



## Meeting Minutes Nevada Tribal Emergency Coordinating Council

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>DATE</b>	Monday, November 4, 2024
	<b>TIME</b>	9:00 a.m.
	<b>METHOD</b>	Zoom/Teleconference
	<b>RECORDER</b>	Loren Borst
<b>Voting Membership</b>		
Name	Designated/Appointed Representative:	Attendance Status
Harriett Vegas – Tribal Co-Chair	Las Vegas Paiute Tribe	X
Sookaaki Charley	Timbisha Shoshone Tribe	X
Jackie Conway	Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe	X
Duane Masters Sr.	Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe	X
Don Pelt	Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe	X
Marian Perez	Duckwater Shoshone Tribe	X
Kenneth Quiner	Washoe Tribes of Nevada/California	
Ross Rivera	Ely Shoshone Tribe	X
Daniel Thayer	Reno Sparks Indian Colony	X
<b>Non-Voting Membership</b>		
Name	Entity Represented:	Attendance Status
Brett Compston - Co-Chair	Nevada Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security	X
Emily Gould-Monaghan	Nevada Department of Health and Human Resources	X
<b>Non-Member Representatives/Support</b>		
Samantha Ladich	Nevada Office of the Attorney General	X
Loren Borst	Nevada Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security	X

### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

### 2. Public Comment

Co-Chair Harriett Vegas, Las Vegas Paiute Tribe, opened the period of public comment for discussion.

There was no public comment.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

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Co-Chair Harriett Vegas, Las Vegas Paiute Tribe, called for a motion to approve the draft minutes of the May 6, 2024, NTECC meeting.

Ross Rivera, Ely Shoshone Tribe, motioned to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2024 meeting.

Don Pelt, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously

Co-Chair Harriett Vegas, Las Vegas Paiute Tribe, called for a motion to approve the draft minutes of the August 15, 2024, NTECC meeting.

Ross Rivera, Ely Shoshone Tribe, motioned to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2024, meeting.

Don Pelt, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### **4. Discussion on the Status of the DEM/HS Efforts to Assist our Tribal Nations**

Co-Chair Harriet Vegas, Las Vegas Paiute Tribe, opened discussion for feedback on the status of the DEM/HS programs as they relate to tribal nation protection, prevention, response, mitigation, and recovery efforts for emergency management, homeland security, and public health preparedness, ways that DEM/HS can better support their needs. Co-Chair Brett Compston will solicit input from individual NTECC members on possible tribal representatives to serve on NTECC.

Co-Chair Brett Compston, DEM/HS, thanked everyone for the welcome and noted that the Division will be conducting meetings in a predictable, repeatable model. Co-Chair Compston noted that readiness day will be on the second Wednesday of every month at 9:00 a.m. In addition, Co-Chair Compston shared his plan to reimplement opportunity for a tribal call, which will be scheduled in the second month of every quarter on the third Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. Co-Chair Compston asked for input on a possible candidate for the one seat currently open on the NTECC.

Co-Chair Harriett Vegas, Las Vegas Paiute Tribe, asked about the battle rhythm Co-Chair Compston had previously mentioned.

Co-Chair Brett Compston, DEM/HS, explained that this was a schedule of meetings for Commissions, Councils, Boards, or Committees that will be predictable to ensure full participation. Co-Chair Compston also assured everyone that there will be notifications, schedules, and repetitive calendar invites once the details are completed.

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

Co-Chair Harriett Vegas, Las Vegas Paiute Tribe, stated this agenda item was to update the NTECC on the Division of Public and Behavioral Health's Health Preparedness Efforts.

Emily Gould-Monaghan, Department of Public and Behavioral Health, noted how

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pleased they were to be able to send observers to attend the Reno Sparks Indian Colony Flu Pod and active shooters training, and that they would love more opportunities with other tribal partners. Ms. Gould-Monaghan spoke about the shortage of IV fluids due to the closure of the Baxter North Cove facility from Hurricane Helene and said they would be sending out letters and information about extending supplies past a certain expiration date. Ms. Gould-Monaghan also informed the Council about upcoming engagement opportunities, including the Rural Healthcare Preparedness Coalition, Annual PHP's Rural Preparedness Summit, and strategic plan work groups.

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

Co-Chair Brett Compston, DEM/HS, noted the presenter was not present.

Co-Chair Harriett Vegas, Las Vegas Paiute Tribe, recognized Co-Chair Compston's comment, and moved on past this agenda item.

### **7. Update from Nevada Indian Commission (NIC)**

Co-Chair Brett Compston, DEM/HS, noted the presenter was not present.

Co-Chair Harriett Vegas, Las Vegas Paiute Tribe, recognized Co-Chair Compston's comment, and moved on past this agenda item.

### **8. Update from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region IX**

Josie Burnett, FEMA Integration Lead for Nevada Region IX, highlighted recent events, informational materials, and a summary of activities. Ms. Burnett noted that November is Native American Heritage Month, and the National Preparedness Division within Region IX will be hosting a virtual lunch and learn invitational session facilitated by the Tribal Affairs Team with the theme of honoring Native American Veterans. Ms. Burnett noted she presented cultural sensitivity and awareness training for all three regions at the state's Integrated Preparedness Planning workshops. Ms. Burnett also stated that they had participated in a panel discussion at the USDA Rural Partners Thriving Landscapes Forum in Yerington, Nevada, having conversations specific to leveraging tourism and economic growth, emphasizing the community approach with included considerations and impacts to the Nevada Tribal communities. Ms. Burnett noted she had completed a Train the Trainer course for Continuity Planning for Tribal Governments and that all of the Tribal liaisons have been certified as instructors. Ms. Burnett reminded the Council that the next phase of the Community Disaster Resilience Zones (CDRZ) designations is due by the end of December. Ms. Burnett informed the Council of special events recently to include the Tribal 2024 EPA and US EPA Region IX conference and the National Congress of American Indians conference. Ms. Burnett finished with a guidance policy update noting that they are anxiously awaiting its release as it pertains to tribal threshold minimums during disasters.

Co-Chair Vegas asked if Ms. Burnett had an update on the Tribal Training week in Anniston, Alabama. Ms. Burnett noted the registration for the course opened a week prior, but she will resend the save the date to the council.

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

Bill Elliot, DEM/HS, spoke to the Council about changes in the DEM, to include Heather Lafferty taking over the Tribal Liaison program, Tribal Health, and Tribal Emergency Management to pull together the outreach programs. Mr. Elliot also noted that Eric Wilson will be the Training Exercise Supervisor.

Eric Wilson, DEM/HS, informed the Council of the progress being made as far as hiring for the open positions, stating that candidates are currently being selected and interviews will be November 18<sup>th</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Co-Chair Compston, DEM/HS, added that the purpose of this was to help with the short staff, and that they will be changing Ms. Lafferty's title from Access and Functional Needs (AFN) to Resilience Officer to bring those programs closer to upper leadership and cut out middle men to better serve the population.

**10. Grant Status Reports**

Zach Edler, DEM/HS, informed the Council that the FY24 grants will be awarded this week for the Nonprofit Security Grant, Homeland Security Grant, and Emergency Management Performance Grants. Mr. Edler stated that the state and local Cybersecurity Grant Program will be voting upon the applications in its upcoming task force meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

**11. Public Comment**

Co-Chair Harriett Vegas called for any public comment.

Marian Perez, Duckwater Shoshone Tribe, informed the Council that she was in attendance.

Jose Burnett commented that the title on her agenda item would be more appropriately placed under FEMA Fit instead of FEMA Integration Lead for Nevada.

Melyssa Dolan, Tribal Liaison for the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, shared outreach for positions for the seasonal fire positions. Ms. Dolan also noted that she would be sharing a save the date for a traditional Ecological Knowledge Summit for June 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, where they are working to put together a fire panel for discussion.

Lisa Christensen, Washoe Tribe, spoke to the Council about sending out something to help advocate for their resolution at NCAI to establish funding.

Co-Chair Harriett Vegas, Las Vegas Paiute Tribe, welcomed Co-Chair Brett Compston to the Council.

There was no other public comment.

**12. Adjournment**

Co-Chair Harriett Vegas asked for a motion to adjourn the November 4, 2024, NTECC meeting.

Duane Masters, Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe moved to adjourn the meeting.

Ross Rivera, Ely Shoshone Tribe, seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Co-Chair Harriett Vegas adjourned the NTECC meeting at 9:50 a.m.