

# Meeting Minutes Nevada Tribal Emergency Coordinating Council

Attendance	DATE	Thursday, February 2, 2023	
	TIME	1:00 p.m.	
	METHOD	Zoom/Teleconference	
	RECORDER	Sherrean Whipple	
Voting Membership			
Name	Designated/Appointed Representative:		Attendance Status
Harriett Parker – Co-Chair	Las Vegas Paiute Tribe		Х
Sookaaki Charley	Timbisha Shoshone Tribe		Х
Jackie Conway	Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe		ABS
Alfreida Jake	Elko Band of the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone		Х
Tashina Jim	Walker River Paiute Tribe		ABS
Duane Masters Sr.	Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe		Х
Don Pelt	Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe		Х
Marian Perez	Duckwater Shoshone Tribe		Х
Kenneth Quiner	Washoe Tribes of Nevada/California		Х
Ross Rivera	Ely Shoshone Tribe		Х
Daniel Thayer	Reno Sparks Indian Colony		Х
Non-Voting Membership			
Name	Entity Represented:		Attendance Status
David Fogerson - Co-Chair	Nevada Division of En	nergency Management/Homeland Security	Х
Emily Gould	Nevada Department of Health and Human Resources		ABS
Non-Member Representatives/Support			
Samantha Ladich	Nevada Office of the Attorney General		Х
Sherrean Whipple	Nevada Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security		Х

# 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Co-Chair David Fogerson, Nevada Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security (DEM/HS), called the meeting to order. Roll call was performed by Sherrean Whipple, DEM/HS, and a quorum was established for the meeting.

# 2. Public Comment

Co-Chair David Fogerson opened the period of public comment for discussion.

Daniel Thayer, Reno Sparks Indian Colony (RSIC), asked for a moment of silence to honor Rupert Steele and his passing.

# 3. Approval of Minutes

Co-Chair David Fogerson called for a motion to amend or approve the draft minutes of the November 2, 2022 NTECC meeting. Co-Chair Harriett Parker stated that she has some grammar edits but didn't have her notes with her to discuss with NTECC. This item was tabled and will be reviewed at the next NTECC meeting. All NTECC was in agreement to review at the next meeting.

# 4. Cyber Security Task Force (CSTF)

Co-Chair David Fogerson explained that Cyber Security Task Force Chair Tim Robb was unavailable for today's meeting and as such, Co-Chair Fogerson would provide the update. Co-Chair Fogerson explained that discussion took place at the CSTF meeting on January 9th regarding lanes of travel for cybersecurity. Co-Chair Fogerson indicated that the intelligence side comes from law enforcement and fusion centers. Co-Chair Fogerson indicated that discussion involved the abilities of each of the different Office of Cyber Defense and Coordination (OCDC), noting that Enterprise IT Services (EITS) is the state side and Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) is the federal side, and everyone is concerned with protecting the system, ensuring that everyone is educated and prepared in terms of best practice so as not to allow access. In addition, Co-Chair Fogerson discussed the response-recovery side, which falls under the domain of Emergency Management, Homeland Security Enterprise, and the Nevada National Guard partners. Co-Chair Fogerson explained that a lot of good information was exchanged at the meeting and that another one is planned in the near future. Co-Chair Fogerson informed the Council that the cybersecurity plan is still awaiting approval from CISA and that following this approval, grant funding can open. Co-Chair Fogerson indicated that both CISA and FEMA have informed DEM/HS that there will be funding specifically for tribal nations, except from the states, on which there has not yet been any information.

# 5. The Office of Cyber Defense and Coordination (OCDC)

Aakin Patel, Division Administrator of OCDC, indicated his hope to start putting programs in place to address various entities' needs. Mr. Patel explained that the goal of the OCDC is to act as the cross-entity cybersecurity advice and support group for all of the various entities across the state. Mr. Patel stressed that OCDC is not a support group, but rather in existence to provide assistance, services, and advisory capacity for the groups as they need as well as to coordinate between entities as needed. Mr. Patel informed the Council that OCDC has started putting out a biweekly Nevada focused cyber threat intelligence briefing, and encouraged any members who are not receiving that briefing to contact him directly. Mr. Patel next discussed startup of the incident plan repository, which is a collection of incident response plans from all the various entities in the state, noting that this is mandated by Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS). As such, Mr. Patel indicated that OCDC will be reaching out to the various groups for a copy of their development status of their plan. Mr. Patel further indicated that OCDC can provide templates or assistance in developing that plan, if needed. Mr. Patel next explained that OCDC is coordinating with the Governor's Office and the Nevada Chapter of the National Guard to build-out incident response capabilities to assist the

various entities in case of a cybersecurity incident. Mr. Patel indicated that OCDC has a lot of plans coming up for services that it can offer such as: coordinated assistance services of various services like scanning and assessments; assisting resiliency and defense planning and cybersecurity architecture; providing assistance through the use of efficiencies of scale across various entities. Mr. Patel next discussed training and creation of tool sets for various groups to deploy in a preconfigured fashion. Mr. Patel concluded his presentation by informing the Council that he is very interested in receiving feedback on what the various groups across the state would find beneficial.

Co-Chair David Fogerson commended Aakin Patel's professionalism, noting that Mr. Patel's entire background has been about cybersecurity, a diverse background that gives him the ability to analyze how to prevent threats from happening.

#### 6. The Nevada Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security's (DEM/HS) Tribal Equity and Engagement Strategy

Co-Chair David Fogerson informed the Council that their meeting packets should include a document that is not binding but that shows how everyone works together to ensure that all entities can see DEM/HS's efforts. Co-Chair Fogerson indicated that this came about following a presentation from Heather Lafferty, Disability and Preparedness Specialist, after which DEM/HS asked state tribal liaisons to come up with and also itself came up with a list of inequity and inclusion so as to adequately represent the help needed by tribal nations and all Nevada residents and tourists. Co-Chair Fogerson encouraged feedback from members, noting that he will be making this an official document for the Division that will be posted on the website and welcomed thoughts and/or changes proposed by Council members.

#### 7. Discussion on the Status of the Nevada Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security's (DEM/HS) Efforts to Assist our Tribal Nations

Co-Chair David Fogerson explained that DEM/HS is interested in hearing feedback and the status of the programs DEM/HS provides as they relate to tribal nation protection, prevention, response mitigation, recovery efforts for emergency management, Homeland Security, and public health preparedness. Co-Chair Fogerson encouraged members to discuss ways that DEM/HS can improve efforts to support needs and indicated that members can feel free to reach out to himself or other DEM/HS staff with any improvement ideas or suggestions.

# 8. Discussion of Bill Draft Requests (BDR) for the 2023 Legislative Session

Co-Chair David Fogerson indicated that in their packets, Council members should have a list of bills affecting emergency management. Co-Chair Fogerson explained that the highlighted ones are the bills written by the Division, upon which hearings will be beginning in the following week. Co-Chair Fogerson discussed Assembly Bill (AB) 43, which revises provisions relating to school emergency operation plans and specifically cleans up some of the due dates and the outline of when the school plans required it to make the timing more convenient for schools. Co-Chair Fogerson explained that Senate Bill (SB) 2 revises provisions related to emergency management and cleans up the State Disaster Identification Coordination Committee (SDICC) so that DEM/HS can add back in some language providing the ability to share protected health information post-disasters to help with family reunification. Co-Chair Fogerson discussed SB3, which revised the membership of the Nevada Commission of Homeland Security to reinclude the Department of Public of Safety, who lost its voice when Homeland Security moved over to the Office of the Military. Co-Chair Fogerson indicated that SB5 authorizes DEM/HS to use money in the Emergency Assistance Account (EAA) when not in a governor-declared disaster. Co-Chair Fogerson explained that this bill would allow DEM/HS to access its coffers when local EMs call for help without the need for the governor to declare a disaster. Co-Chair Fogerson discussed some of the other BDRs, one of which determines for how long the governor can declare a disaster, and another of which comes from the Interim Healthcare Committee and helps the Division to spend money in a disaster. Co-Chair Fogerson cited the continual discussion during the COVID pandemic as to whether or not DEM/HS could spend money to buy Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Co-Chair Fogerson informed the Council that DEM/HS will keep the list going and encouraged members to log onto the Nevada legislature site to see the bills and any updates.

#### 9. Update on the Tribal Health Preparedness Efforts

Rachel Marchetti, Nevada Department of Health and Human Resources, informed the Council that the date for the Rural Preparedness will be June 14 and 15, will include breakfast and lunch, and that travel for the conference can be reimbursed just as it has been in past years. Ms. Marchetti encouraged members to contact Jay Martin and Josie Burnett at DEM/HS with any recommendations or suggestions for tribal-specific topics or training. Ms. Marchetti informed the Council that one of the Preparedness Health Program (PHP) team members, Doug Dame, has been relocated to southern Nevada for easier, regular access to all jurisdictions in that area. Ms. Marchetti next discussed the creation of the PHP hazmat response trailer for both county and tribal to use based on emergencies and encouraged members with suggestions for materials to be placed in the trailer, or in need of the trailer to contact Amos Holler at aholler@health.nv.gov. Ms. Marchetti further indicated the availability of a Mortuary Enhanced Remains Cooling (MERC) unit during emergencies through an ESF-8 request.

Co-Chair David Fogerson asked if PHP has coordinated with the State Disaster Identification Coordination Committee (SDICC), who holds the legal responsibility for the mortuary piece and coordinates the medical examiners and coroners for the state.

Rachel Marchetti noted that she will find out that information and report back but believes that Amos Holler has taken care of all of that.

Co-Chair David Fogerson requested that Ms. Marchetti have Mr. Holler coordinate with Melissa from DEM/HS, who runs the SDICC.

# 10. Update from the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada (ITCN)

Clifford Banuelos, Tribal-State Environmental Liaison for ITCN, informed the Council that for the last four years, Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada and Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona have coordinated on a 40-hour annual training, usually held in late March, and then an 8-hour refresher training generally held in September. Mr. Banuelos explained the importance of being in-person for the 40-hour training, noting that this is helpful for things like hazmat suit training. Mr. Banuelos indicated that the training will be at the New York New York Hotel Casino and that 32 rooms have been reserved for those interested in attending. Mr. Banuelos indicated that anyone interested can contact either him or Brian Davidson directly. Mr. Banuelos next discussed best practices in successfully engaging tribes, noting that Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Citizen Corps have worked well in the past.

# 11. Update from the Nevada Indian Commission (NIC)

Serena Nez, NIC, indicated that the updated tribal leaders contact list, which includes tribal leaders that have been newly appointed, has been sent out. Ms. Nez explained that NIC is still awaiting updated information on some of those leaders. Ms. Nez next informed the Council that Nevada Tribes Day will be held on February 14 at the legislature in Carson City and is open to anyone and everyone interested. Ms. Nez explained that five tribal leaders have already confirmed attendance for that day.

Jay Martin informed the Council that Goshute's current Acting Chairman is Amos Murphy.

Crystal Harjo asked if there are any updates on the open position for public health educator.

Serena Nez explained that NIC is working with human resources to rerun that recruitment as they did not receive the hoped-for response.

Co-Chair Harriet Parker requested that this post be sent to NTECC Staff as DEM/HS is doing a one-stop shop of sorts for employment opportunities.

# 12. Nevada Public Bodies Updates

Tribal representatives appointed to the following Nevada public bodies provide an update on their role with each public body, as well as initiatives and projects that impact Nevada Tribes:

# a. Nevada Resilience Advisory Committee

Jon Bakkedahl, DEM/HS, indicated that the NRAC agenda was very similar to that of the NTECC agenda, minus the three tribal support agencies that help to support the Council. Mr. Bakkedahl explained that NRAC did not receive any real forward information that would directly impact the tribes, but that all of the information from the meeting will be available in the minutes and encouraged members with any questions or concerns to reach out to DEM/HS staff.

# b. Nevada Commission on Homeland Security (NCHS)

Co-Chair David Fogerson explained that the incident management assistant teams and NIMS training were discussed at the NCHS meeting, as well as the tribal nations that are part of 414 A, the Mutual Aid Plan. Co-Chair Fogerson encouraged tribal nations to opt in, noting that this is the program that provides the ability for everyone to share resources back and forth during an incident or event. Co-Chair Fogerson indicated that the New Year's Eve mission was discussed, noting that this involves the Guard and DEM/HS to ensure that the state is protected during New Year's Eve. Co-Chair Fogerson further indicated that election integrity issues were discussed and included a tabletop exercise with the Secretary of State's Office that contained the essential support functions that allowed for the participants to talk through the issues of the what-ifs if something happened in election security. Co-Chair Fogerson explained that a report was produced for the tabletop exercise as well as how the election integrity process went and the plan moving forward. Co-Chair Fogerson informed the Council that DEM/HS is good friends with the Secretary of State's Deputy Secretary of Response for Elections, who is heavily engaged with DEM/HS on wanting to find ways to do more tabletops and more outreach so as to maintain election security and not suffer issues from a threat, outage, fire, snowstorm, or any other thing that could disrupt an election.

# c. NCHS Finance Committee

Co-Chair David Fogerson, indicated that there has not been a meeting of the finance committee since the last NTECC meeting and as such, there is nothing to report.

# d. Nevada State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)

Lance Chantler, RSIC, explained that the first-quarter meeting was held on January 12, during which flooding dominated most of the conversation. Mr. Chantler informed the Council that the next meeting is scheduled for April. Mr. Chantler indicated that HMEP mid-cycle grants are still available through SERC, the Opti Grant (phonetic) will be opening in March, and United We Stand will be opening in April. Mr. Chantler concluded his report by informing the Council that Fire Shows West will be held September 26 through 29 this year.

# e. Nevada Intrastate Mutual Aid Committee (IMAC)

Eric Wilson, DEM/HS, explained that the IMAC meeting was held on December 7, 2022 and included the introduction of four new members of the Committee. Mr. Wilson indicated that IMAC also reviewed real-world Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) deployments from June to November of 2022, of which there were none, and developed some mission-related packages for Hurricane Ian, none of which were selected for deployment. Mr. Wilson further indicated that IMAC went over the importance of mission-related packages and

reviewed some of those packages, which were then submitted for the Governor's Office of Energy. Mr. Wilson announced that the Ely Shoshone tribe has passed a resolution to become the sixth tribal nation to join Intrastate Mutual Aid System (IMAS) and stressed the criticality of having tribal participation to ensure comprehensive incident response from the state.

Co-Chair David Fogerson thanked Ross Rivera for the short time it took to get the Ely Shoshone tribe on board with the IMAS program.

# 13. Updates from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Crystal Harjo, FEMA Region IX Tribal Liaison for Nevada, reported that she has been attending a lot of the travel-based meetings for both the state and the region itself. Ms. Harjo explained that Region IX is in the process of finalizing its cultural-awareness video that will be shown internally as training for some of its staff as well as shared with those who participated or wish to see it. Ms. Harjo reported that she has talked with some of the tribes and been in contact with them, particularly over the winter events, both in Nevada and in California, as well as monitoring Arizona, which is currently experiencing a couple of emergencies. Ms. Harjo next indicated that she sat down with the tribal liaisons for the state earlier in the day to review a 2023 activity calendar so that the liaisons can meet some of the project and grant deliverables while Ms. Harjo is out assisting in the field. Ms. Harjo informed the Council that Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) Tribal Training Week is free for tribes to attend and that there is still space available. Ms. Harjo indicated that the TPW is in its planning phases now and will likely take place in June 2023 in the Phoenix, Arizona area. Ms. Harjo concluded her report by informing the Council that there is a community planner position open in Recovery and Mitigation and that the job is posted on USA Jobs, but that ideally, they are looking for a tribal person to join their team.

Co-Chair David Fogerson commended Crystal Harjo, noting that she will be meeting with the tribal liaisons weekly to ensure that everyone is on the same page and working together jointly.

# 14. Updates from the DEM/HS Tribal Liaison Staff

Josie Burnett, DEM/HS Tribal Liaison and Jay Martin, DEM/HS Tribal Liaison

a. ITCN Convention Report

Jay Martin reported that the ITCN convention was held in December and consisted of three sessions: a G402 overview for Incident Command System (ICS); a suicide prevention course; and a tribal emergency management one-on-one session. Mr. Martin indicated that the sessions were very well received. Mr. Martin informed the Council that handouts included: the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Preparedness Framework from DEM/HS; the emergency managers contact list for the state; the program for the offered sessions; information on the NTECC program and guest speakers; a response guidebook; and a NIMS Skill

Guide for Internet Command Systems. Mr. Martin explained that all of these resources were discussed.

b. Nevada Tribal Action Plan

Jay Martin explained that the Nevada Tribal Action Plan is an ongoing project and indicated that DEM/HS is excited to have that out for the state so as to have its action plan in place for how the liaisons will be working with the tribes.

c. Tribal Communication Boxes Update

Jay Martin explained that the tribal communication boxes are also an ongoing working project, and that DEM/HS hopes to be able to replace a lot of the communications equipment to ensure that tribes always have an open line of communication with the state and other partners in case of an incident.

Josie Burnett informed the Council that all of the SIM cards for the satellite phones have been purchased and will be distributed during the springtime tribal tour. Ms. Burnett offered to mail them out to tribes, as well, if they preferred that she do so.

d. 2023 Activity Roll-out Plans: Tribal Tours and Plan Reviews

Jay Martin explained that plans are in the works for the next six months and that tribal tours will begin within the next six months. Mr. Martin indicated that there are lots of planned cross-trainings, especially for underserved populations, that require more information on emergency management. Mr. Martin concluded by informing the Council that he would be presenting at the Tribal Emergency Managers meeting the following day and would be discussing emergency management training opportunities.

Josie Burnett indicated that she will specifically be working on assisting the tribal health clinics on their Hazard Vulnerability Assessments (HVAs). Ms. Burnett indicated that she had already distributed some informational materials as well as templates so as to have them out prior to the tribal tour.

- e. Coordinating Tribal Events:
  - I. Rural Preparedness Summit in June 2023

Josie Burnett explained that she will be working with the state team to incorporate tribal specific trainings content and informed Council members that any suggestions can go directly to her.

II. Nevada Emergency Preparedness Summit (NEPA) at the University of Nevada of Reno (UNR)

Josie Burnett indicated that NEPA will be held from March 20 through 22 and noted that the first day will be the pre-summit training open to all attendees with no extra fees associated. Ms.

Burnett explained that DEM/HS will be holding the ICS 402, the overview for executive leadership course requested by several tribes. Ms. Burnett explained that the rest of the agenda includes: disaster housing; preparedness and recovery; diversity, equity and inclusion; working with the National Guard Response and Recovery Planning; and disability access and functional needs, among other things.

III. Fall Preparedness Regional Workshops in September and October 2023

Josie Burnett discussed the three regional workshops in the fall of 2022 that covered Threat and Hazards Identification and Risk Assessments (THIRA) and Stakeholders Preparedness Report (SPR) mitigation, grants, and planning efforts, all of which were helpful in bringing local, county, and tribal partners together. As such, Ms. Burnett indicated that DEM/HS is encouraging tribal partners to attend those again, noting that they will be broken up similar to the last time. Ms. Burnett informed the Council that two will be held in the north, in Carson City and Elko, and one will be held in the south, in Las Vegas.

**IV.** Other Potential Workshops for Tribal Participation

Josie Burnett informed the Council that earlier in the day, she and Jay Martin had met with Crystal Harjo to discuss the idea to tag alongside the Fallon Rural Preparedness Summit. As such, Ms. Burnett indicated that DEM/HS is looking to hold a two-day workshop that will coincide with the summit and will likely be a revamp of the Nevada Tribal Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Conference that was held several years earlier. Ms. Burnett explained that they have not yet gotten into the inner workings of the agenda but have circled around a few ideas to incorporate opportunities for pod activities, possible exercise, or tabletop, including: Access and Functional Needs (AFN); a Stop the Bleed training that will include distribution of training kits. Ms. Burnett encouraged NTECC members to provide feedback as to whether or not this is something the tribes would be interested in attending.

Daniel Thayer requested to be part of the Tribal CERT committee.

# 15. DEM/HS Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Audit Results for the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022 and 2023

Jared Franco, DEM/HS, reminded the Council that at the last meeting he discussed the audits DEM/HS has gone through over the past couple of years, all of which resulted in no findings and in huge praise for the grant staff. Mr. Franco indicated that those are

available for review in the minutes from the last meeting. Mr. Franco informed the Council that since the November meeting, DEM/HS has begun two more audits, one on January 13 where Nevada's contracted state audit firm requested documents to conduct an audit for the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. Mr. Franco indicated that there is no additional information on this audit at this time but will keep all committees apprised with information as it comes. Mr. Franco next indicated that the previous week, DEM/HS held an opening conference with Nevada's Executive Audit Branch to meet about a newly starting audit. Mr. Franco reported that some documents, the major focus of which was the grants that DEM/HS manages and subawards out to local jurisdictions, were requested and that the audit will span over the next six months. Mr. Franco assured the Council that DEM/HS will keep all committees apprised of any forthcoming information regarding this audit.

Co-Chair David Fogerson reiterated DEM/HS's focus on the importance of transparency and noted that DEM/HS welcomes audits as a learning tool for future improvement.

#### 16. Grant Status Report

Suz Coyote, DEM/HS, informed the Council that the grants status report was included with the meeting materials members received. Ms. Coyote indicated that all grant programs with open sub-awards are listed in the report, and that the report shows the sub-recipient, agency, project, original award amount, re-obligated funds received, amounts spent as of the last reporting, the funding stream and any de-obligated amount, and the percentage of awards spent as of the last report received. Ms. Coyote further indicated that the federal reporting narratives for the Homeland Security Grant Program and Nonprofit Security Grant Program are also attached, and that these provide program updates for those programs as of the guarter ending September 30, 2022. Ms. Coyote explained that the FFY22 EPWG grant application has been released in Zoom Grants and applicants can complete their application so the grants can be awarded. Ms. Coyote informed the Council that DEM/HS submitted the application for the state local cybersecurity grant program, which was due November 15, and the draft of the plan has been submitted to the state and local cybersecurity grant program officer and CISA for review and approval. Ms. Coyote concluded her presentation by informing the Council that the meeting materials also include the late reporting as of December 31, 2022 but noted that this has not yet been finalized.

Jared Franco, DEM/HS, provided a brief overview of the existing late-reporting policy that DEM/HS intends to do a better job of enforcing so as to accurately and timely track the amount of grant dollars left in all the grants. Mr. Franco explained that this policy includes ensuring that Quarterly Progress Reports (QPRs) and Quarterly Financial Reports (QFRs) are submitted in a timely manner. Mr. Franco indicated that recipients would receive notifications: two weeks before QFR and QPR reporting is due; two weeks after report is past due; 30 days after report is past due; and then at 60 days after report is due, the notification will include a letter from State Administrative Agent (SAA), David Fogerson, informing recipients that their grant will be administratively de-obligated.

Crystal Harjo requested an explanation on in-kind matches as this has been a challenge for some tribes with reporting.

Jared Franco noted that DEM/HS staff is working to provide more technical assistance and noted that because the answer to Ms. Harjo's question is relatively long and encouraged anyone needing help with this issue to contact DEM/HS for help.

Co-Chair David Fogerson reiterated the benefit of the regional workshops in helping to explain and understand these issues and others in relation to grants.

#### 17. Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) and Stakeholders Preparedness Report (SPR)

Bill Elliott, DEM/HS, explained that the actual THIRA is several hundred pages long and as such, DEM/HS has prepared an executive summary for distribution to anyone requesting it. Mr. Elliott indicated that from a results perspective, the THIRA shows a four-to-one ratio in increases in investments over losses. Mr. Elliot explained that the THIRA process looks at identifying the threats and the hazards that jurisdictions may come across and as such, DEM/HS has established targets based on the 32 core capabilities and then based on those core capabilities, defined the jurisdictions capabilities based on those targets. Mr. Elliot indicated that DEM/HS then analyzes the capabilities to see where the gaps are and prioritizes which gaps to bridge. Mr. Elliot explained that the consistent themes in the overall results were as follows: Nevada does not receive enough funding to make real reductions in organization and equipment; COVID was a stress on everyone and low wages in Nevada resulted in loss of skills and expertise and reduction in core capabilities, particularly in the public-safety and emergency-management fields. Mr. Elliot next discussed the three priorities for the state based on the THIRA results: operational coordination; operation communications; and supply chain security and integrity. Mr. Elliot indicated that similar capabilities pop up each year and clarified that this does not mean that inroads have not been made, but rather that the gap has been so big for so long that these continue to remain a priority. Mr. Elliot next discussed the identified threats and hazards such as: earthquakes; active assailants; wildfire; hazardous material spills; flooding; and cyberattack. Mr. Elliot indicated that the negative trends have been with: operational coordination; on-scene security protection in law enforcement; fire management and suppression; operational communications, whereas positive trends have included: community resilience; mass care services; public health; and Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Mr. Elliot stressed the importance of tribal representation at regional summits to participate in the THIRA, noting that the THIRA is for the entire state and the tribes' needs and capabilities are important to include so as to ensure that all gaps are being identified.

Co-Chair David Fogerson encouraged the Committee members to read Page 2 of the executive summary, which summarizes all of the results, and to study all of the items in

red as these are the priorities so as to determine risks and what needs to be fixed. Co-Chair Fogerson indicated DEM/HS's focus on ensuring that money is being well spent and that relationships are strong so as to make the state more resilient.

#### **18. Public Comment**

Co-Chair David Fogerson opened the second period of public comment.

There was no public comment.

#### 19. Adjournment

Co-Chair David Fogerson called for a motion to adjourn.

Daniel Thayer, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kenneth Quiner, Washoe Tribes of Nevada and California, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.