	RECORDER	Ella Ramirez

Appointed Voting Member Attendance

Member Name	Present	Member Name	Present	Member Name	Present
Andrew Trelease – Vice Chair	X	Shari A. Davis	ABS	Lisa Nash	X
Eric Antle	X	Rich Koehler	X	Stephen Aichroth	ABS
Solome Barton	X	Dawn Johnson	ABS	Matt Williams	X
DT Allen	ABS	Cameron Kramer	ABS		
Tim Hill	X	Sarah Fitchner	ABS		

Legal/Administrative Staff

Name	Agency	Present
Heather Lafferty – Chair (Non-Voting)	Nevada Office of Emergency Management/ Homeland Security (OEM/HS) State Hazard Mitigation Officer (SHMO)	X
Samantha Ladich – Senior Deputy Attorney General (DAG)	Attorney General's Office	X
Laney Parow – Non-Voting Member	Nevada Office of Emergency Management / Homeland Security (OEM/HS)	X
Zach McCullough– Non-Voting Member	Nevada Office of Emergency Management / Homeland Security (OEM/HS)	X
Kammy Kinkade– Non-Voting Member	Nevada Office of Emergency Management / Homeland Security (OEM/HS)	X
Loren Borst	(OEM/HS)– Recorder	X

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Heather Lafferty, Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (OEM/HS) called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Roll call was performed by Ella Ramirez, OEM/HS. Quorum was established for the meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Lafferty, OEM/HS, opened the first period of public comment for discussion.

There was no comment.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Lafferty, OEM/HS, requested a motion to accept the minutes from March 10, 2026. moved to approve the minutes. Vice Chair Andrew Trelease, Clark County Regional Flood Control District, made a motion to approve the minutes. Solome Barton, North Las Vegas Emergency Manager, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. OVERVIEW OF THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2024 & 2025, BUILDING RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITIES (BRIC), NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (NOFO)

Chair Lafferty, OEM/HS, provided a brief overview of the BRIC grant program and the flood mitigation assistance application periods that have opened. She stated both of the notice of funding opportunities (NOFOs) have dropped. She pulled up the OEM/HS website, oem.nv.gov/grantstatusmanagement, highlighting the open funding opportunities, and the BRIC portal for the pre-application form. If planning for a BRIC project for pre-application, they are due by May 8, 2026. She indicated the NOFO's guidance is much more restrictive this year, but invited those interested to certainly apply if you have a project.

Chair Lafferty then stated the deadline for sub-applicants to have their information into fema.go is July 6, 2026. She indicated the NHMWG committee will be voting and ranking both BRIC and flood mitigation applications at the meeting on July 14, 2026. Since the last meeting, in the working group, the flood mitigation assistance NOFO did release from FEMA, she also pointed out that since FEMA is open again, members can anticipate a lot of NOFOs and grant seizing being very compressed. There will be a lot of communication from OEM/HS in this period, with some tight deadlines and quick turnarounds, so please be prepared for this.

Chair Lafferty then stated for flood mitigation assistance, there is a portal for this NOFO, with information on how to apply and what projects are eligible, on oem.nv.gov. This includes the notice of interest form, which is due by June 12, 2026. There will be a kickoff webinar for flood mitigation on May 7, 2026, at 8 a.m., with the link provided on the site, as well. There will also be open mitigation office hours, which are also listed on the website.

Chair Lafferty again emphasized that, with FEMA open again, there is a condensed timeline and things will be pressured, so be prepared.

There were no questions or comments.

5. HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP) PROGRAMATIC UPDATES AND COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN REVIEW BY THE STATE HAZARD MITIGATION OFFICER (SHMO) AND ASSISTANT STATE HAZARD MITIGATION OFFICER

Zach McCullough, Assistant SHMO OEM/HS, provided updates on the County hazard mitigation plans currently expired, currently being updated, or recently updated.

Mr. McCullough stated that Humboldt, Pershing, and Lander are currently working on a joint hazard mitigation plan, with the current plan expiring in October 2026. Eureka, White Pine, and the Ely Shoshone Tribe have a multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan that was submitted and is now undergoing state review. Storey County's hazard mitigation plan has expired but is currently being

updated. Esmeralda and Mineral County's multi-jurisdictional plan is updated but undergoing final revisions for state review. Elko County's plan will expire October 2026. Churchill and the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe's plan was approved February 2, 2026. Carson City's hazard mitigation plan was approved by FEMA, pending adoption, on May 1, 2026. All other hazard mitigation plans are approved, with the expected expiration date of 2029 and 2030.

6. MITIGATION GRANTS UPDATES AND REVIEW BY OEM/HS MITIGATION GRANTS TEAM

Laney Parow, OEM/HS, provided a brief update on mitigation grants. She indicated, with FEMA returning to normal operations, she anticipates an increase in award activity in the coming weeks. As awards are received, their team will be prioritizing and issuing award notifications and sending out Zoom grant application invites as quickly as possible. She reminded members that Zoom grants is the grant application tracking system, where applications are submitted for OEM/HS review and approval, as well as where grant reporting will take place throughout the lifecycle of the award.

Ms. Parow continued by stating that any payment requests that were submitted during the shutdown are expected to begin processing and be released soon. Her team will work to ensure the payments are reviewed and dispersed promptly. She reminded members not to begin any project work, excluding allowable, pre-award costs, until a grant award agreement has been fully executed by OEM/HS and the authorized official in the Zoom grants portal. Given the expected increase in activity, there may be a higher volume of emails from OEM/HS, which may include award notifications, requests for clarification, or additional documentation needs. She asked everyone to please monitor their emails closely, and her team will get to them in a timely manner.

Eric Antle, Nevada Division of Forestry, indicated he saw a news report that Nevada was awarded two hazard mitigation grants, post-fire, for \$500,000. He wondered if Ms. Parow knew which two grants had gotten the approval.

Ms. Parow stated she did not know the names, but she would send Mr. Antle an email with the detailed information regarding this.

Chair Lafferty stated there was a grant approved yesterday for FY '24, which was the goat grazing application that was ranked and approved by the NHWMG. Additionally, there was an official award of the Nevada Office of Emergency Management's fuel study that was put in through post-fire, for 2024. She also stated that some of the money that FEMA was previously announcing was previously awarded, and when NHWMG reached out to FEMA, they didn't exactly know what FEMA in Washington was referencing when those specific announcements were released. But Chair Lafferty did confirm they are starting to see movement on post-fire, FY '24, and will keep everyone informed and up to date.

7. UPDATES ON THE STATE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Randy Brawley, Wise Oak Consulting with OEM/HS, stated early work has started on the enhanced hazard mitigation plan update, with the objective of not updating the plan, but developing a new system to be maintained moving forward. It will have data for all Counties and all sub-jurisdictions that will enable ease of updating on their own. Mr. Brawley started his presentation from the last project, step one, which he indicated was complete. This was to develop Smartsheets and go live with it.

Mr. Brawley then explained the plans for the remaining steps, which are step two, which is what will be worked on this quarter, and step three, which will be worked on in the following quarter. He indicated now they want to integrate this with the quarterly updates, with points of contact and for

this forum. He then gave a bit more detail on what step one was, which was developing and enabling a Smartsheets, which is a database that everyone can share to and the State of Nevada already uses and is now online in all jurisdictions.

Mr. Brawley then explained step two, which is working intake forms. They have their projects, actions, plans, etc., and they want to make it easy for their partners to update their information and then pull reports. He then noted the references in the presentation of S17, S18, S1, etc. He indicated they are building this out in modules, according to FEMA requirements, which has checklists for hazard mitigation plans, in these formats: S1, S2, S3, etc., where E means enhanced. The idea is to build out the modules according to FEMA requirements, which will then result in a complete plan.

Mr. Brawley then moved on to step three, which is like the first part of every plan; how the plan was made, who was involved, etc. He indicated the program is ahead of FEMA's schedule of a required, 2028 submission window. He then gave a more detailed overview of the three steps, including a slide show of his step-by-step building of the Smartsheets integration, the forms to complete, and the interaction the system will enable members to utilize. He also added that they are working with Zach McCullough, Assistant SHMO OEM/HS, to get the hazard mitigation plans put in and updated into Smartsheets.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Lafferty, OEM/HS, opened the second period of public comment.

There was no comment.

9. Adjournment

Chair Lafferty, OEM/HS, asked for a motion to adjourn. Vice Chair Andrew Trelease, Clark County Regional Flood Control District, moved to adjourn the May 5, 2026, Nevada Hazard Mitigation Working Group meeting. Shari Davis, Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED), seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 am.