

NEVADA TRIBAL EMERGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL (NTECC) BYLAWS

I. Authority

- A. The Nevada Tribal Emergency Coordinating Council (NTECC) is authorized by Chapter 414 of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and exists through collaboration between all federally recognized Tribes in Nevada and the Nevada Division of Emergency Management (DEM).

II. Purpose and Mission

- A. NTECC is responsible for advising the Chief of DEM regarding the concerns, considerations, and perspectives from all federally recognized Tribes in Nevada to the Chief of the Division of Emergency Management. This should be focused on all hazards emergency management and obtaining grants. NRS 414 describes the responsibilities of NTECC as follows:
1. Advise the Chief of DEM regarding emergency management on tribal lands;
 2. Assist in the coordination of mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery activities relating to an emergency on tribal lands;
 3. Submit an annual report to the Chief of NDEM detailing the Council's activities during the immediately preceding calendar year and provide recommendations relating to emergency management on tribal lands.
- B. DEM will provide employees as Tribal Emergency Management liaisons to carry out the direction of the Chief, based upon input from NTECC and the requests of the -tribal nations being assisted.
- C. Specifically, NTECC advice and counsel is needed to support DEM's role in supporting for all federally recognized Tribes. This advice and counsel should focus on:
1. Advise DEM in the development of programs and policies regarding the implementation of Tribal emergency management programs;
 2. Provide recommendations in the distribution of funding available through the DEM and other grant sources;
 3. Encourage the creation of Tribal Emergency Response Commissions (TERC), Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) and other outreach programs which enhance preparedness and collaboration between

all parties;

4. Work to build collaborative efforts between state and local agencies with tribal nations to enhance planning, preparing, responding, and recovery from disaster;
5. Increase knowledge, skills, and education of emergency management and preparedness;
6. Encourage Tribal participation and input on Nevada emergency management commissions and committees;
7. Encourage Tribal contribution to the Threat & Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA);
8. Assist federally recognized Tribes in Nevada with emergency operations plans, tribal hazard mitigation plans, public health preparedness plans, tribal hazard vulnerability assessments (HVAs), training plans, exercises and drills;
9. Promote statewide Tribal compliance with Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5, and the National Incident Management System;
10. Encourage federally recognized Tribes in Nevada to opt-in to the Nevada Intrastate Mutual Aid System;
11. Promote inter-operability communications, mutual aid agreements, and coordination/cooperation from federally recognized Tribes in Nevada to all Nevada jurisdictions, DEM, other state agencies, and federal agencies, and
12. Recognize Tribal sovereignty with respect to each Nevada Tribal government and their members.

III. Membership

- A. All federally recognized Tribes in Nevada may have one (1) voting representative on the NTECC. No federally recognized Tribe in Nevada shall have more than one representative appointed to the NTECC. The Tribal Chairperson will provide a letter of recommendation to the Chief of DEM for the selected tribal representative. The Chief of DEM will officially appoint the selected tribal member to the NTECC.
- B. The term of each appointment will be two (2) years unless a member has two unexcused absences (no prior notification of absence), which will result in automatic termination from the NTECC.

IV. Officers and Duties

- A. The NTECC Council will have Co-Chairs; 1) an NTECC tribal representative serving as a voting Co-Chair, and 2) the Chief of DEM or his/her designee, to serve as a nonvoting Co-Chair. The DEM Co-Chair will ensure continuity and

responsibility for administering the NTECC, ensuring Open Meeting Law Compliance, and coordinating meeting logistics.

- B. The members shall elect the Tribal Co-Chair, for a term of two (2) years.
- C. Resignation of Members: Members of the NTECC shall submit a letter of resignation to the NTECC Co-Chairs as soon as possible in the event any of the following occurs:
 - 1. a member is elected to their Tribal Council;
 - 2. a member is no longer employed by their respective Tribe;
 - 3. a member no longer wishes to serve on the NTECC.

V. Meetings

- A. The NTECC will meet at the call of the Chief of NDEM and at least once every three (3) months as required under NRS414. Meetings are conducted under the provisions of the Nevada Open Meeting Law contained in Chapter 241 of the Nevada Revised Statutes. Any NTECC member may make a motion and vote. Minutes will be kept for all regular and special meetings. Minutes shall be prepared and maintained by the NDEM staff.

VI. Committees

- A. NTECC committees shall be of such members and categories as decided by the Co-Chairs of the NTECC. The NTECC Co-Chairs shall appoint the Committee Chair.
- B. NTECC committee meetings are conducted under the provisions of the Nevada Open Meeting Law contained in Chapter 241 of the Nevada Revised Statutes. Any NTECC member may make a motion and vote. Minutes will be kept for all regular and special meetings. Minutes shall be prepared and maintained by the NDEM staff.

VII. Quorum and Voting

- A. A quorum is required for the transaction of business. Pursuant to NRS 241.015(5), a quorum is defined as a simple majority of the appointed membership. All actions approved by the NTECC shall be by a simple majority vote. Members of the NTECC may attend meetings either in person, by telephone, or video conference. Proxies and/or alternates do not count towards quorum and cannot vote but are allowed to attend the meetings.


VIII. Administrative Support

- A. NDEM shall provide administrative support to the NTECC.

IX. Amendments

- A. The Bylaws may be amended when necessary by a vote of the NTECC and subsequent approval by the Chief of DEM. No amendment shall be made which contradicts or conflicts with enabling authority for the NTECC found in Chapter 414 of the Nevada Revised Statutes. The NTECC will review the Bylaws annually.

X. Certification of Adoption

The Nevada Tribal Emergency Coordinating Council recommends adoption of these bylaws by the Chief of the Division of Emergency Management by a majority vote on  Unanimous August 16, 2024.