



Meeting Minutes Nevada Tribal Emergency Coordinating Council

Attendance	DATE	Friday, February 28, 2020
	TIME	9:00 A.M.
	LOCATION	Nevada Division of Transportation Conference Room #302 1263 S. Stewart Street Carson City, NV 89701
	METHOD	Teleconference
	RECORDER	Karen Hall
Voting Membership		
Name	Designated/Appointed Representative:	Attendance Status
Harriett Parker-Co-Chair	Las Vegas Paiute Tribe	X
Marla Stanton	Battle Mountain Band of the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone	Abs
Brent Hunter	Duck Valley Shoshone Paiute Tribe	X
Marian Perez	Duckwater Shoshone Tribe	X
Alfreida Jake	Elko Band of the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone	X
Jill Perez	Ely Shoshone Tribe	Abs
Richard Black	Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe	X
Duane Masters Sr.	Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe	X
Don Pelt	Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe	Abs
David Hunkup	Reno Sparks Indian Colony	X
Tanya Reynolds	South Fork Band of the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone	Abs
Sookaaki Charley	Timbisha Shoshone Tribe	X
Tashina Jim	Walker River Paiute Tribe	Abs
Non-Member Representatives/Support		
Name	Entity Represented:	Attendance Status
Justin Luna, Co-Chair	Nevada Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security	X
Samantha Ladich	Nevada Office of the Attorney General	X
Karen Hall	Nevada Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security	X

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chief Justin Luna, Nevada Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEM/HS), and Co-Chair of the Nevada Tribal Emergency Coordinating Council (NTECC), called the meeting to order. Karen Hall, DEM/HS, performed roll call. Quorum was established for the meeting.

2. Public Comment

Chief Luna, DEM/HS, opened discussion for public comment. No public comment was provided at the physical venue or from teleconference participants.

3. Approval of Minutes

Chief Luna, DEM/HS, opened discussion on the review and approval of minutes provided from the November 8, 2019, NTECC meeting. Brent Hunter, Duck Valley Shoshone Paiute Tribe, motioned to approve the minutes as presented with no changes. Marian Perez, Duckwater Shoshone Tribe, seconded the motion. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Current Nevada Tribal Emergency Coordinating Council (NTECC) Tribal Designations and Appointment Status

Chief Luna spoke to the current tribal designations and welcomed recently appointed members of the NTECC including Alfreida Jake, Elko Band Council of the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone, and Richard Black, Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe.

5. Nevada Public Bodies Updates

Chief Luna opened discussion on public body updates. Update discussions are summarized below:

- a. **Nevada Resilience Advisory Committee (NRAC)** – David Hunkup, Reno Sparks Indian Colony (RSIC). Mr. Hunkup spoke to his participation at the last NRAC meeting and sending a copy of the agenda to all the tribal members on his distribution list. Mr. Hunkup emphasized discussion on preparedness efforts pertaining to the Coronavirus. Updates were provided on the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP), Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2020 HSGP project submissions, and the FFY20 HSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). A lengthy conversation was held on the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) allocations to state, tribal, and county jurisdictions. Noting tribal allocations specifically, Mr. Hunkup held his comments on that discussion topic for later in this agenda.
- b. **Nevada Commission on Homeland Security (NCHS)** – Chief Luna provided a brief update on the October 21, 2019, NCHS meeting, and the primary focus of that meeting as the approval of the FFY20 Strategic Capacities to be Maintained. The next NCHS meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2020, and the primary discussion at that meeting will be sharing information about the current and next steps in the FFY20 HSGP process. There is another NCHS meeting scheduled for April 9, 2020, where the presentation of recommendations will be made for approving FFY20 HSGP project submissions. Lisa Christensen, Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, was able to join the meeting, and had no other updates.
- c. **Nevada Commission on Homeland Security (NCHS) Finance Committee** – Chief Luna spoke to the last meeting in September 2019, and the next meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2020, as part of the FFY20 HSGP process. The Finance Committee will be involved with reviewing the recommendations from the NRAC and create final funding recommendations that will be given to the NCHS for consideration. Alfreida Jake, Elko Band of the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone, inquired on how the FFY20 HSGP funding is applied, with Chief Luna indicating that there are approved strategic capacities projects that are maintained in addition to a competitive portion of funding that is used for projects that may not fall under an approved strategic capacity. There are certain inclusions for tribal requirements such as the National Incident Management System (NIMS) project. The application process has already closed for FFY20. Once the NOFO is released, there is approximately two months to get approvals and build the federal application. Ms.

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Jake inquired if there is still a formula that is applied for HSGP funding. Chief Luna indicated that at the federal level, a risk-based analysis is used to distribute funds to the states, and then in Nevada, jurisdictions can submit projects for consideration. Projects are reviewed based on federal priority and strategic capacities identifying projects that have been successful and invested in to build capacity throughout the state. The total amount of projects submitted in FFY20 exceeds \$13M; however, Nevada was awarded approximately \$9M. Projects received for FFY20 will be rank prioritized, and some projects will not be funded due to limited FFY20 HSGP allocations.

- d. **State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)** – Chief Luna spoke to the information that Lance Chantler, RSIC, provided. SERC is still working on adding NTECC as a grant-eligible state agency; however, it may take some time to get approval from the Nevada Attorney General's Office. Chief Luna asked if there are any questions he can answer or forward to Mr. Chantler. Alfreida Jake inquired what Chief Luna had reported on, with Chief Luna referring to Jon Bakkedahl, DEM/HS. Mr. Bakkedahl spoke to the SERC meeting on February 19, 2020, and Nathan Hastings, Deputy Attorney General, is reviewing the allowance of NTECC as a council to apply for SERC funding. Individual tribes can apply as well, and there are certain requirements including membership or participation in Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC), After-Action Reporting for hazardous materials exercises, etc. Mr. Bakkedahl also spoke to discussions related to the Hazwoper trainings, and a free Hazwoper class offered March 9-12, 2020 at DEM. The Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe is also working on this type of training with their new Emergency Manager. Ms. Jake inquired about Hazwoper training opportunities in Elko. Mr. Bakkedahl indicated that there is work dedicated to that currently. Revisions to training schedules and training offered is being worked out. NTECC Co-Chair, Harriett Parker, Las Vegas Paiute Tribe, wanted verification that the tribe is a member of the county LEPC. Mr. Bakkedahl indicated that he is seeking clarification on whether Tribal Emergency Response Commission (TERC) meetings would be equitable to SERC meetings. David Hunkup spoke to RSIC and the Washoe County LEPC; he is listed as a primary member, but alternates can attend or vote. RSIC has gotten equipment through LEPC, and tribes can apply individually as well. The good thing about going through LEPC is there is less paperwork.
- e. **Interstate Mutual Aid Committee (IMAC)** – Brent Hunter, Duck Valley Paiute Shoshone tribe spoke to the September 29, 2019, IMAC meeting that was cancelled due to the Storm Area 51 event. There have been new committee members that have been selected, and there are plans to meet again in April 2020. The IMAC will develop a subcommittee to manage the Incident Management Team (IMT), and annual duties of the committee are due no later than September 30, 2020, regarding administration of the system. David Hunkup asked how many tribes have opted in per resolution to join, with Mr. Hunter indicating as of the last meeting, there were three tribes that have opted in. Tribes need to start looking into this, as it is a great opportunity. Mr. Hunter indicated he can send out the resolution he put forward to his council. Before NTECC was official, there were approximately eight tribes interested in the Tribal Mutual Aid Committee (TMAC). Mr. Hunkup spoke to the TMAC and IMAC, and some of the tribal concerns of wanting to opt in, and one of the questions was the sovereignty issue. It may be helpful to identify the reasons preventing tribes from opting in, whether that be sovereignty, equipment, or resources. Chief Luna spoke to the three tribes that have opted in, and if any information could be shared with DEM for dispersion. If so, Chief Luna would like to make this a topic in a future NTECC meeting to talk about the questions or concerns the tribes may have. Jon Bakkedahl spoke to the IMAT and IMAS involvement, and

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looking toward April, they are having some quorum issues. Currently, they are looking for more tribal participation. There is a smaller subcommittee under the legislated IMT's, so Mr. Bakkedahl will be reaching out to partners to see who wants to sit on that body. Brent Hunter offered his support in agendizing this topic, noting the more everyone knows, the better. Mr. Hunkup also supports this discussion topic and offered what might be helpful is to have the three tribes that opted in provide their resolutions. RSIC has one, Duck Valley Paiute Shoshone Tribe has one, and the other may be Duckwater Shoshone Paiute Tribe. Mr. Bakkedahl indicated that Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and Yerington Paiute Tribe may have as well. Mr. Chief Luna asked that this information be provided to DEM and NTECC staff. Ms. Jake inquired if a certain amount of experience was necessary to be on the IMT, with Mr. Bakkedahl indicating that they are looking for a diverse group of experience with an emergency management background; however, this doesn't mean anyone has to be an expert, but rather have a reasonable understanding of emergency management. The subcommittee will be different, and those people would have experience in deployment and managing incidents. Ms. Jake inquired on if there is a disaster, would tribal entities that have opted in be serviced first, and Mr. Bakkedahl indicated that is not the case. Resources are first come, first serve. Sookaaki Charley, Timbisha Shoshone Tribe, asked how this would work if the reservation is in two states. Mr. Bakkedahl indicated that on the Nevada side, Nevada statute would apply. If in California, work would be done with partners to achieve the quickest aid possible. Ms. Charley requested more information on this subject, with Mr. Bakkedahl indicating he will get the resolutions and have information pushed out through DEM.

- f. **Nevada Legislative Commission on Wildfire Mitigation** – Chief Luna introduced this meeting item and referred the NTECC members to the handouts provided.

6. Discussion on Tribal Participation in the Nevada Emergency Preparedness Association (NEPA)

Roy Anderson, NEPA President, and Washoe County School District Emergency Manager, spoke to wrapping up the annual Preparedness Summit in Las Vegas. In moving the association forward, the organization wants to provide a better service to the state of Nevada, and part of that is more tribal participation. As an association, NEPA has moved into chapters, and the chapters need to be strengthened as that is where members can meet. Collaboration, training, and strengthening resilience is an important part of the NEPA organization, and Mr. Anderson would like to see if NTECC would designate a liaison that would work between NEPA and the NTECC, and as an extension to that is the offer of a scholarship to tribal nations to serve as representatives to help with NEPA mission. David Hunkup inquired how many tribes have joined NEPA as members noting this is a great idea to get more tribal involvement. Mr. Hunkup would be more than willing to participate if a scholarship were available. Tribes, due to limited funding, may have a hard time otherwise. Mr. Anderson indicated that NEPA no longer provides organizational memberships, but they have gone back to individual membership now. Though not sure on the exact number of tribal representatives involved with NEPA currently, Mr. Anderson would like to see a tribal member in each of the NEPA chapters. NEPA is in the process of participating in the Rural Preparedness Summit as well, and that might help for more exposure in the rural and tribal areas. Brent Hunter thanked Roy for being here today, and thinks having a tribal liaison from the NTECC would be a good idea, and he would be interested in stepping in to represent the eastern portion of the state as Mr. Hunkup has the western side. Mr. Hunter noted that this could be agendized at a future NTECC meeting. Per Mr. Anderson, for the Chapter meetings, those would be every other month to work on what the issues are for that chapter. Mr. Anderson also encouraged having a Chapter Workshop or Training in September where

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they are meeting outside of the annual summit to address chapter needs. Mr. Hunter indicated that the NTECC liaison may not have to be a NTECC member, and suggested Daniel Thayer, Reno Sparks Indian Colony, as a possibility. David Hunkup indicated that Mr. Thayer may have been a member of NEPA prior. Mr. Anderson spoke to the new NEPA website: <https://nvpreparedness.org>. Additionally, Mr. Anderson will look for Mr. Hunkup's membership. Chief Luna indicated DEM can provide information on NEPA. Clifford Banuelos, Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada (ITCN) had some questions and concern regarding the tribal representative due to provisions within Assembly Bill 264. If NTECC is under the Division, there may be an issue. Samantha Ladich, Senior Deputy Attorney General, indicated she may have to investigate AB264 further to address any potential issues. Chief Luna indicated he will investigate this further as well. Mr. Anderson indicated that NEPA is a 501c3 corporation now if that makes any difference in the conversation. Harriett Parker indicated that she is a member of NEPA under the southern chapter, and she has not received any emails regarding chapter activity or meeting. Mr. Anderson indicated they are in the early stages, and Mary Camin with City of Las Vegas is heading that chapter. Right now, they are thinking of March as the kickoff point, and Ms. Parker should get an email about what is going on with chapter business.

7. Update from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region

Chris Poehlmann, FEMA Region IX Tribal Liaison, spoke to attending the Reservation Economic Summit next week in Las Vegas, and the FEMA booth will be Booth #634. There will be two staff members supporting this event from region and headquarters. FEMA tribal enterprises have been underrepresented, so they want to talk about how tribes can work with FEMA to do more business. Staff is committed to making this work, and Mr. Poehlmann hopes this is the first push in that direction. Mr. Poehlmann spoke to the Homeland Security grants that came out on February 14, 2020, and that grant application period closing on April 15, 2020. There is a \$15M set-aside for tribal project this year, and he wanted to also aid any tribes that are interested in this program as a Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) is required. Technical assistance is available to help put that together. It is also beneficial if hazard mitigation plans are updated as well. Planning efforts are underway for a tribal partner meeting for the entire region, and the location will be in Reno, Nevada. Mr. Poehlmann is looking forward to this meeting next month on March 5, 2020. If there is any input that the NTECC would like to see at this meeting, please share that information. The wish is to make this meeting as tribally focused as possible. Tribes that are willing to present any experiences that they have had at this meeting is welcome. Dave Hunkup questioned if this was about the tribal HSGP, and if a THIRA is a requirement. Mr. Poehlmann indicated that should a grant be awarded to a tribe, that tribe would have to have a THIRA. Mr. Hunkup indicated that RSIC did complete a THIRA several years back through FEMA and inquired if there is a way to just update those records. If so, he is very interested in applying. Alfreida Jake inquired what region Elko falls under, with Mr. Poehlmann indicating it would be Region IX.

8. Discussion on the Upcoming Hazard Mitigation Training Available Through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region IX Specific to Tribal Needs

Janell Woodward, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, provided the NTECC with information on FEMA's E0582 Mitigation for Tribal Governments course that will be offered to Nevada in 2020. This course is designed to help tribal emergency managers and planners identify mitigation planning requirements and to identify mitigation opportunities to protect their communities. There are two ways to create a tribal hazard mitigation plan; by either becoming an annex to a county hazard mitigation plan or create the plan separate from the county's plan. In either method, tribal sovereignty is recognized in being able to work with FEMA directly. Typically, counties will hire a contractor and the tribe participates in getting

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information to the contractor and participate in update meetings. With tribes doing it themselves, they can do it themselves if they have staff available, or they can get a grant through the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program which eventually will become the Building Resilient Infrastructure in Communities (BRIC) program. Tribes have a funding set-aside that is the same as states receive at \$575,000. If you do not have a plan, you can apply direct to FEMA and access that set-aside for each tribe. This grant is announced in August, opens roughly October 1st, and applications are due to FEMA in January. FEMA has its own specific program manager to assist tribes with hazard mitigation or project grants. Ms. Woodward referred the NTECC membership to Handout #8 for course information. This course would be helpful even if a tribe hires a contractor. The timing of the course will be in July, August, or September, and Ms. Woodward asked the NTECC when the best time would be to participate in this course. Additionally, it is important to identify a location for this course, and one of the suggestions was to potentially have this course in Elko due to the amount of tribal communities in that area. Chief Luna indicated that information can be passed to Karen Hall, DEM/HS. Alfreida Jake spoke to her tribal mitigation plan, and asked how long the plans are good for, with Ms. Woodward indicating they must be updated every 5 years. Tribes may ask her for assistance, NTECC staff, or go direct to FEMA. Chief Luna asked Chris Poehlmann if there was any additional information that he needed to share, with Mr. Poehlmann indicating that whatever the decision will be, to let him know as quickly as possible for logistics purposes in setting up instructors and creating meeting materials. Tribal planners are scheduled to attend this training as an additional resource for the tribes.

Brent Hunter spoke to putting in for PDM grants in the past, and it was a bit difficult to apply as a subgrantee. Mr. Poehlmann indicated that he could get Mr. Hunter in touch with Linda Ortiz, FEMA Region IX Tribal Liaison for grants. Mr. Hunter asked Ms. Woodward if the state receives a copy of the grant application he turned in, and Ms. Woodward indicated they did not as he applied directly. The state must do the same thing as the tribes do regarding being a subrecipient. Dave Hunkup asked if the PDM grant is still open, and Ms. Woodward indicated the grant is closed currently but will hopefully re-open in August. With the training coming up, it is great timing with the upcoming grant cycle. Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe and Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe have done these grants as well. Ms. Woodward can send out Ms. Ortiz's contact information to DEM for distribution. Chief Luna asked Ms. Woodward if she could reach out to Ms. Ortiz to see if she would like to give updates at NTECC meetings moving forward.

9. Update from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

Patrick Vacha, Acting Division Chief, BIA. Mr. Vacha will provide the NTECC with an update on current BIA activities and initiatives including a status update on the Southwest Regional BIA Emergency Management position, Coronavirus as an agenda item for the March 5, 2020, monthly Tribal Assistance Coordination Group call, and information on the Emergency Management and Response Track at the Tribal Lands and Environment Forum in August 2020. Currently, the position Mr. Vacha holds is the only position within the entire Division, and they are working to fill additional positions through internal reorganization. Mr. Vacha did ask that if tribes are not on the distribution list for the March 5th call, to please email him at Patrick.Vacha@bia.gov so that they are on the list. Additional information was provided on the Northern Arizona University's upcoming Tribal Lands and Environment Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in August 2020. What Mr. Vacha would like is to get what the NTECC members would like to see as to what an emergency management track should look like. BIA is attempting to restart regional workshops this year in the southwest and northwest. David Hunkup wants his contact information and wants to get on the distribution list. Alfreida Jake also wants info sent to Region IX to get on that track as well. Chief Luna said to send info on the call and the conference to DEM/HS and DEM/HS can distribute.

Meeting break was taken at 10:40am, with meeting resuming at 10:50am.

10. Discussion on Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Allocations

Chief Luna opened discussion on the work to address EMPG allocations statewide including ongoing discussion on creating a new funding formula for distributing this grant as a requirement from FEMA. In studying previous calculations of how funding was allocated previously, DEM is attempting to come up with a calculation that can be defined, is consistent, and that is fair and equitable. Chief Luna spoke to proposing a similar funding calculation where locals get base allocations plus population. Referring to the handouts provided, Chief Luna indicated there are four specific tribes that have gotten allocations in the past totaling \$94,000, and below the state allocation, there's an NTECC allocation amount listed that is used to support other tribes throughout the state. This discussion has been ongoing for the past several years to come up with a new funding formula, and the fact that this discussion remains ongoing is helping to get closer to a resolution. The tribal allocation distribution is what the focus of this agenda item is today. It is the understanding of Chief Luna that basing a funding formula for tribes on population alone may be challenging, as population counts for tribes in Nevada are difficult to obtain. Chief Luna indicated that he could use the current allocations distributed to the tribes, and as other new tribes become eligible, they can request to receive funding individually. David Hunkup spoke to the tribe allocations currently shown and if those will stay the same this year. Chief Luna indicated that the FFY20 allocation will be the standard allocation, and the new formula that DEM is attempting to get input on is for FFY21 because these grant awards are issued after the performance period begins. Brent Hunter asked about the formula benefit.

Chief Luna indicated that if the grant award increases, the increase should be proportionate for all jurisdictions. If a tribe that is not specifically broken out in these allocation requests funding, that is the discussion that must happen and appropriate for the NTECC to address. If a new tribe meets the requirements, there could be a consideration to take some of the funds allocated under the NTECC portion of this grant and redistribute those funds to assist the tribe in building their program, or there could be a discussion to redistribute funds already allocated. Brent Hunter inquired if the State has received any requests from tribes wanting to join in on this grant, and Mr. Hunkup spoke to the four tribes listed wondering how much is used for salary. If this amount is reduced substantially, Mr. Hunkup presented concern on whether the tribal programs would remain sustainable and thus a consideration moving forward. For the RSIC allocation, it covers salary. Alfreida Jake spoke to now being able to apply for EMPG, but she missed the deadline this year. Ms. Jake inquired what happens next year if there is only allocation to the four tribes listed. EMPG is a big piece to get her emergency management program up and running. Ms. Jake wants the funding formula to include other tribes. Ms. Jake also inquired about the state allocation, and if that is coming out of the tribal allocation, with Chief Luna indicating that is not the case. The state allocation comes out of the entire award for state support, and the NTECC portion supports some of the tribal liaison coordinator positions and support to tribes that do not have specific funding. Chief Luna spoke to the first question and why Elko is not eligible this time as the current award started back in 2019. Moving forward, eligibility must be established, and what is the best way to encourage tribes to be eligible for the program funding. These are the discussions that will have to be had. Ms. Jake indicated that she does not want to take away allocation to other tribes, but she also wants them to know others need the funding. Las Vegas gets a large portion of the funding, but rurals suffer. If something happens in Elko, the City of Elko will take care of Elko, but tribal needs may not be included in that assistance, so they need to develop ways to support themselves. Chief Luna agreed about the need presented. Funding from this grant is primarily used for salary, and that makes it difficult for

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those supporting these programs. A solution that is best for everyone involved is important. This is an opportunity to begin the discussion as to what method is best moving forward.

11. Interoperability Update

Melissa Friend, Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC), provided the NTECC with an interoperability update including information on the Nevada Shared Radio System run by Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), NV Energy, and Washoe County. They are finishing design for the Phase II system, and this project is on target to start outlays in Las Vegas in the spring, and then moving throughout the state as issues are worked out. There will be 114 sites statewide. Ten new towers were identified last year, one near Pyramid Lake, one near Vya, and pending locations are not identified. AlertSense is moving to Code Red in September 1st this year, and training will be forthcoming. With Crystal Harjo and Jackie Conway's assistance, tribal communication boxes are being looked at currently. There is funding this year to address the satellite phones and internet connectivity. There will not be any additional funding available this funding cycle but moving forward discussion will focus on what next steps will be to retrofit these boxes. David Hunkup inquired about First Responder Network (FirstNet) and AT&T's contract affecting whether one must have an AT&T device to use that network. Ms. Friend indicated that is the case; however, throughout Nevada, Verizon has better coverage. There is no push to require use of AT&T; however new towers will go up near areas with limited coverage. They will stay with Verizon for the time being

Elko has relatively decent coverage with AT&T, and if you are in a big city, AT&T works. Outside of the cities, AT&T is spotty. Ms. Friend indicated to go with what is best for your location. Dave Hunkup spoke to the subscriptions on the satellite phones and equipment, and he would like to see an upgrade to the laptops or radios that are in the boxes as well. RSIC has two boxes, and the notebook computers they have are very slow. Mr. Hunkup also inquired on upcoming radio drills that may be planned, with Ms. Friend indicating that a statewide drill will be coming this fall, most likely in September or October to address radios. There is a call approximately every Wednesday morning with the counties, and Ms. Friend would like to include the tribes as well. Chief Luna added that there is a priority service for service through Verizon. Verizon does have a public safety add-on that is available. If you have FirstNet, they can completely shut down a tower so that only FirstNet users can use it. With Verizon, you will have priority usage. David Hunkup spoke to the Government Emergency Telecommunications Service (GETS), and there is a wireless priority system as well, if there is a disaster, there is a card that is issued which allows calls on a priority with landline and cell phone. It is renewable annually. Ms. Friend spoke to the GETS that Verizon uses, and that is what Verizon is offering. Per Mr. Hunkup, GETS does not indicate you have to have Verizon.

12. Project, Grant, and Financial Report Updates from DEM

Chief Luna opened discussion on project, grant, and financial updates from DEM staff. Highlights of discussion are summarized below:

- a. **Inter-Tribal Emergency Response Commission (ITERC) Closeout** - Crystal Harjo, DEM. This was closed out months ago, and access to electronic file copies was given to DEM.
- b. **DEM/HS tribal-support contract positions** – Crystal Harjo, DEM. The Emergency Management Coordinator position was filled by Jackie Conway, and she has been on board since November 2019, working hard to get up to speed with NTECC and her scope of work. Ms. Conway has been attending meetings

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and is designated on several committees. Ms. Harjo's position has been attending meetings on emergency management and public health and is busy with work associated with Coronavirus. If the NTECC wants information or to get on listservs for the healthcare coalitions, she can get that information to them. The same holds true for LEPC information. Ms. Harjo is trying to coordinate NTECC staff to attend those meetings to get updates to the NTECC for situational awareness. They have received a lot of positive feedback from these bodies wanting to have more tribal engagement. For more information, please reach out to the NTECC staff.

- c. **Tribal preparedness outreach** – Crystal Harjo, DEM. Coordination efforts to gain situational awareness with local, state, federal, non-governmental, and volunteer organizations are ongoing. NTECC staff is working on additional training and exercises, but they have had other priorities currently. NTECC staff will be going out to Walker River with the Executive Director of the Nevada Indian Commission and the Department of Education. Outreach has been extended to Tashina Jim as well for introductions.

- d. **Grant and financial updates for NTECC** – Crystal Harjo, DEM. Deliverables are being met for all grants currently. Ms. Harjo spoke to the health quarterly reports and NTECC's annual report detailing events, exercises, training, outreach, staff summary, barriers, challenges, and successes. Richard Black asked if Point of Distribution (POD) training could be provided, with Ms. Harjo indicating she has been in contact with Ruby Dawn Manning, and outreach has occurred with State Health. POD inventory is being done currently. Alfreida Jake asked if there is a contact in Elko for Indian Health Services, and Ms. Harjo indicated that contact with the clinic in that area has been difficult. Ms. Jake has been attending the tribal health Director's meeting and will get that information to Ms. Harjo. Ms. Jake indicated that she noticed many of the tribes are not represented here today and wondered why that is, with Chief Luna indicating that the NTECC was put into state law last year to include designation membership from each federally recognized tribe. In the past, the positions listed as vacant have not been regular participants even going back to the ITERC days. Chief Luna is open to accept new designations. There has been some turnover in the NTECC membership since its inception, and new representatives are appointed. As tribes wish to participate, they are welcome to do so. If Ms. Jake has colleagues in other tribes, Chief Luna asked that she please let them know. There are Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements for this body, so any representatives appointed need to understand that they need to participate on a regular basis. Brent Hunter indicated that there was a lot of interest in tribal communities in serving on the NTECC, and lack of appointees may have to do with tribal turnover itself. Harriett Parker indicated that she was going to reach out to the Moapa tribe, and she has forwarded information to the person who is the tribal administrator hoping he would call into the meeting. She can forward information to NTECC staff. Chief Luna spoke to the great addition of Crystal Harjo and Jackie Conway to this effort, with Mr. Hunter agreeing on the benefit they bring to tribal communities. Mr. Hunter would like to see if tribal emergency operation plans can be updated with NTECC assistance. Chief Luna indicated that he would be happy to work with Mr. Hunter on that issue.

13. Update on Tribal Health Preparedness Efforts

Rachel Marchetti, Nevada Public Health Preparedness Program, provided an update to the NTECC on current preparedness efforts related to COVID-19. PHP continues work on the four healthcare coalitions and workshops with continued outreach. Recently, PHP conducted an alternate care site and federal medical station workshop, and Ms. Marchetti

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indicated that if there's interest, there are presentations available on PowerPoint. PHP has been inundated with COVID-19 response, and they are working with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and numerous coalitions to make sure all parties are on the same page regarding process. There have been two technical bulletins issued as well as a press release on the case in southern Nevada. PHP command structure is activated. CDC work continues the tribal Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response (CASPER). Crystal Harjo spoke to CASPER, and Emily Gould had reached out to CDC on how a normal CASPER is conducted with target populations and homes that need to be identified. Federal government contacts indicate that a standard CASPER may not be the way to go, so they are looking at doing a variation of the CASPER to meet some of the geographical challenges. The timeframe for this is hopefully toward the end of 2020. Daniel Thayer spoke to community mapping in Hungry Valley and RSIC, and through the clinic side, he worked with community health representatives and a fire management coordinator because they have an emergency medical services program. The mapping layout includes streets and addresses, and color-coded homes depending on what was mapped. It becomes useful when there is an event such as an extended power outage. Backup generators can be provided to those that need them, as there are some tribal members that require power for medical equipment. That is as close as they can get with the CASPER. Ms. Marchetti spoke to the difficulties with CASPER specifics and getting information outside of those requirements. Chief Luna spoke to COVID-19 and state's efforts. Governor Sisolak is holding a press conference at 3:15pm to provide an update on preparedness efforts. DHHS is heavily involved as is the PHP. Sharing and coordinating information is paramount currently.

14. Tribal Updates

Chief Luna opened discussion for tribal updates. Following are highlights from each discussion presented:

Duck Valley Paiute Shoshone Tribe (DVPST) – Brent Hunter

- DVPST application to FEMA for a Pre-Disaster Mitigation grant for a new wastewater lift station for the community.
- Close out of the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant resulting in an approved/exercised response plan. There is still funding for another exercise, and Mr. Hunter is trying to also get another breathing apparatus as well.
- Extension of the BIA Tribal Resiliency Grant through the end of September 2020 in addition to sponsorship of a tribal workshop on climate change with focus on climate adaptation for infrastructure, health, wellness, and the economy.
- Process of obtaining a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Idaho State Health and Nevada State Health for services. The Tribal Emergency Response Commission is contact with Nevada and Idaho on what services will be provided. The MOU has a lot to do with the national strategic stockpile and training.
- Attendance at the NEPA Summit in Las Vegas, and emphasis for Nevada tribes to get involved with this organization.

Elko Band of the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone - Alfreida Jake

- Emergency Response Training in Elko for CERT including an estimated date and availability of instructor(s). Ms. Jake emphasized this program as very responsive with training of over 80 individuals. There is a new generation of youth and having a CERT instructor in the area this summer would be beneficial. Although Ms. Jake can teach this herself, she would like to see if there is any funding available to pay for another instructor to come in. Chief Luna referred Ms. Jake to Mary Ann Laffoon, Northeast

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Nevada Citizen Corp/CERT, as a potential resource. Crystal Harjo indicated that NTECC has a Citizen Corps grant to provide basis CERT training, train the trainer, and funding available for travel of participants in this training. Lori DeGristina, DEM, is looking into this, and currently there is no funding for instructors to travel for such training. The Stop the Bleed initiative is also being pushed out as well as looking into the possibility of team CERTS. Chief Luna will investigate whether individual tribes can put in for their own funding.

- NIMS training in Elko for Tribal Council Members who cannot all travel at once. Training needs include basic NIMS courses such as ICS 100 and 200 for now, and perhaps in a two-day format. Ms. Jake inquired if DEM could provide trainers, and Chief Luna will investigate trying to arrange additional trainers. Crystal Harjo indicated that online tests are required for ICS 100 and 200. Lanita Magee, DEM, has piloted an ICS 100, 200, and 700 training, and this could be something taken out to Elko to try and get them trained the same day.

Reno Sparks Indian Colony (RSIC) – David Hunkup and Daniel Thayer

- David Hunkup spoke to the disaster box upgrades questioning when the rest of the boxes were going to be upgraded (i.e.) computer and radio upgrades. Currently, RSIC has two boxes and several upcoming drills. Melissa Friend, DEM, indicated that there is a plan to replace the equipment, and currently there is an issue with available funding this year. She is working with Crystal Harjo and Jackie Conway on this initiative right now, and once funding opens, the project will move forward. Ms. Harjo spoke to the 800 MHz radios, and that Nevada Department of Health and Human Services has some available radios. When Ms. Harjo started with DEM, she sent out an inventory request so that information could be correlated with Public Health's list. Ms. Harjo is asking for tribal assistance, and some inventory sheets have been sent back. If the tribes can get her the radio numbers, that would be beneficial as radios are just waiting to be swapped out. Mr. Hunkup again presented concerns that under the new Nevada Shared Radio System, the desire is to have all radios be P25 compliant, and the current radios in the boxes are not P25 compliant. The software is old and needs to be updated. Harriett Parker, Las Vegas Paiute Tribe, asked if Ms. Harjo needed the inventory numbers from her area, and if so, please reach out. Ms. Harjo indicated she was in receipt of the list from Ms. Parker, and that information is being reviewed to see if funding came from PHP or HSGP, and once that has been determined, the radios can be swapped out. The new radios will be P25 compliant. Ms. Parker will review her submission to make sure information is there. David Hunkup asked if NTECC could send out a form requesting serial number information, model information, etc., to the tribes. Ms. Harjo indicated she can send that out. Mr. Hunkup inquired about updates on the training calendar, and Ms. Harjo indicated that this is in the process of adding information to the State's training and exercise calendar. NTECC staff has attended the Training and Exercise Planning Workshops (TEPW's) in the north and south, and they are putting on some of the projected deliverables. Jackie Conway will be sending that information out to the tribes. One thing they are discussing is getting tribal TEPW coordinated and date set to get input from tribes on any trainings or exercises they want to see this year or next several years added to the state's calendars to include PHP information in addition to individual tribal trainings. Mr. Hunkup spoke to the NTECC website and inquired if it is temporary. Chief Luna spoke to there being a page dedicated to the NTECC. Crystal Harjo said that in terms of the website, there is a tribal page, but per DEM's Public Information Officer, Gail Powell, there may be changes in the software. They have been working on specifics that the tribes may want to see on that page with links to other agencies. Once that is reviewed, the PIO will change information.

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- Daniel Thayer, RSIC Clinic has an approved Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) that was approved in February, and the plan has been utilized multiple times already. Mr. Thayer encourages tribes to update their plans. His plan is available, and he can send it out electronically. The Pharmaceutical Intervention Plan is underway, and they are working toward how to approach the tribes on this important subject especially if an event lasts for a long time. There are concerns about Coronavirus. The community can be educated on prevention. Person Protective Equipment (PPE) stockpiles are strategically located; however, there is not enough for the entire tribe. The RSIC Clinic EOP has been updated, as it was written in 2013 and required a lot of revisions. Also completed were other annexes including Emergency Alert, Public Information, Preparedness, and Mental Health. Mr. Thayer spoke to the Community Awareness Plan identifying different groups within the tribe. A MGT 317 Disaster Management for Public Services class date is set for June 10-11, 2020, at the RSIC Health Center. This is a great class broken up into multi-disciplinary teams. Mr. Thayer has been working with the Arkansas Community College for another class. On October 14, 2020, there is a 4th Annual POD exercise that he can send information out to the tribes. Chief Luna indicated we can send out information for him if he sends it to DEM. Alfreida Jake asked what the Community Preparedness Plan was and what it entails. Mr. Thayer spoke to the new annex that came out, and it is basically what plans they have as a tribal clinic. Ms. Harjo may still have the EOP template. Richard Black asked about the MGT 317 class, and Mr. Thayer will give Mr. Black a handout on the class information.

15. Discussion on the Nevada Tribal Emergency Coordinating Council Logo

Chief Luna opened discussion on the NTECC logo, and the possibility of revisiting logo submissions. Currently, no logos have been submitted to date. Brent Hunter inquired if there was any incentive that could be offered by DEM to artists interested in submitting logo artwork. Chief Luna indicated that DEM most likely would not be able to offer financial incentives; however Jon Bakkedahl indicated that logo submission could be coordinated through community schools to see if students may be interested in having a contest to come up with a logo. Crystal Harjo spoke to her conversation with Stacey Montooth, Nevada Indian Commission, and a recent tour of the new museum. On display are works of art from tribal members, and Ms. Harjo will send a list of artists that have interest in displaying their artwork. Some of these artists have developed previous logos.

16. Update from the Nevada Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD)

Jill Hemenway, American Red Cross (ARC), provided the NTECC with an update of Nevada VOAD activities at a statewide and Tribal-specific level to include updates on upcoming meetings and new training opportunities planned for Nevada. The presentation highlights are noted below:

- a) Specific objectives to include the ARC scope of service, partnership with indigenous communities, and how the ARC and Partnership with Native Americans (PWNA) partner together for the greater good in preparedness, response, and recovery;
- b) The ARC Congressional Charter to provide humanitarian services, implementation of policies and procedures governing activities, provision of administrative, technical, and guidance oversight to the ARC's seven divisions, regional familiarity with local hazards and survey sourcing for disaster relief resources, and the formation of cooperative plans and procedures with local governments and private organizations for relief activities during disaster;
- c) Services provided by the ARC to include disaster services, biomedical services, preparedness, health, and safety services, international services, and service to the Armed Forces;

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- d) ARC disaster preparedness initiatives including Home Fire Campaign, Youth Preparedness, Be Red Cross Ready, Ready Rating, and Hands-Only CPR;
- e) Response to disaster including an overview of 2018 responses to numerous disasters including 8.2M meals and snacks served, 290,000 overnight shelter stays, 2.2M relief items distributed, 188,000 health and mental health contacts made, 73,000 households provided with recovery support, 400,000 smoke alarms installed, and over 165,000 homes made safer by home safety visits. The ARC responds to a disaster every eight minutes;
- f) The ARC supports ESF 6 including sheltering, feeding, distribution of emergency relief supplies, family reunifications, EOC staffing, damage assessment, disaster health and mental health, client casework, and financial assistance if resources allow;
- g) Based on emergency needs, the ARC supports recovery from a disaster by providing many types of assistance including \$50-\$125 in immediate cash assistance per person, \$170-\$420 per household for emergency lodging assistance, up to \$500 per person for health and mental health assistance, and \$100-\$300 per household in additional cash assistance to meet other recovery needs. Other family assistance provided may include one-on-one support, referrals, recovery planning, and advocacy;
- h) The ARC engages with partners in preparedness, response, immediate recovery, and long-term recovery;
- i) The ARC requires collaboration with its important partners including FEMA, individual tribes or collectives, state/local emergency management, National VOAD, Indian Health Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs – Tribal Assistance Coordination Group, National Congress of American Indians, tribal emergency management coalitions, VOAD/COAD including PWNA at a local and national level, and USNORTHCOMM/NORAD;
- j) The ARC commitment in the spirit of community, committing itself to building a strong and lasting partnership with American Indians and Alaska Natives. The ARC aims to work with tribal leaders with the goal of assisting in preparing for the hazards they face, reducing disaster vulnerabilities, responding quickly and effectively when disasters strike, and recovering in disaster aftermath. Collaboration with Tribal communities is important to the ARC; and
- k) ARC response to tribal communities in disaster includes home fire response services, sheltering, training, partnering, feeding, health services, mental health services, spiritual care, reunification, distribution of relief supplies, information and referrals, and national response framework co-leadership.

17. Public Comment

Chief Luna opened discussion for public comment. Crystal Harjo spoke to the Binary Blackout national level exercise scheduled from May 11, 2020, through May 15, 2020. Information about this exercise was sent out to the southern Nevada tribes as they will be in the area impacted. The State Training Officer will be sending out the extent of play, and there is a tight deadline with FEMA. Ms. Harjo asked that if a Nevada tribe receiving this information will be participating, to please get their extent of play to Jamie Borino by March 2, 2020. Ms. Harjo is a member of the planning team for this event. Should other tribes wish to have this information, she can send it to them upon request. There will also be a L0660 – Introduction to Federal Staging Area Operations in Salt Lake City, Utah, and information on that event was sent out to eastern Nevada tribes that may be impacted or want to participate in that training. More information can be pushed out through DEM/NTECC staff. This training includes information on medical dispensing processes including Point of Distribution (POD) process. Ms. Harjo also spoke to outreach to Bob Deleon who presented at the NEPA Summit to see if he would give a presentation to NTECC. Ms. Harjo has a copy of that presentation, and it can be shared with the NTECC members. Discussion was also presented on outreach to DEM regarding an Emergency Management Institute (EMI) request to have tribal participation in the upcoming national preparedness symposium;

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specifically, that Nevada have a tribal participant on their panel. AB264 and NTECC legislation has changed the landscape of tribal participation. Will be working with DEM and Nevada Indian Commission. Participation will be available from tribal representatives. Crystal can present on behalf of NV, and if anyone is interested, that information will be given out. EMI pays on a reimbursement basis.

18. Adjourn

Chief Luna called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion to adjourn was provided by Alfreida Jake, and a second was provided by Richard Black. All were in favor with no opposition. Meeting adjourned.