



# Meeting Minutes

## Nevada Tribal Emergency Coordinating Council

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>DATE</b>	Tuesday, September 6, 2022
	<b>TIME</b>	1:00 p.m.
	<b>METHOD</b>	Zoom/Teleconference
	<b>RECORDER</b>	Sherrean Whipple
<b>Voting Membership</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Designated/Appointed Representative:</b>	<b>Attendance Status</b>
Harriett Parker – Co-Chair	Las Vegas Paiute Tribe	X
David Fogerson - Co-Chair Non-Voting	Nevada Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security	X
Marian Perez	Duckwater Shoshone Tribe	ABS
Ross Rivera	Ely Shoshone Tribe	X
Jackie Conway	Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe	ABS
Duane Masters Sr.	Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe	X
Don Pelt	Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe	X
Daniel Thayer	Reno Sparks Indian Colony	X
Sookaaki Charley	Timbisha Shoshone Tribe	X
Tashina Jim	Walker River Paiute Tribe	X
Kenneth Quiner	Washoe Tribes of Nevada/California	X
Emily Gould Non-Voting	Nevada Department of Health and Human Resources	X
<b>Non-Member Representatives/Support</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Entity Represented:</b>	<b>Attendance Status</b>
Samantha Ladich	Nevada Office of the Attorney General	X
Sherrean Whipple	Nevada Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security	X

### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

### 2. Public Comment

Co-Chair Harriett Parker opened the period of public comment for discussion.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

Co-Chair Harriett Parker called for a motion to amend or approve the draft minutes of the June 27, 2022 NTECC meeting. Don Pelt, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, moved to approve the June 27, 2022 minutes of the NTECC meeting. Ken Quiner, Washoe Tribes of Nevada/California, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Discussion of Recommendations from the NTECC for Tribal Representation on the Nevada Resilience Advisory Committee (NRAC)**

Co-Chair David Fogerson indicated that NRAC has traditionally had two tribal liaisons, one of whom has just retired, leaving one spot that needs filling. Co-Chair Fogerson noted that unlike NRAC, which is by appointment, NTECC requires recommendation and approval by the applicant's tribal chairman. Co-Chair Fogerson informed the Council that he will take recommendations from members on a first come, first-serve basis.

Jon Bakkedahl, DEM/HS, indicated that Ciera Sampson has already stepped up for Reno Sparks Indian Colony.

Co-Chair Harriett Parker asked the Council if anyone at the meeting knows of anyone that could be appointed.

**5. Nevada Emergency Preparedness Association (NEPA)**

Matt Williams, President of NEPA, explained that NEPA was founded in 2016 to improve statewide resilience through professional development of emergency preparedness practitioners within the state, and that this is done through two main ways: professional certification through Nevada Emergency Certification or through the yearly preparedness summit, which is usually held in the first quarter of the year and alternated between the north and the south of the state each year. Mr. Williams explained that the summit usually ranges between two to three days and allows for emergency management folks to listen to presentations from other members of the field, including those from the private sector and other closely related fields such as public health. Mr. Williams indicated that the most important aspect for most people of the summit is the networking abilities that allow emergency managers throughout the state to convene, commiserate, and discuss during quiet time. Mr. Williams informed the Council that the next summit is set to take place in Reno next year and invited Council members interested in attending or speaking, to respond via [preparenv.org](http://preparenv.org). Mr. Williams indicated that members could sign up now via early-bird registration, which is slightly less expensive.

Co-Chair Harriett Parker asked what type of topics, speakers, themes are needed for this year's summit.

Matt Williams indicated that anything having to do with preparedness would be an appropriate topic. Mr. Williams informed the Council that there is one presentation already scheduled in which Amber Torres will be there to discuss climate change and how it may affect the tribal nations.

Jon Bakkedahl requested that Mr. Williams work with Josie Burnett and Jay Martin regarding basic information about how many tribal members are current NEPA members, indicating that they could then do some of the outreach on NEPA's behalf.

**6. 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 has three important questions that need answering: one, who is missing from the NTECC group that should be here, indicating that each tribal nation has the ability to have one representative on NTECC; two, what can DEM/HS start doing to help tribal nations that is not being done now; and three, what is DEM/HS currently doing that is hurting tribal nations.

Ross Rivera indicated his belief that the Ely Shoshone Tribe is not represented and noted that DEM/HS could help tribes join respective counties on hazard mitigation in order to alleviate some of the burden on the tribes. In addition, Mr. Rivera noted that help from DEM/HS would be appreciated regarding the THIRA.

Co-Chair David Fogerson concurred and noted that the Elko Preparedness Summit will be a great place to have these conversations.

Jon Bakkedahl, DEM/HS, concurred, and requested support from the members of the Council in working with their tribal leadership to help them understand the benefits of joining a county and incorporating into the effort to ensure that all planning efforts are legally covered as well as supported through FEMA.

Ross Rivera added that FEMA needs to be reminded given that FEMA is often the stumbling block.

Co-Chair David Fogerson opened the floor to Council members to discuss things that DEM/HS should be doing that are not being done as well as things that are being done but are not beneficial and indicated that anyone not wishing to bring it up in a public forum could certainly email members of the DEM/HS team with concerns.

Co-Chair Harriett Parker commented that with regards to the hazard mitigation plan of the Las Vegas Paiute, the tribe was able to become an annex under Clark County and is in the process of doing the update now. Co-Chair Parker noted that this is a good opportunity to meet with partners in the area.

**7. Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) Program**

Melyssa Navis, US Forest Service, Tribal Relations Specialist, indicated that she is a liaison for the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest and wished to share an opportunity for NTECC to work with the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest regarding community wildfire defense grants. Ms. Navis explained that applications are currently being accepted for grants to assist with the update or implementation of community wildfire protection plans. Ms. Navis indicated that up to \$250,000 is being awarded in individual grants and that recorded webinars that share specific instructions on the grants process are available. Ms. Navis informed the Council that the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest has two, identified, shared stewardship priority landscapes: the Carson district, near Carson City along the Sierra front; and the Ruby Mountain Jarbridge Ranger District around Elko that encompasses the Ruby Mountains. Ms. Navis indicated that questions can be directed to district ranger Josh Nichols and that Ms. Navis would be happy to help connect Council members to the right person.

## **8. Discussion of Potential Legislative Requests for the 2023 Session**

Co-Chair David Fogerson discussed his desire to keep this as a standing agenda item in order to see what needs to be adjusted and/or confirmed in terms of legislative needs. Co-Chair Fogerson indicated that DEM/HS is currently looking at some changes to the State Disaster Identification Coordinating Committee, which is the reunification group, post-large event incident. Co-Chair Fogerson explained that there have been some back-and forth with HIPAA regarding concerns that DEM/HS is looking to address. In addition, Co-Chair Fogerson informed the Council that DEM/HS is asking for additional state revenue in order to offset grant drawdowns with the hopes of spending more money with locals, holding less money, and moving some contracts out to full-time employment. Co-Chair Fogerson further indicated the desire of DEM/HS to see if the tribal nations have anything specific that needs to be included with the requests so as to be inclusive of everyone. Co-Chair Fogerson indicated that because the legislature is only seen every two years, there are currently two years and 120 days to make any change to the state law, after which time the wait will be another two years.

Co-Chair Harriett Parker asked if there is a hard deadline for submission to the 2023 session.

Co-Chair David Fogerson explained that once the process is begun, there does always appear to be a way to make changes, and at this time, the process is at the idea level. As such, Co-Chair Fogerson indicated that anytime within the next few months would be ideal for proposals.

Ken Quiner, Washoe Tribes of Nevada and California, asked for some examples of current or previous legislation that was emergency-management related that would be of interest to tribes.

Co-Chair David Fogerson explained that outside of the establishment of NTECC, nothing specifically tribal related has been done and has, in fact, been more broad-brushed and looked at things like how to relay information to emergency responders regarding patients, the ability to spend money in a disaster, the ability to declare disaster, how disasters are declared, immunity protections, and the Interstate Mutual Aid Committee (IMAC), which Co-Chair Fogerson encouraged each tribe to join. Co-Chair Fogerson referred to NRS 414, 414(a), and 239(c) as the predominant chapters for DEM/HS.

## **9. Results from the FEMA Region IX Tribal Partner Workshop Held in Reno in August 2022**

Co-Chair David Fogerson provided an overview of FEMA Region IX and explained that he felt a lot was accomplished via interactions with other state partners and their tribes. Co-Chair Fogerson then opened the floor to discussion from attendees of the conference for their opinions on what worked, what didn't work, and what could be done better at future conferences.

Jon Bakkedahl, DEM/HS, explained that it was refreshing to hear that other states are also struggling with issues like Nevada is. Mr. Bakkedahl further explained that the feedback received was positive, particularly regarding the efforts of DEM/HS in supporting the tribes. Mr. Bakkedahl reiterated Co-Chair Fogerson's request for information on what DEM/HS could be doing better and how they, along with FEMA,

can better directly impact the tribal communities. Mr. Bakkedahl indicated this conference was a first-time effort in terms of FEMA's ability to bring people in to discuss specific grants, the recovery process, and the technical assistance available to everyone.

Jay Martin, DEM/HS Tribal Liaison, praised the fact that FEMA was prepared to present services and different opportunities generated for the tribes. Mr. Martin noted that COVID sparked a bigger interest in emergency management and planning that tribes are now ready to take advantage of and stated his appreciation for the bridging taking place between the communities and FEMA.

Josie Burnett, DEM/HS Tribal Liaison, concurred with everything noted thus far regarding this issue and indicated the impact of having the opportunity to make face-to-face connections with the tribal communities and different state and local partners.

Co-Chair David Fogerson noted that it can be easy to lose track of the nexus to cultural issues and cited a video shown at the presentation that was well prepared and prompted viewers to think differently about how things are being done.

Daniel Thayer, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, commended the conference, noting that it was nice to socialize with people from other jurisdictions. Mr. Thayer further noted communication barriers that exist between local emergency teams and the state and indicated that he is looking forward to trying to do trainings with local jurisdictions in the future in hopes of eliminating some of those communication issues.

Jon Bakkedahl informed the Council that DEM/HS had been told that only five people could attend and noted that there had been significant interest from other staff members who were unable to attend due to the limit of attendees.

Co-Chair David Fogerson indicated the potential of holding the Nevada Tribal Summit again in order to bring in more locals.

Kenneth Quiner concurred that the conference was a fantastic event and indicated that his team learned a lot and gained a lot of great information. Mr. Quiner echoed Mr. Bakkedahl's sentiment regarding the wish to bring more tribal representation and DEM/HS staff. Mr. Quiner noted that because his tribe is Nevada-California, meeting the CalOES members was a benefit and noted that the discussion regarding equity in the FMAG and the cost of fire losses was informative. Mr. Quiner indicated that during the wildfires, there were no buildings lost, but there were lots of cultural connections and tribal lands that were destroyed and discussed the need to have this recognized as a value.

Co-Chair Harriett Parker echoed the sentiments of the other members of the Council who had attended the event, reiterated the value of the video Co-Chair Fogerson mentioned, and indicated the importance of hearing that California's struggles were not dissimilar to those Nevada had faced in the past.

## **10. California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) and DEM/HS Information Exchange Session**

Jon Bakkedahl, DEM/HS, informed the Council that on April 15, the DEM/HS executive

staff, comprised of David Fogerson, Jared Franco, and Mr. Bakkedahl, traveled to CalOES and met them at their emergency operations center in California. Mr. Bakkedahl indicated that this was the first meeting and discussion with high-level personnel to discuss the impacts of the disasters that have taken place over the recent years, including COVID, the multiple wildfires, and the snow events, as well as future events planned for training and exercise. Mr. Bakkedahl informed the Council that these meetings will continue at least on a semi-annual basis and gradually involve more people. Mr. Bakkedahl further indicated that a sheltering agreement was developed between California and Nevada, and California is in the process of doing the same thing with Oregon. Mr. Bakkedahl explained that this is out for review from ESF-6 Mass Care personnel from both states to the local jurisdictions that have been impacted by sheltering from other states.

Jon Bakkedahl next informed the Council that CalOES came to Nevada in June to meet with a multitude of Emergency Support Function Partners to discuss the different reactions and interactions from the events. Mr. Bakkedahl indicated that the After-Action Reports (AARs) published by the state and by FEMA as well as some local government AARs were studied line by line to discuss what went right, what went wrong, and how could things be improved in state-to-state relations. Mr. Bakkedahl noted that there are five things that California and Nevada do similarly in operations, and this helped to set a good framework for everyone to get on the same page and work better with one another moving forward.

Jon Bakkedahl next informed the Council that EMAC and networking exercises will be scheduled to ensure that both states are able to work through that using an easier process. Mr. Bakkedahl indicated that California EMACs five to 53 times a year and Nevada EMACs one every five to 35 years, illustrating a significant difference in EMAC operations between the two states. Mr. Bakkedahl explained that the sheltering plan is nearly finalized, and a semi-annual meeting schedule has been established with DEM/HS operations staff currently working on the next schedule, agenda, location, and invites to one another's state conferences to ensure tangible goals and outcomes.

Jon Bakkedahl indicated that as this expands, DEM/HS wants to ensure that tribal input on tribal relations is being incorporated in order to help California, who does not have a state tribal program but rather has two tribal FITs, the FEMA integrated team members from their FEMA Region IX partners. Mr. Bakkedahl explained that DEM/HS has sent California all the information regarding Nevada's program, including: contracts; scope of work; and line of efforts that the staff has taken so far. Mr. Bakkedahl further indicated the intent to ensure that this relationship does not stay only at a high level, but also trickles down to things like operations and planning. Mr. Bakkedahl reported that Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) is talking with Caltrans and eventually California tribes will be meeting with Nevada tribes in order to enhance interstate and bi-state relations given that the two states share tribes.

Jon Bakkedahl reminded the Council that the tribal nations are sovereign and do have the ability to go directly to FEMA but indicated the state's position that the state should be doing everything in its power to help the tribal nations. As such, any California and Nevada border tribes will be unaffected in the eyes of the state, as the state is blind to the state line when it comes to tribal nations.

Co-Chair Harriett Parker indicated her appreciation for this and cited an example of a

specific California tribe who was impressed with how DEM/HS works with its tribal nations.

## **11. DEM/HS Audit Results**

Jared Franco, DEM/HS, explained that DEM undergoes yearly, federal monitoring and state auditing because of the visibility, sensitive material, and duties the Division is tasked with accomplishing. Mr. Franco indicated that DEM/HS is currently undergoing a state audit by Nevada's contracted CPA firm regarding the warehouses run and controlled during the pandemic. Mr. Franco explained that this state audit begins in FY'21 and should be approaching completion following one more site visit to the Las Vegas warehouse. Mr. Franco indicated that DEM/HS anticipates no issues resulting from the audit. Mr. Franco next indicated that starting in 2021, Nevada's contracted CPA firm conducted an audit on DEM/HS's disaster grants, that the audit was finally wrapped up in July of 2022, and that the need to report the grant dollar amount received to the Federal Sub-award Reporting System (FSRS) in a timely manner so as to comply with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act was the only finding requiring corrective action. Mr. Franco next informed the Council that in April of 2022, five personnel from FEMA Region IX staff conducted an onsite financial monitoring review of numerous grants over a five-day period, the findings of which DEM/HS just received last week. Mr. Franco reported that there were no findings and that DEM/HS and its staff was praised for their work with the grants. Mr. Franco next reported that the previous week, the FEMA preparedness officer who oversees Nevada's HSGP suite was in the DEM/HS office for five days conducting monitoring on the program side. Mr. Franco indicated that he monitored the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) with years spanning from FY'17 to FY'20 to ensure compliance with the code of federal regulations and program guidance. Mr. Franco explained that no formal findings have been issued thus far and indicated that if there is, their findings will be reported to our partners.

Co-Chair David Fogerson informed the Council that the Division is out on a recurring basis doing monitoring visits with all its sub-recipients and as such, Co-Chair Fogerson noted the importance of keeping this agenda item as a standing item at all NTECC public meetings in the interest of transparency

## **12. Update on Tribal Health Preparedness Efforts**

Emily Gould, Nevada Department of Health and Human Resources, indicated that she is the Rural Preparedness Coordinator and works with several rural counties as well as with several tribal partners. Ms. Gould noted that her department is working with the DEM/HS tribal liaisons to identify behavioral and mental health trainings as well as coordinating the scheduling of the upcoming Rural Preparedness Summit and the Nevada Tribal Resiliency Workshop. Ms. Gould indicated that the last rural preparedness summit was held just a week after the Nevada Tribal Resiliency Workshop and noted that many tribal members indicated their preference to attend both workshops and have them scheduled closer together in the hopes of maximizing attendance. Ms. Gould next explained that drought planning is under way, also with the coordination of Josie Burnett and Jay Martin, to ensure the inclusion of appropriate

tribal input and considerations. Ms. Gould further indicated that Nevada Department of Health and Human Resources is working with the tribal liaisons to identify the tribes within the county boundaries of the newly forming Central Health District. Ms. Gould explained that she does not currently have much information regarding the new Central Health District but encouraged Council members to reach out to her with any questions they might have. Ms. Gould informed the Council that the monkeypox vaccine and treatment testing information, is being provided to specific tribes and at of this time, no tribal cases have been reporting. Ms. Gould concluded her presentation by informing the Council that the Nevada Department of Health and Human Resources will be traveling to Elko next week to attend the THIRA and JRA workshop.

**13. Update from the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada (ITCN)**

Clifford Banuelos was unable to attend the NTECC meeting. This item was tabled.

**14. Update from the Nevada Indian Commission (NIC)**

Sari Nichols, NIC, indicated that NIC did not have any updates at this time.

**15. 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**

Co-Chair David Fogerson explained that there is no real difference between the last NRAC meeting and this one as all the same topics were addressed. Co-Chair Fogerson informed the Council that he will be appointing Ken Quiner from the Washoe tribe to NRAC as the second tribal member, and he will report any differences between NRAC and NTECC in the future to ensure that everyone is up to date.

**b. Nevada Commission on Homeland Security (NCHS)**

Co-Chair Harriett Parker indicated that she does not have anything to report as she has not yet received information regarding the next meeting.

**c. NCHS Finance Committee**

Co-Chair David Fogerson indicated that the next meeting for the finance committee will take place on September 7 and will include many of the same topics addressed at today's meeting with the exception of one item: DEM/HS is looking to seek approval to spend an approximately additional \$150,000 within the UASI on a project change request in the Las Vegas metropolitan area. Co-Chair Fogerson explained that historically, the DEM/HS Chief's position has been able to approve requests up to \$100,000 and anything over that amount goes to the Finance and Homeland Security Commission. Co-Chair Fogerson noted that he does not believe that there will be any impact on the finance committee to tribal nations. Co-Chair

Fogerson indicated that the agenda for the Commission for Homeland Security will be going out shortly following this meeting, and the state tribal liaison staff will report on the FEMA Region IX Conference as well as the state regional conference.

**d. Nevada State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)**

Jon Bakkedahl, DEM/HS, explained that all of the committees are timely with their updates, have all been reviewing all of the submitted plans and information that has come in for the counties as well as the current grant application cycle. Mr. Bakkedahl indicated that all committees are preparing for the additional grants and for the multiple legislative actions going into the next cycle for next year's State Legislature. Mr. Bakkedahl acknowledged that there are still discussions regarding individual tribes applying for funding and being eligible underneath the grant rules for SERC on top of ITCN's requests that they potentially be a grant applicant. Mr. Bakkedahl indicated that the discussions thus far have not looked optimistic for ITCN as it's an organization and not a state or county government, but it does not prohibit the tribes themselves from being applicants underneath SERC. Mr. Bakkedahl explained that there have been a lot of policy/procedure updates and that hiring is still low with only one current position managing SERC and all its subcommittees.

**e. Nevada Intrastate Mutual Aid Committee (IMAC)**

Eric Wilson, DEM/HS, had no update at this time.

**16. Updates from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**

Crystal Harjo, FEMA Region IX Tribal Liaison for Nevada, informed the Council that she will be providing a report for Sherrean Whipple to send out to the group before day's end on September 7.

**17. Updates from the DEM/HS Tribal Liaison Staff**

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

**a. Nevada Tribal Community Resiliency Development Workshop in Fallon, NV on June 8, 2022.**

Jay Martin explained that this workshop was devised out of a request from tribes during the spring tour during meetings between himself, Crystal Harjo, and several tribal people. Mr. Martin further indicated that they will be working collaboratively with public health for next year's Rural Preparedness Summit and requested that Council members send any information or suggestions for potential content for the meeting.

**b. Emergency Communication Boxes, aka "Disaster Boxes"**

Jay Martin noted that the boxes were put out by ITERC ten years ago and contain emergency communication devices, satellite phones, satellite radios, and other things to help with an incident response. Mr. Martin

explained that DEM/HS is looking to update the program as a whole and indicated that he has met with several communications experts at DEM/HS to figure out the best avenues to do so. Mr. Martin asked for suggestions from the Council regarding most appropriate moves for this, noting that right now everyone has satellite phones, but one of the avenues being suggested is moving to StarLink for satellite internet communications that would require backup power such as a generator or solar panels and could then serve as backup communications should there be a disconnection from the grid for any reason. Mr. Martin noted that he will be speaking with the StarLink Company and will be receiving more information.

**c. COVID PPE**

Jay Martin reminded the Council that the previous spring and summer, DEM/HS did a big haul to push out the tribal set-aside PPE at DEM/HS, half of which went to ITCN. Mr. Martin indicated that DEM/HS currently has monies to spend down and will be purchasing some COVID tests. Mr. Martin further indicated that DEM/HS will be doing another PPE distribution with a focus on not just the tribal communities, but also the health facilities.

**d. Tribal Health Facility/Program Tour**

Josie Burnett reported that she has already begun tribal health facility site visits to all of the tribal health clinics in Nevada and hopes to conclude by early fall of this year. Ms. Burnett explained that she is specifically checking for updates on various preparedness plans, THIRAs, JRAs, assessing any of the community and clinic health needs, and checking in on any PPE and resource needs. Ms. Burnett explained that she is interested in looking into tribes that will be holding upcoming POD (phonetic) activities and immunization clinics and also checking in on any of the health-related training needs and trainings that she and Jay Martin could provide to the health clinic and communities. Ms. Burnett explained that she and Mr. Martin are looking at some trainings related to mental health and suicide prevention as well as pushing out Stop the Bleed kits, training, and trainer trainings.

**e. Community Outreach and Monitoring**

Jay Martin noted that the DEM/HS tribal liaisons do their best to remain in touch with everybody during community outreach and monitoring. Mr. Martin reported that there have been some incidents in the communities, primarily minor to significant flooding.

Co-Chair Harriett Parker asked if the Stop the Bleed is something that will be done to train the trainer, if DEM/HS has supplies, and if DEM/HS will supply the trainees with supplies.

Josie Burnett noted that DEM/HS has the Stop the Bleed kits and is looking at tribes that wish to participate as well as potentially implementing Stop the Bleed training for youth within the tribal communities.

Co-Chair Harriett Parker noted that she is definitely interested in this training for her clinic in addition to a training for de-escalation.

Josie Burnett informed Co-Chair Parker that she can look into some de-escalation training for her.

Co-Chair Harriett Parker asked if there was a deadline by which tribal liaisons needed to be contacted regarding the black boxes.

Jay Martin explained that he will be reaching out to everybody collectively once he has all the figures prepared and at this time, there is no deadline.

Ross Rivera indicated his interest in getting some sandbags.

Jay Martin asked if Mr. Rivera had reached out to IHS regarding the sandbags.

Ross Rivera explained that he had, and that this involved shipping sandbags from back east and indicated his belief that there was something nearer to his community.

Jay Martin noted that it should have been located in Reno.

Jon Bakkedahl informed Mr. Rivera that DEM/HS has 10,000 sandbags, and if he is ordering a reasonable amount, DEM/HS can accommodate that order. Mr. Bakkedahl requested that Mr. Rivera work with his tribe to send a resource request and DEM/HS will be sure to meet his needs.

Ken Quiner informed Mr. Rivera that he had reached out to IHS, Project TRANSAM, and received two crates of sandbags within a week.

Ross Rivera clarified that he did not need so many, and that was part of the issue.

Ross Rivera commended Josie Burnett and Jay Martin on their excellent communication with the tribes.

## **18. Public Comment**

Co-Chair, Harriett Parker opened the floor for public comment.

There was no public comment.

## **19. Adjournment**

Co-Chair, Harriett Parker called for a motion for adjournment.

Ross Rivera, Ely Shoshone Tribe, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Don Pelt, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.