



**STATE OF NEVADA
MEETING MINUTES
NEVADA HAZARD MITIGATION WORKING GROUP**

Attendance	DATE	January 19, 2023
	TIME	9:00 a.m.
	METHOD	Zoom
	RECORDER	Janell Woodward

Appointed Voting Member Attendance					
Member Name	Present	Member Name	Present	Member Name	Present
Lorayn Walser– Chair	X	Ceira Sampson	X		
Steven Aichroth	X	Shari A. Davis			
Solome Barton		Andrew Trelease	X		
Faith Beekman	X	Erin Warnock	X		
Kathy Canfield	X	Melissa Whipple	X		
Eric Antle	X		X		
Craig dePolo	X				

Legal/Administrative Staff		
Name	Agency	Present
Samantha Ladich – Senior Deputy Attorney General (DAG)	Attorney General's Office –	X
Janell Woodward – Non-Voting Member	NV Division of Emergency Management / Homeland Security (DEM/HS)	X

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Janell Woodward, DEM, Governor’s Office of Energy, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was performed by Ryan Gerchman, Nevada Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security (DEM/HS). Quorum was established for the meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Janell Woodward opened the first period of public comment for discussion. There was no public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Janell Woodward requested a motion to accept the minutes from October 12, 2022. Andrew Trelease, Southern Nevada Regional Flood, moved to approve the minutes. Ceira Sampson, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. REVIEW OF SUBAPPLICATIONS FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2022 SUBAPPLICATIONS FOR BUILDING RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITIEX (BRIC) GRANT CYCLE

Janell Woodward led a review of the BRIC FFY 2022 applications, noting that application summaries are available in the meeting materials. Ms. Woodward indicated that the reason these are not being ranked is that the ranking does not come into play as this list of items is all in the set-aside and so everything is eligible and will automatically be funded. Ms. Woodward informed the group that there is only one competitive application this year from the State Public Works for the Hobart Dam. Ms. Woodward next provided a list of the projects an applications being submitted under the \$2 million state set-aside for BRIC. The projects were as follows: Dayton Valley Scoping for the Dayton Valley Area Drainage put forth by Carson Water Sub-Conservancy; hazard mitigation plan update for Eureka and White Pine, which will add the Ely Shoshone tribe to the plan; Mineral County hazard Mitigation Plan that will now include Esmeralda County.

Craig dePolo inquired what the advantages or disadvantages would be of the Walker Lake Tribe joining the Mineral County or a regional plan.

Janell Woodward explained that even when a tribe joins a county, they do still have their own separate plan, but the advantage is that now the tribe no longer needs to do all the work itself as typically a county will hire a contractor to update the plan and do all the work of putting it together.

Janell Woodward continued listing the projects: Douglas County generator for the community center at the lake; and four from Washoe County for the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District to install solar-power backup at their headquarters building and three of their stations. Ms. Woodward informed the group that the total of the federal portion plus the management costs for these projects is \$1,813,368.43, leaving \$186,631.57 still open. Ms. Woodward indicated that DEM/HS is awaiting an additional application from Douglas County for a generator but does not yet have a total cost for that project. Ms. Woodward informed the group that applications are due to FEMA by noon the following Friday. Ms. Woodward discussed the fact that Nevada loses points right off the bat because of FEMA's policy regarding statewide building codes, which Nevada has not adopted. Ms. Woodward indicated that DEM/HS is still working with FEMA to try and convince FEMA to change this policy.

Craig dePolo endorsed the Hobart Dam project. Mr. dePolo continued to say that all of the counties do have some building code requirements, noting that because the seismic provisions were adopted, DEM/HS may argue the point with FEMA that although there is not a statewide policy, the state is in fact covered with building code.

Janell Woodward indicated that there are three counties in Nevada that do not have any building codes adopted, but that 97 percent of Nevada's population was covered by newer building codes.

Ms. Woodward suggested that DEM/HS do some outreach and try to encourage some of the counties with older building codes to adopt the newer ones as well as try to get those three counties with none to at least note that they follow the state. Ms. Woodward explained that while everyone agrees with FEMA's attempt to try and push everyone to get the latest building codes, the issue is that half of the country is home rule and they adopt differently and not at a statewide level.

Samantha Ladich, DAG, indicated that she could look into this for the next meeting so as to speak to it accurately.

Craig dePolo concurred that the group would like to receive a briefing on this.

5. WISE OAK CONSULTING L.L.C. – PRESENTATION OF UPDATING THE STATE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN (SHMP)

Randy Brawley, Wise Oak Consulting, was unable to attend the meeting. Janell Woodward presented a brief update, noting that DEM/HS will need to have several meetings over the coming months to ensure that all of the plan updating is completed so as to submit to FEMA by August 1.

Craig dePolo suggested a joint LEPC meeting.

Janell Woodward concurred with Mr. dePolo's suggestion and suggested that these meetings be held face-to-face as people tend to learn better about mitigation in person.

6. Public Comment

Jon Bakkedahl, DEM/HS, requested an agenda item for next meeting to choose a Vice-Chair.

Ryan Gerchman, DEM/HS, stated that DEM/HS staff members are available for one-on-one calls with any members of the working group to help understand better where their expertise and professional endeavors work with the Hazard Mitigation Plan update.

There was no additional public comment.

7. Adjournment

Chair Walser asked for a motion to adjourn. Andrew Trelease moved to adjourn the January 19, 2023, Nevada Hazard Mitigation Working Group meeting. Faith Beekman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.