

Minutes of the  
Nevada Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee  
2 August 2006

The Nevada Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee and its Proposal Review Subcommittee met from 3:30 p.m. until 4:12 p.m. on Wednesday, August 2, 2006, at the offices of the Clark County Department of Development Services, 4701 W. Russell Road, Las Vegas, Nevada. These minutes and related documents are posted on the Web site for the committee (<http://www.nbmng.unr.edu/nhmpr/nhmpr.htm>).

Jonathan Price, Chair of the Committee, chaired the meeting.

Attendees included:

Elizabeth Ashby, Nevada Division of Emergency Management (DEM), who held the proxy for  
    Jeanne Ruefer\*, Washoe County Department of Water Resources  
Bob Ashworth\*, Nevada Division of Forestry  
Rick Diebold\*, Las Vegas Fire Department  
Stacy Cruz, Nevada Division of Emergency Management (DEM)  
Jeff Lusk, FEMA Region IX  
Terri Garside, Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology, who also held the proxy for Press Clewe\*, Washoe  
    County resident  
Ron Lynn\*, Clark County Department of Development Services, Building Division, who also held the  
    proxy for Gale Fraser\*, Clark County Regional Flood Control District  
Jonathan Price\*, Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology  
Jim Reagan\*, Sierra Pacific Power Company, who also held the proxy for  
    Margie Gunn Nutman\*, Lincoln County Emergency Management  
Eric Simmons, FEMA Region IX  
Jim Walker\*, Nevada Department of Transportation

\* indicates a member of the Board of Directors.

Members of the Board of Directors of the Committee who were unable to attend include:

Ben Hutchins\*, City of Sparks  
Christine James\*, Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Water  
    Resources

A quorum of directors (seven) was present.

**A. Jon Price welcomed attendees, who introduced themselves.**

**B. The minutes of the previous meeting of the committee, held on 28 June 2006, were unanimously approved.**

**C. New Business**

1. Introduction of new members

    Jim Walker from the Nevada Department of Transportation  
    Elizabeth Ashby has asked Michael Cyphers from Henderson Emergency Management to  
    replace Jim O'Brien on the committee

2. Review of FEMA's Enhanced Plan Requirements and Standard Plan Update Requirements to  
    updating State's Mitigation Plan, and discussion of the process to be used.

Elizabeth Ashby distributed two documents: *Enhanced State Hazard Mitigation Plan Review Crosswalk* and *Enhanced State Mitigation Plan*. Elizabeth believes that Nevada is ready to submit an Enhanced State Mitigation Plan. Jeff Lusk reported that few states have submitted an Enhanced State Mitigation Plan, and he is looking forward to seeing Nevada's. He did say that Florida is working on their Enhanced Plan, and Elizabeth reported that Oregon does have an approved Enhanced Plan. Those states that have an approved Enhanced Plan receive more from FEMA in post-disaster funds (20% instead of only 7.5%).

The question was raised: "Who's going to update the State's plan, and are there going to be regular subcommittee meetings"? Elizabeth Ashby said that she feels that, with the help of an assistant, she'll be responsible for updating the State's plan. She doesn't believe there will be funds available to hire a consultant. She does see the need for the Mitigation Plan Subcommittee to help in the process and there will possibly be monthly meetings. Jon Price asked if there might be other hazards, other than natural, that should be included in the plan. Elizabeth believes that the plan should be written to include natural hazards only. Jon Price made the request for volunteers to serve on the Mitigation Plan Subcommittee.

The following have volunteered to serve on the Mitigation Plan Subcommittee:

Chair – Jim Walker, Nevada Department of Transportation

Rick Diebold, Las Vegas Fire Department

Jon Price, Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology

Elizabeth Ashby, Division of Emergency Management

A committee of seven to nine people would be best.

Potential subcommittee members:

Tim Suko, Clark County Regional Flood Control District or someone else from that agency (nominated by Gale Fraser)

Andy Bailey, National Weather Service

Bob Ashworth, or someone he selects, from the Nevada Division of Forestry

Gary Dunn, City of Sparks

Jeff Page, Lyon Co.

Joe Curtis, Storey Co.

Werner Helmer, Clark County Department of Development Services, Building Division

Christine James, State Floodplain Manager

**ACTION ITEM:**

Elizabeth Ashby will work out the arrangements for meeting dates and locations and will contact other potential subcommittee members to see if they are willing to serve.

#### **D. Old Business**

Jon Price reviewed the action items from the June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. All items were completed.

Status of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – 1540 – Applications (Waterfall Fire 2004)

State Parks, \$87,202.03 in federal funds for fuel reduction in the Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park, Pending National Environmental Review at FEMA

Elko County, \$50,352 in federal funds, State contract is signed, ready to begin work in the multi-jurisdictional mitigation plan.

State Public Works Board, \$325,851 in federal funds for seismic retrofit of Bldg. #13 at the Carson City Stewart Facility, Pending National Environmental Review at FEMA

Public Awareness, \$36,327 in federal funds, Finalizing Web site, Two state-wide radio spots finalized

DEM, \$226,808.97 in federal funds, Funding received to support current salaries and operations costs for the mitigation section.

Status of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – 1583 – Applications (Southern Nevada Floods 2005)

State Parks, \$25,851 in federal funds, Approved for mapping of the Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park's east slope.

State Public Works Board, \$469,497 in federal funds for seismic retrofit of Building #12 of the Carson City Stewart Facility, Pending National Environmental Review at FEMA

UNR Risk Assessment of Natural Hazards by county and for natural hazards, \$37,346 in federal funds, Pending approval (post-meeting note, this received approval)

Status of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – 1629 – Applications (Northern Nevada Floods 2006)

City of Sparks, \$26,250 in federal funds, Application received. State reviewing for completeness  
Washoe County and City of Reno applications are under development.

The proposal deadline is August 23, 2006, for additional submissions under Grant Program 1629. Once the proposals are reviewed they will be submitted to FEMA.

Status of Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grants:

- i. 2004 currently active
- ii. 2005 currently active
- iii. 2006 Elko Band Council's proposal has been approved but no funding has been awarded to date.

Jon Price updated the committee on key activities of the Nevada Earthquake Safety Council (see minutes of their 2 August 2006 meeting posted on their Web site at <http://www.nbmng.unr.edu/nesc>).

#### REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

Elizabeth Ashby will work out the arrangements for meeting dates and locations and will contact other potential subcommittee members to see if they are willing to serve.

#### **E. Public Comment Period**

No public comments were received

#### **F. Announcements**

The committee expects to meet immediately following the Nevada Earthquake Safety Council meeting, beginning at approximately 2:30 p.m. on the following date:

Wednesday, 8 November 2006 in Reno at Sierra Pacific Power

#### **G. The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m..**

Respectfully submitted by Terri Garside, 8 August 2006

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