



Meeting Minutes

Nevada Commission on Homeland Security

Attendance	DATE	Thursday, June 23, 2016	
	TIME	9:30 A.M.	
	LOCATION	Legislative Counsel Bureau Legislative Building – Room #3138 401 S. Carson Street Carson City, NV 89701	
	METHOD	Video-Teleconference	
	RECORDER	Karen Hall	
Commission Members	Present	Legislative & Ex-Officio Members, Staff and Others	Present
Governor Brian Sandoval	X	Derek Armstrong	
Joseph Lombardo		Laura Bucheit	X
Chuck Allen	X	Karen Burke	X
Gregory Cassell	X	Caleb Cage	X
Lisa Christensen	X	Gonzalo Cordova	
Robert Fisher	X	Chris Ipsen	X
Adam Garcia		Michael Roberson	
Frank Gonzales	X		
Mark Hutchison	X	Samantha Ladich – Sr. DAG	X
Ikram Khan	X	Karen Hall (Analyst/Staff)	X
Tom Lozich	X		
William McDonald			
Charles Moore			
Richard Perkins			
Rosemary Vassiliadis			
Troy Wade			
Bill Welch	X		

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Governor Brian Sandoval, Chairman of the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security (Commission) called meeting to order. Roll call was performed by Karen Hall, Nevada Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (NDEM/HS). Quorum was established for the meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Governor Sandoval opened discussion for public commentary. Mr. William Newton and Mrs. Susan Newton presented concern regarding Nevada’s potential exposure in the event that the state’s electrical grid becomes damaged. Of specific concern to

both Mr. and Mrs. Newton was the protection of this system against a multitude of threats including physical, environmental, and cyber-related attacks, with the suggestion of mitigating the consequences of catastrophic power loss by isolating Nevada's energy through the use of spare voltage storage and reliable electricity generation.

Governor Sandoval thanked Mr. and Mrs. Newton for their commentary, and expressed understanding of the concern presented.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Governor Sandoval called for approval of the meeting minutes from the Commission meeting held April 15, 2016. Motion to approve with no changes was provided by Dr. Ikram Khan, Quality Care Consultants, and a second provided by General (Ret.) Frank Gonzales, NV Energy. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

4. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

Governor Sandoval commented on his concern for the firefighter community, specifically speaking to holding the firefighters on the front lines of the Gabbs area in everyone's thoughts as they deal with that wildland fire.

5. REQUEST TO REALLOCATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (HSGP) FUNDS

Chief Caleb Cage, Nevada Division of Emergency Management provided a brief overview on the actions taken by the Finance Committee to review deobligation requests presented on June 16, 2016. With a total of \$103,970.53 deobligated from Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2014 HSGP funds, the Finance Committee considered seven projects requesting either State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) or Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funding. Of the seven projects, three were recommended to receive deobligation allocations from FFY 2014, and the remaining four projects were approved should additional FFY 2014 monies become available. A summary of each project follows:

- NCHS-123: Washoe County Emergency Management and Homeland Security – Radio Cache [SHSP Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2014]
- Initial Request - \$56,000.00
 - Recommended Funding - \$48,290.00
 - Deobligated funding applied to this project was resultant from vacancy savings from the communications project associated with the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator position.
- NCHS-124: Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) – Southern Nevada Counter Terrorism Center (SNCTC) Camera Platform [SHSP FFY 2014]
- Initial Request - \$55,500.00
 - Recommended Funding - \$48,210.00

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- Deobligated funding applied to this project was resultant from a deobligation by the Nevada Threat Analysis Center.

- NCHS-125: Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) – Southern Nevada Counter Terrorism Center (SNCTC) Saturation Team Equipment [UASI FFY 2014].
- Initial Request - \$5,000.00
 - Recommended Funding - \$7,470.53; although initial request was lower than recommended funding level, the Finance Committee opted to allocate the remaining \$2,470.53 to this UASI project to buy an additional kit, as the small amount of money could not effectively support the other 4 projects.

Projects supported for future deobligation from FFY 2014 HSGP funding are noted below, and NDEM was given the flexibility to apply such funding should it become available from FFY 2014, to the following projects:

- NCHS-126: Clark County Information Technology – Advanced Persistent Threat (APT) First Responder Planning Guide [UASI FFY 2014]
- Request - \$39,000.00
- NCHS-127: Nevada Legislative Police – Mobile Radio Upgrade [SHSP FFY 2014]
- Request - \$22,365.00
- NCHS-128: Storey County – Computer Aided Dispatch Enhancements [SHSP FFY 2014]
- Request - \$72,221.00
- NCHS-129: East Fork Fire Protection District – Goggles and Amplifiers [SHSP FFY 2014]
- Request - \$16,627.00

Additional discussion was presented by Dr. Khan on the purview of the Commission to approve these projects as recommended in addition to Lieutenant Governor Mark Hutchison inquiring on clarification regarding NCHS-124. Kelli Anderson, NDEM, spoke to this project request, and there were no further questions.

The Governor called for a motion to approve the Finance Committee’s funding recommendations as presented. A motion to approve projects as presented was provided by Lt. Governor Hutchison, and a second provided by Sheriff Chuck Allen, Washoe County Sheriff’s Office. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Governor Sandoval called for public commentary. Robert Fisher, Broadcaster, spoke to the testimony provided earlier by Mr. and Mrs. Newton, and the importance of protecting the citizenry of Nevada. Mr. Fisher emphasized concern over the amount of, and lack thereof, of funding provided for public messaging due to priority

changes in Washoe County and missteps in applying for HSGP funding. Due to the lack of funding, Mr. Fisher indicated that no public messaging spots had been aired for two months, and that \$50,000 was required to get such spots back on air prior to July. Of specific concern to Mr. Fisher was the vulnerability of the public in the wake of a terrorist-related attack, and he tasked the Commission with the responsibility of finding such funding.

Governor Sandoval thanked Mr. Fisher for raising this important issue, and requested more background information in order to see if there is a way to find the necessary funds to address the problem. The Governor also spoke to the previous testimony provided by Mr. and Mrs. Newton, and requested that a future agenda item speak to the security grid risk in Nevada. General Gonzales was tasked with preparing a presentation on the security grid, and he spoke to a myriad of exercises being conducted that address this issue including the National Guard's 2017 Vigilant Guard exercise as well as the future provision on the Regulatory Commission's non-classified information on Critical Infrastructure Protection levels.

Lisa Christensen, Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California indicated that she would soon be leaving her position with the Washoe Tribe and moving into a law enforcement position. Due to this move, she indicated that it will be the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada that will make the recommendation for her to remain on the Commission, or to replace her with another individual. Governor Sandoval indicated that he hoped Ms. Christensen could stay with the Commission, and wished her the best of luck in her new position.

Tom Lozich, MGM Resorts International, recognized Special Agent in Charge (SAC), Laura Bucheit, for her outstanding efforts through the Federal Bureau of Investigation to protect the citizenry of Nevada, its communities, and the resort corridors. Governor Sandoval also commended on SAC Bucheit's service to the state, this Commission, and the country wishing her the best with her new promotion. SAC Bucheit thanked the Commission indicating that her successor will be just as engaged with Commission activities as she had been.

7. ADJOURN

Governor Sandoval called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion presented by Tom Lozich, and a second provided by Sheriff Allen. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.