STATE OF NEVADA
MEETING MINUTES
NEVADA INTRASTATE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE

Attendance		
	DATE	Tuesday, February 24, 2026
	TIME	10:00 a.m.
	METHOD	Zoom/Teleconference
	RECORDER	Loren Borst

Appointed Voting Member Attendance

Member Name	Present	Member Name	Present	Member Name	Present
Ron Bollier —Vice Chair	X	Kelly Echeverria	X	Lisa Christensen	ABS
Roy Anderson	X	Scott Means	X	Brian O'Neal	X
Jessica Brenner	ABS	Carol Lynn	X	James Simpson	X
Sean Burke	X	Don Pelt	ABS	Jerome Tushbant	ABS
Ryan Sommers	X	Matt Petersen	ABS	James Walker	X
Col John Krueger	X	Col Brian Howard	ABS		

Non-Voting Member Attendance

Member Name	Present	Member Name	Present	Member Name	Present
Lindey Downey – Chair	X	Rodney Wright	X		

Legal/Support Attendance

Representative	Entity	Present
Samantha Ladich – Senior Deputy Attorney General	Office of the Nevada Attorney General	X
Loren Borst – Administrative Support	Nevada Office of Emergency Management/Homeland Security (OEM/HS)	X

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Vice-Chair, Lindey Downey, Nevada Office of Emergency Management/Homeland Security (OEM/HS) called the meeting to order. Roll call was performed by Loren Borst, OEM/HS. Quorum was established for the meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice-Chair, Lindey Downey, OEM/HS opened discussion for public commentary.

Carol Lynn, Humboldt County Emergency Manager, stated there is a new Civil Air Patrol Commander, Pete Gordson. He may not know he is a member of the

board, so she indicated she would reach out to him to let him know, as well as ask him to contact Chair Lindey Downey. Ms. Downey stated she would have Loren Borst contact him, also.

There was no further public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice-Chair, Lindey Downey, opened agenda item for approval of the minutes from the February 25, 2025, IMAC meeting. Sean Burke, Pershing County Emergency Manager, motioned for approval of the minutes.
Carol Lynn, Humboldt County Emergency Manager seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

4. INTRASTATE MUTUAL AID SYSTEM OPERATING PROCEDURES MANUAL UPDATE

Rodney Wright, OEM/HS, stated the last update of the manual was in 2021, and that he is asking for feedback during the one-year process. He pointed out suggestions related to the recent IMAS deployments, with any suggested changes members may have.

Brian O'Neal stated he thought the allowable costs category was light when sending resources within the state for mutual aid, and asked that this issue be reviewed. Mr. O'Neal then indicated there was confusion with agencies submitting mutual aid bills to NDF that were not WFPP partners. He asked to possibly define how this relationship would work.

5. 2025 REAL WORLD EVENTS

Rodney Wright, OEM/HS, directed member attention to an attachment that summarizes the 2025 IMAC and EMAC deployments. He reviewed a couple of these, stating that, in January 2025, NDF and CAL FIRE activated an agreement to support the Palisades fire, as well as in August 2025, OEM responded to a state-to-state agreement in Arizona for flooding in Gila County. He indicated there were no EMAC deployments, but three requests were submitted, none of which were accepted. There were also no IMAS deployments sent.

Mr. Wright indicated that for the NRS required reporting, as of December 31, 2025, eight of 17 counties, and two cities, had responded, directing attention to an attachment for more information and inventory agencies that had complied with the NRS requirement. These agencies need to get updates done by the 31st of December, so will be given reminders.

Carol Humboldt stated she is working on the list Rodney Wright sent her, stating there were inaccuracies in her received list. She stated that she will have it done soon.

6. STATE INCIDENT MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE TEAM (IMAT) PROJECT UPDATE

Rodney Wright, OEM/HS, stated they have received some guidance on this issue that they have been attempting to work on for a few years. There will be two different types of teams, directing member attention to an attachment that explains how they will be laid out. There will be more focus on local and tribal jurisdictions, particularly rural and frontier communities.

The first team will be IMAC one, which will consist of state employees. The second team will be IMAC two, which will consist of surge local and tribal personnel. He indicated an attempt to build them out as three IMAC teams that can be sent out to work in the EOC jurisdictions.

Mr. Wright stated the teams will consist of an EOC manager, IMAC leader, command staff with a PIO, a liaison officer, and a safety officer. There would also be general staff, consisting of an operational section chief, planning section, chief, logistics section chief, a communications unit leader, and a financial section chief.

He indicated current work on a training process for the general EM and EOC positions, with attempts to get the position-specific courses back up and running to get people trained and certified for their positions. There are plans to implement position tasks books to get people qualified for the positions on the IMAC team. Mr. Wright indicated search for funding type source, which is an ongoing problem -- how to pay for something in the past. He also stated current work on the ’28-’29 fiscal budget to identify funding sources for the positions and identify travel and equipment funds to help get staff for the teams.

Mr. Wright indicated he is seeking member input to get traction on the issue, stating it was brought up a couple of years ago, but there were numerous concerns and questions about not being able to provide staff. Kelly Echeverria stated she would like to see more specific next steps to identify minimal essential training and qualification requirements, as a next step. She indicated it was pretty broad, looking for details on when it will be identified, re-presented to the group, etc.

Carol **???** had a question on certifications. She asked if there will be exercises or some way to make sure that people who are working towards the certifications have a way to work through their position task books, locally or within the state, or will they have to send people elsewhere.

Rodney Wright indicated that this is part of the current budget build, including a training budget to bring folks to trainings where they are being held. A training cycle still needs to be worked out, but they are factoring in a budget to bring the team to be trained to exercise, allowing them to get the task books completed.

Brian O’Neal asked if the budget being secured is part of the IMAS process, requesting reimbursement for personnel that are deployed out of the area. He

pointed out neighbors helping neighbors component, querying if it was essentially like a loan from a loaning agency, assuming the cost for a person that is deployed. He then asked about FEMA NQS crosswalks. He wondered if there was a crosswalk between NWCG qualification and the FEMA qualification that Mr. Wright is looking for. He wondered if there was recognition of prior learning processes, as well as a certification review board that people submit their task books to, in order to get sign off and qualified.

Rodney Wright stated that these issues still need to be identified and what that crosswalk would be, indicating he has heard about a crosswalk, but has not seen what the NWCG FEMA all hazards crosswalk is. He stated that would help them move forward, because he knows of numerous individuals in the state that have their NWCG task books signed out.

Mr. Wright then stated that the certification review board is going to be part of the process, building a qualification system for Nevada. He indicated they have been collecting several states' qualification review boards and tasks books, naming Colorado and Tennessee as some, to build a qualification review board in Nevada, so people could have them reviewed and qualified in Nevada.

Lindey Downey then spoke of funding issues. She indicated the project timeline goes through 2028, stating that costs for all positions, travel, and equipment have been allocated for, with the state legislation being asked for this.

Mr. Wright stated he knows this will be a long-term process and is asking members for feedback and input, as there are a lot of subject matter experts that can be tapped into for valuable information.

7. DISCUSSION ON INVENTORY OF LOCAL RESOURCES FOR THE INTRASTATE MUTUAL AID SYSTEM

Rodney Wright, OEM/HS, indicated they have taken the feedback received from jurisdictions that have responded and put them on an intranet site. The link for this site has been sent to local jurisdictions, so they have the ability to pull it up and see what resources have been identified as possible uses in an IMAS resource request situation.

He indicated that as they receive more, they will be added to the list, which is currently on an Excel spreadsheet, with the goal to build a kind of system, like the current EOC platform, with future movement to a system where Excel documents can be uploaded, facilitating easy viewing by jurisdictions looking for a wanted resource. A current replacement for the EOC database is currently being sought. He indicated that the link is available to all jurisdictions, and that if you are having trouble accessing it, reach out and he can assist.

8. CROSS BORDER FIRE SUPPORT REIMBURSEMENT

Ryan Sommers, Fire Chief, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, stated that,

as an out-of-state, CAL OES op area coordinator, CAL OES asked him to ask if Nevada could streamline its payment process for local government involvement in Nevada, specifically when coming from California. He indicated NDF is good about getting each agency paid back, but it seems like a case-by-case scenario. CAL OES is asking if a more formal process can be developed, as a state. He indicated it wasn't just for wildfire, but all risk.

Ron Bollier indicated that CAL OES is not a disbursement agency, stating apprehension about entering into an agreement with them. He spoke of OEM in FBS possibly helping, but stating that NDF is the only paying mechanism. He stated OEM is signed up to submit EMAC, and IMAS bills, so everything would go through OEM, with NFD the paying agency. For requests through OEM, they would be one-offs, with discussion held about some kind of an agreement for a paying agency.

Mr. Bollier indicated the only current way to do reimbursement, to a local government from California, for a local government, is to get with their department and get them signed up in the fire billing system. Then, they can be reimbursed, unless some kind of an agreement can be reached with CAL OES and the State of California and the comptroller's office in California, with some kind of fiscal mechanism to transfer money.

Ryan Sommers then stated he wasn't sure of CAL OES could even be asked this. He wondered if such agencies could be put in the fire billing system to pay them, or would the California agencies sign up in the FBS program themselves. Mr. Bollier stated the agencies can sign up in the FBS, with an agency paying the bill and then reimburse through them, indicated he thinks this is the preferred method.

Mr. Sommers stated that if they are extending beyond neighbors right on the board, it's a totally separate agreement they will be coming on, which should be well established beforehand. He stated that initial attack resources come from the State of California and that if they go beyond the first 24 hours, then a billing mechanism needs to be worked on.

Brian O'Neal asked if there was a way to add an OEM person as a billing approver in FBS for agencies, so they agency would initiate their claim, and then it would go through OEM to submit it to NDF. Ron Bollier indicated that this would be the process, yes. He indicated that the approver wasn't necessarily the issue, but more of an audit from the State of Nevada IFC, to review that supporting documentation was present.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice-Chair, Lindey Downey opened the second period of public comment.

There was no public comment.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair, Lindey Downey asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chief Brian O'Nea, Clark County Fire Department, made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by James Simpson, Nevada State Police. All were in favor of adjournment with no further discussion. Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.