

**Nevada Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee
Planning Subcommittee Minutes**

Date: Monday, January 28, 2008,

Time: 1:30 pm

Location: Conference room at Emergency Operations Center, Division of
Emergency Management, 2478 Fairview Drive, Carson City, NV 89701

In attendance:

Elizabeth Ashby, NDEM

Barbara Urbani, NDEM

Joe Ditucci, NDWR

Keith Forbes, NDOA

D.D. LaPointe, NBMG

Rob Martinez, NDWR

Glade Myler, Attorney General's office

Rob Palmer, NDEP

Jon Price, NBMG

Jim Walker, NDOT

Joan Tierney, Risk Management (via conference phone dial-in)

The meeting was called to order by Elizabeth Ashby/Jim Walker at 1:30 pm and introductions were made around the table.

There were no minutes to approve.

Elizabeth handed out copies of the final crosswalk to the Nevada Hazard Mitigation Plan (NHMP) with comments from FEMA

NEW BUSINESS

Elizabeth announced that the State Hazard Mitigation Plan submitted to FEMA in the fall was approved on October 30, 2007 with all requirements met. Nonetheless, there were some comments by FEMA for future plan modifications. The Subcommittee reviewed and discussed each recommended or required action outlined by FEMA in the final crosswalk for future plan modifications.

1. On FEMA's comment to "discuss why there was no feedback from the outreach to other interested groups" and to "identify and contact other businesses and PNPs that might be interested in participating in the planning process," the Subcommittee recommended that we identify and contact these entities and develop a forum for input to the plan from them. It was suggested that we coordinate with the Nevada League of Cities and Nevada Association of Counties on this. Joan suggested that we submit an article for the Risk Management newsletter alerting recipients to the existence of the NHMP, asking for input, and providing web access information.

2. On FEMA's recommendation that we "explore ways to develop the various 'mechanisms for integration' into an ongoing mitigation activity" the subcommittee first discussed working with the Public Works Board and UNR on long-range building plans, but then re-read the recommendation and decided that it was unclear. Elizabeth will ask FEMA for a clarification of exactly what is meant by this recommendation before we address it further.

3. On FEMA's recommendation that we "identify opportunities to promote "Smart Growth" policies despite the lack of State-level policy development/implementation capacity," the subcommittee discussed reviewing other states' policies for ideas and opportunities to implement "Smart Growth" policies in Nevada at the local level. There was discussion of working to improve requirements of real estate disclosure of hazards.

The recent Truckee River canal disaster in Fernley was discussed with relation to implications for future NHMP revisions. There was discussion on making sure that TCID and other GIDs are included in the planning process both at the county and state level. There was also discussion of identifying ditches and adjacent flood-prone areas using GIS, which could be an NBMG project contribution to a future revision of the NHMP.

Discussion of a new NHMP section to cover the Severe Repetitive Loss requirements was tabled until a future meeting after a new flood plain manager is hired by NDWR.

On the agenda item of identification of Unreinforced Masonry Buildings owned by the State for inclusion in NHMP updates, it was decided that we first need a standardized definition of what constitutes an Unreinforced Masonry Building, an item that was referred to the NESC for action. Once that definition is obtained, we need to decide what pertinent information we want to collect on the buildings in a list or spreadsheet, such as size, use, occupied or not, value, etc.

It was also decided that the agenda item of "Inclusion of the identification of public Unreinforced Masonry Buildings in communities as a planning requirement for local jurisdictions in new plans and for updates to existing plans" needs the above-mentioned definition as a prerequisite.

OLD BUSINESS

It was agreed upon that quarterly Subcommittee meetings on the last Monday of the month are acceptable, with the next scheduled meeting to be April 28th, same time, same place.

Elizabeth noted that D.D. LaPointe from NBMG/UNR will be helping with meetings, input, and drafting of NHMP updates as needed.

The floor was opened for public comment, but there was none.

The meeting was adjourned at about 3:00 pm

List of Acronyms

FEMA = Federal Emergency Management Agency
GID = general improvement district
GIS = geographic information system(s)
NBMG = Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology
NDEM = Nevada Division of Emergency Management
NDOA = Nevada Department of Agriculture
NDOT = Nevada Department of Transportation
NDWR = Nevada Division of Water Resources
NESC = Nevada Earthquake Safety Council
NHMP = Nevada Hazard Mitigation Plan
TCID = Truckee-Carson Irrigation District
UNR = University of Nevada, Reno.

Respectfully submitted by D.D. LaPointe, 5 February 2008

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