

Minutes

Nevada Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee

PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE

Monday, April 30, 2012, 1:00 pm

Division of Emergency Management, Emergency Operations Center Room

2478 Fairview Drive

Carson City, NV 89701

Attendees:

**Subcommittee Members:**

Jim Walker, Chair Nevada Department of Transportation  
Elizabeth Ashby, Nevada Division of Emergency Management  
Jonathan Price, Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology  
Rob Martinez, Nevada Division of Water Resources  
Stacey Giomi, Carson City Fire Dept.  
Marie Barry, Washoe Tribe of NV & CA  
Karen Johnson  
Michael Rife State Public Works Board

D. D. LaPointe, Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology

Rick Diebold, Clark County (*via teleconference*)  
Angel Krutsinger, NV State Hospital Association (*via teleconference*)  
Rhett Milne, National Weather Service, Reno (*via teleconference*)  
Rajat Jain, NV Division of Insurance (*via teleconference*)  
Marie Holt, NV Division of Insurance (*via teleconference*)

**Guest:**

Stephanie Hicks, R. O. Anderson Engineering

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

- A. Chair Jim Walker, called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. thanked everyone who had come and welcomed attendees who introduced themselves as listed above. Copies of the February Special Meeting minutes and meeting materials to be discussed were distributed to attendees.
- B. Jim asked for any public comment and read the action statement; there was no public comment.
- C. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Jim asked if all had a chance to look at the February minutes and if there were any discussion or changes needed. As there were none noted, Rick made a motion to approve the minutes, Stacey seconded the motion, all approved and the February Subcommittee meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Da. Jim welcomed new member Marie Barry from the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California and all agreed that we look forward to her participation and resultant increased interaction with the tribe and Inter-Tribal Emergency Response Commission (ITERC).

Jim also thanked Jon Price for his past service on the Subcommittee with his upcoming retirement at the end of June and asked if he would consider continuing to serve on the Subcommittee after retirement, which Jon agreed to do as his schedule permits.

Db. Subcommittee members were requested to provide input on answers to questions on the Annual Review Questionnaire form. Jim and Elizabeth guided the Subcommittee in a review of each question for the first two sections of the form. Much new material was provided by Subcommittee members especially in the areas of public outreach and additional maps and hazard studies. This material will be incorporated into the next iteration of the Plan. Jim Walker brought up for discussion the one hazard identified by locals that the Subcommittee agreed earlier on that needs further research as to whether it should be profiled—Utility Loss. He said he would ask Jim Reagan, a representative of NV Energy, to come and address the Subcommittee on this issue in the next meeting to continue our information-gathering and help us with determining if it should be included in this or a future iteration of the Plan.

Rob asked if cyberterrorism should also be considered. Jim Walker said he would contact the Fusion Center to request a representative to address the subcommittee on this issue. Chris Ipsen from IT will address the full NHMP Committee and will give them more information on whether it should be profiled as a new hazard or be included under the existing hazard heading of Terrorism/WMD.

Dc. Subcommittee members were requested to turn in Completed Mitigation Project Activity Project reports as projects they are aware of are completed.

Dd. D.D. LaPointe handed out and reviewed edits to Section 3 of the Plan since the last meeting that bring it up to date with the changes in the Subcommittee's process of hazard identification, ranking, and prioritization. She also requested that Subcommittee members review hazard profile sections based on their areas of expertise. Sections were parceled out to Subcommittee members according to their areas of expertise.

The subcommittee reviewed the Hazard rankings on the final Hazard Prioritization Table and discussed categorization of the hazards into rankings of "High," "Medium/Significant," and "Low."

After some discussion, the Subcommittee agreed on the groupings of:

"High" for Earthquake, Wildfire, and Flood

"Medium/Significant" for Terrorism/WMD, Hazardous Materials, Drought, and Severe Winter Storm, and

"Low" for the rest: Tsunami/Seiche, Hail & Thunderstorm, Epidemic, Avalanche, Windstorm, Landslide, Extreme Heat, Tornado, Infestation, Land Subsidence, Volcano, Expansive Soil

De. Jim initiated an evaluation of Table 4-2 of the Plan, Mitigation Goals and Strategic Actions for continued validity and during the ensuing discussion, the Subcommittee came up with several additions, deletions and edits to Goals 1 and 2. Some strategies actions were combined to correct earlier duplication in language; some language was changed for clarification.

E. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 30, 2012. A schedule of future meeting was distributed to members.

F. Jim asked for any public comment; there was no public comment.

G. Stacey moved to adjourn the meeting, Jon seconded the motion and meeting was adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted, 3 May 2012*

*by Daphne D. LaPointe*

*Nevada Bureau of Mines & Geology*