



Meeting Minutes

Nevada Commission on Homeland Security

Attendance	DATE		Thursday, June 8, 2023		
	TIME		1:00 PM		
	METHOD		Zoom/Teleconference Conference line #: (669) 219-2599 Meeting ID# 686 738 8625		
	RECORDER		Sherrean Whipple		
Appointed Voting Member Attendance					
Member Name	Present	Member Name	Present	Member Name	Present
Governor Joe Lombardo - Chair	X	Todd Fasulo	ABS	Chief John Steinbeck	X
Sheriff Kevin McMahon	ABS	Mitchell Fox	X	Rosemary Vassiliadis	X
Sheriff Darin Balaam	ABS	Chief Fernando Gray	ABS	Patricia Wade	X
Richard Perkins	X	Dr. Ikram Khan	X	Bill Welch	X
Harriett Parker	X	Chief Charles Moore	X		
Spencer Evans	X	Richard Perkins	ABS		
Appointed Non-Voting Member Attendance					
Karen Burke	X	Christopher Ipsen	X	Philip "P.K." O'Neill	ABS
Gonzalo Cordova	X	David Fogerson	ABS	Aakin Patel	X
Legal and Support Staff Attendance					
Samantha Ladich	X	Sherrean Whipple	X		

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Governor Joe Lombardo called the meeting to order. Roll call was performed by Sherrean Whipple, Nevada Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEM/HS). Quorum was established for the meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Governor Joe Lombardo opened the first period of public comment for discussion.

There was no additional public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Governor Joe Lombardo called for a motion to amend or amend and approve the draft minutes from the April 27, 2023, Nevada Commission on Homeland Security meeting. Dr.

Ikram Kahn, President, Quality Care Consultants, motioned to approve the minutes with the correction. Patricia Wade, Wade Development, seconded the motion.

No discussion was presented. All were in favor with no opposition, and the motion passed with the correction, unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION ON FLOODING INCIDENTS IN NEVADA

Jon Bakkedahl, Deputy Administrator at DEM/ HS, informed the Committee that DEM/HS has completed its activation for the March Atmospheric Rivers, both state and federal, declaration. Mr. Bakkedahl explained that there are currently 14 FEMA staff co-located at DEM/HS to help facilitate the recovery as DEM/HS has 14 projects that are in review for recovery at a 75-percent reimbursement for the expenditures during the spring Atmospheric Rivers. Mr. Bakkedahl further indicated that DEM/HS is currently assisting local governments with their scoping to help them to better understand their available benefits from both state and FEMA as they continue to recover. Mr. Bakkedahl informed the Committee that the recovery operation will be a multi-year process. Mr. Bakkedahl next discussed the spring thaw, noting that there are several members of FEMA supporting DEM/HS with this operation. Mr. Bakkedahl indicated that the biggest impacts are to Lyon County and to the state land out in Lyon County with the severe rapid melt of the snow coming primarily off the southern Sierras. Mr. Bakkedahl explained that Governor Lombardo signed a state declaration a couple of weeks ago, so DEM/HS is activated in supporting that, as well. Mr. Bakkedahl indicated that the end date on the emergency activation is still open and will be codified once DEM/HS gets a better stance on where they are in the recovery process.

John Steinbeck asked about the infrastructure damage in these locations.

Jon Bakkedahl indicated that DEM/HS is guessing at this time about \$3 million for the spring thaw, noting that there is not good access to several of the severely flood areas out in Lyon County and that these areas have not yet been assessed for costs. Mr. Bakkedahl explained that Lyon County has incurred several million dollars in their efforts to help build the base of the river shores to prevent additional flooding into the areas and as such, costs continue to accrue. Mr. Bakkedahl indicated that this is approaching federal declaration based on just those costs alone. Mr. Bakkedahl next explained that the federal declaration from the Atmospheric Rivers in March was a \$10.5 million estimate by FEMA, twice the required state limit to meet the federally required limit for a federal declaration. Mr. Bakkedahl indicated that estimates on repairs are well above that amount. Mr. Bakkedahl confirmed that this is just for public infrastructure and that on the residential side, five homes are severely damaged and underwater in Lyon County, and several private roads have been wiped out. Mr. Bakkedahl explained that DEM/HS is working with the FEMA partners on resources available to assist the private parties.

5. REPORT ON THE STATEWIDE ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS)

Jon Bakkedahl, Deputy Administrator at DEM/HS, explained that there has been significant NIMS and all-hazard training taking place statewide, including out in the rural's. Mr. Bakkedahl indicated that DEM/HS recently deployed incident management teams to both Eureka County and Lincoln County to address the Atmospheric River incidents, as well as additional resources out of Clark County to assist.

John Steinbeck questioned if the state is at the peak of the melt runoff.

Jon Bakkedahl indicated that it is not and is likely still two to three weeks out based on predictions by the National Weather Service.

6. DEM/HS/HS FEMA AUDIT RESULTS FOR THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2022 AND 2023

Jared Franco, DEM/HS, explained that the three audits are still in progress, but that the executive audit branch has indicated that the audit they were conducting was placed on hold due to other priorities and will likely resume in June of 2024.

John Steinbeck asked how the state did in terms of de-obligations.

Jared Franco indicated that DEM/HS is still working through the de-obligations and is still receiving some. Mr. Franco further indicated that extensions have been granted on the FFY20 and FFY21 grants, and so the only grant that will be closing out this year is the 2019. Mr. Franco explained that DEM/HS is in the process of re-obligating the rest of the de-obligations for that grant.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Governor Joe Lombardo opened the second period of public comment for discussion.

There was no public comment.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Governor Joe Lombardo called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mitchell Fox, Nevada Broadcasters Association, motioned for adjournment.

All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.