

Draft Minutes
Nevada Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee
PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE - Special Meeting

Monday, February 13, 2012, 1:30 pm

Division of Emergency Management, Emergency Operations Center Room
2478 Fairview Drive
Carson City, NV 89701

Attendees:

Jim Walker, Chair Nevada Department of Transportation
Jonathan Price, Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology
Rick Diebold, Clark County
Elizabeth Ashby, Nevada Division of Emergency Management
Bill Elliott, Nevada Division of Emergency Management
Robin Palmer, Nevada Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources
Rob Martinez, Nevada Division of Water Resources
Stacey Giomi, Carson City
D. D. LaPointe, Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology
David Gould, Nevada Risk Management
Dr. Keith Forbes, D.V.M. Nevada Dept. of Agriculture (*via teleconference*)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- A. Chair Jim Walker, called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. thanked everyone who had come and welcomed attendees who introduced themselves. Copies of the October meeting minutes and meeting materials to be discussed were distributed to attendees.
- B. There was a call for public comment; D.D. reminded Elizabeth that we had an e-mailed public comment that referred to the 20004 version of the State hazard mitigation plan. The commenter stated that the plan referred to Nevada as a "home rule" state. That has been corrected in the more recent update of the plan Elizabeth says she thanked him for his comments and input, and referred him to the more recent plan update available online. Jim asked for any additional public comment and there was none.
- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Jim asked if there were any changes needed to the October minutes. As there were none noted, Rick made a motion to approve the minutes, Bill seconded the motion and the October subcommittee meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Da. Jim welcomed new members.

Db. Elizabeth requested that Subcommittee members continue to turn in Annual Review Questionnaire forms for 2011 if they have not already done so.

Dc. Elizabeth requested that Subcommittee members turn in Completed Mitigation Project Activity Project reports as the projects are completed.

She asked if there were any new maps available that might help in the updating of any of the hazards in Section 3 of the plan:

Rob mentioned that there is a new Superfund map for mercury available online that we can refer to under Hazardous Materials

Under Drought, Bill Elliott said the State Drought Plan is being revised from the existing 2003 plan and should be done within the next 2-3 months

Under Earthquakes, Jon Price said that the URM study (statewide database of unreinforced masonry buildings) is underway and should be completed soon – will include about 24,000 data points.

Bill Elliott said the redo of the vulnerability analysis of the State's "DoIT" EITS, telecommunications facility will be done within the next year. *Any edits needed?*

Dd. Collection of additional Hazard Prioritization Forms not yet included in the tallying done after the last meeting.

Jon Price mentioned that we might want to include erionite in the next update of the plan as a hazard – a volcanic material that causes mesothelioma. He gave a brief outline of the mineral, which does occur at about 20 localities in the state and although it is not used now as road gravel, it should be a concern and companies should be warned to stay away from using these sites as sources of road gravels.

There was discussion of the revised rankings of identified hazards based on the member input since the last meeting. We decided to table further discussion on ranking of hazards until after discussion of hazards identified by the local and tribal plans.

Df. D.D. LaPointe presented a composite table that the Planning Team developed to show hazards identified in the plans submitted and approved by the counties and tribal entities. In the next update, it will take the place of multiple tables in Section 3 of the last updated plan, thus streamlining and cutting out extra pages. It also provides a simple mode of comparison between counties and the state for which hazards are being identified and profiled and where efforts need to be focused. It also shows at a glance which counties and tribes need to get plans completed. Subcommittee members made useful suggestions such as adding wording that "this data came from approved county and tribal plans" and instead of "significant" for the middle ranking we use "moderate/significant" with definitions of the rankings indicated.

Dg. i. Several hazards were identified by the local plans that were not directly or separately addressed in the state plan; each of these was briefly discussed by the Subcommittee and a decision was made as to whether it was already included under another hazard, and whether it should be profiled or not in the State Plan. There was some disagreement as to whether utility loss should be considered a separate hazard and it was agreed to have a spokesman from NV Energy come in to give us a presentation at a future meeting. No action was required.

Dg. ii. There was discussion and agreement to change the grouping of hazards from 5 groupings (Very High, High, Moderate, Low, Very Low) to a simplified three groupings (High, Significant/Moderate, Low) in order to more closely correspond to the rankings assigned to hazards by most of the county and tribal hazard mitigation plans.

Jim opened the meeting for public comment; there was none.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 30, 2012.

Bill Elliott moved to adjourn the meeting, Rhett Milne seconded the motion and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, 13 February 2012

by Daphne D. LaPointe

Nevada Bureau of Mines & Geology