



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

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>DATE</b>	November 20, 2024
	<b>TIME</b>	9:00 a.m.
	<b>METHOD</b>	Zoom
	<b>RECORDER</b>	Hal O'Brien

### Appointed Voting Member Attendance

Member Name	Present	Member Name	Present	Member Name	Present
Eric Antle	X	Kathy Canfield	X	Ceira Sampson	X
Andrew Trelease – Vice Chair	X	Shari A. Davis		Dawn Johnson	X
Stephen Aichroth	X	Rich Koehler	X	Star Albert	X
Solome Barton	X				

### Legal/Administrative Staff

Name	Agency	Present
Bill Elliott – Chair (Non-Voting)	Nevada Division of Emergency Management/ Homeland Security (DEM/HS)	X
Samantha Ladich – Senior Deputy Attorney General (DAG)	Attorney General's Office –	X
Janell Woodward – Non-Voting Member	Nevada Division of Emergency Management / Homeland Security (DEM/HS)	X
Hal O'Brien	DEM/HS – Mitigation Specialist	X

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Bill Elliott, DEM/HS called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was performed by Hal O'Brien, DEM/HS. Quorum was established for the meeting.

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Bill Elliott opened the first period of public comment for discussion. There were no public comments.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Bill Elliott requested a motion to accept the minutes from September 18, 2024. Andrew Trelease moved to approve the minutes. Solome Barton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**4. Community Focus- Lincoln County Hazard Presentation**

Eric Holt, Lincoln County Emergency Manager, presented the hazards experienced in his county and the demographics within Lincoln County such as wildland fire, flooding, winter storms, and long-term power outages. Mr. Holt went on to explain the mitigation efforts being made in the county such as fuel reductions in high fire risk areas and adding backup generators throughout the county that would last 6 years. Mr. Holt did note that there is more mitigation efforts yet to be made; for example identifying more defensible space for wildfire coupled with public education, clearing drainages and retention basins that are prone to impact flooding, and seeking additional funding for those projects.

Vice-Chair Trelease asked where the funding was coming from for the mitigation efforts concerning flood and wildfire. Mr. Holt responded that he is working with the Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) with fuel reduction mitigation funding. Mr. Holt also noted the state has grants available to assist him in protecting particularly high priority areas.

Eric Antle, Nevada Division of Forestry, spoke to what was needed to capture the funding and offered help from NDF.

Steve Aichroth asked about the bio-fuels pinyon-juniper woodland Sixco project.

Mr. Holt said it would help in areas with significant fuel loading, but wouldn't necessarily affect the priority areas.

Janell Woodward, DEM/HS, asked about funding for the backup generators for critical infrastructure, and also gave information on available grants and programs for funding.

Dawn Johnson, National Weather Service, asked if Mr. Holt would like to be put in contact with Ms. Johnson's counterpart Dan Burke located in Southern Nevada.

Ms. Woodward offered help in outreach and education. Mr. Holt accepted the offer of assistance stating they will take any assistance available.

**5. State Enhanced Hazard Mitigation Plan (SEHMP)**

Janell Woodward, DEM/HS, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, gave an update on the next 5-year update process.

Chair Elliott asked for questions, seeing and hearing none moved on to agenda item 6.

**6. NHMWG Meetings for 2025**

Hal O'Brien, DEM/HS, Hazard Mitigation Specialist, informed the working group that the meeting dates for 2025 have been set and a new meeting invitation will be sent out before the end of the year.

Chair Elliott asked for questions, seeing and hearing none moved on to agenda item 7.

**7. Future Mitigation Funding**

Janell Woodward, DEM/HS, presented upcoming funding opportunities and how the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) timing works.

Chair Elliott asked for questions, seeing none he moved on to item 8 of the agenda.

**8. Public Comment**

Chair Bill Elliott opened the second period of public comment.

Sam Ladich, DAG, corrected the dial in number for listeners.

Star Albert, PHP, made a comment concerning the upcoming Nevada Rural Preparedness Summit in Elko on May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, and hopefully a training day on May 13<sup>th</sup> in partnership with the Rural Preparedness Domestic Consortium.

Loren Borst, DEM/HS, clarified that the meeting invitations cancelled by Sherrean Whipple (the previous recorder for the meeting) will need to be removed from the members calendars, and to expect a completely new meeting ID number moving into the new year.

Rich Koehler, Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology, noted his new appointment after filling Craig dePolo's seat on the working group. Chair Elliott recognized Mr. Koehler's new appointment and validated Mr. Koehler's voting status.

**9. Adjournment**

Chair Bill Elliott asked for a motion to adjourn. Andrew Trelease moved to adjourn the November 20, 2024 Nevada Hazard Mitigation Working Group meeting at 9:43am. Dawn Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.