



**STATE OF NEVADA  
MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA  
NEVADA EARTHQUAKE SAFETY COUNCIL (NESC)  
UNREINFORCED MASONRY (URM) COMMITTEE**

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**Name of Organization:** NESC URM COMMITTEE  
**Date and Time of Meeting:** WEDNESDAY, July 19, 2017 – 9:00 A.M.

**CARSON CITY LOCATION**

Nevada Division of Emergency Management  
DEM Executive Conference Room  
2478 Fairview Dr.  
Carson City, NV 89701

This meeting will be video or teleconferenced between the locations specified above beginning at 9:00 am. The Committee may take action on items marked “For Possible Action.” Items may be taken out of the order presented on the agenda at the discretion of the chairperson. Items may be combined for consideration by the Committee at the discretion of the chairperson. Items may be pulled or removed from the agenda at any time.

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- 1. INTRODUCTIONS, ROLL CALL, AND CALL TO ORDER** – Chair, Craig dePolo
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT** No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. Public comments may be limited to 3 minutes per person at the discretion of the Chair. Comments will not be restricted based on viewpoint.
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (Discussion/For Possible Action) – Chair, Craig dePolo. The Committee will discuss the possible approval of the minutes from the May 2, 2017, NESC URM Committee meeting.
- 4. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES** (Discussion/For Possible Action) – Chair, Craig, dePolo. The Committee will discuss and revise as necessary the goal and objectives as below. The Committee may vote to adopt the recommended goal and objectives for this committee.

**Goal:** Provide guidance to Nevadans on how to effectively reduce the earthquake risk of unreinforced masonry buildings.

**Statement:** Unreinforced masonry buildings (URM’s) are the greatest threat to life, limb, and property from earthquakes. URM’s have been damaged by at least 12 different Nevada earthquakes including the M6.0 Wells earthquake in 2008. There are thousands of unreinforced masonry buildings throughout the state that pose a substantial earthquake risk to Nevadans and our visitors. Nevada is earthquake country, and a wise, reasonable, and substantial reduction of this risk is essential for our long-term well-being.

**Objectives:**

- Promote an open discussion about the state of URM buildings and their associated earthquake risk in Nevada.
  - Develop a strategy or roadmap for substantially reducing the risk of URM buildings in Nevada over the next decade.
  - Develop messages and communication tools about the risk of URM buildings for several different Nevada audiences. This should include the most effective, appropriate strategy and messaging for disseminating specific information on unreinforced masonry buildings. **Safety placards might be considered.**
  - Create a website with detailed information related to reducing the URM building risk in Nevada.
  - Invite knowledgeable speakers and conduct forums to help Nevadans learn the most cost-effective safety and mitigation techniques that reduce the seismic risk of URM buildings. **Support a Summit on URM Building Earthquake Risk Reduction.**
  - Encourage an inventory of URM buildings be conducted by Nevada counties and/or communities. Inventory strategies and information will be assembled by the committee to assist these efforts.
5. **DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL SPEAKERS** (Discussion) – Chair, Craig dePolo. The Committee will discuss potential speakers to provide presentations to help the Committee achieve their objectives.
6. **MISSION ASSIGNMENTS** (Discussion/For Possible Action) – Chair, Craig dePolo. The Committee Members will be assigned to lead the development of the objectives. The Chairman will ask assigned members to develop a strategy for the objective and begin development. Leader assignments will include the development of the URM Summit, messaging and communications, URM Building Inventory project, roadmap for Nevada and overarching final message of the Committee, and URM building website.
7. **FUTURE MEETINGS AND ASSIGNMENTS** (Discussion/For Possible Action) – Chair, Craig dePolo. The Committee will discuss frequency of meetings and potential assignments.
8. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. Public comments may be limited to 3 minutes per person at the discretion of the Chair. Comments will not be restricted based on viewpoint.
9. **ADJOURN** (For Possible Action)

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