



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

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>DATE</b>	September 18, 2024
	<b>TIME</b>	9:00 a.m.
	<b>METHOD</b>	Zoom
	<b>RECORDER</b>	Hal O'Brien

Appointed Voting Member Attendance					
Member Name	Present	Member Name	Present	Member Name	Present
Eric Antle	X	Kathy Canfield	X	Ceira Sampson	ABS
Andrew Trelease – Vice Chair	X	Shari A. Davis	ABS	Dawn Johnson	X
Stephen Aichroth	X	Craig dePolo	ABS	Bunny Bishop	X
Solome Barton	X				

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

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

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Bill Elliott opened the first period of public comment for discussion. Janell Woodward, DEM/HS introduced intern, Zach McCullough.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Bill Elliott requested a motion to accept the minutes from May 15, 2024. Andrew Trelease moved to approve the minutes. Solome Barton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. **COMMUNITY FOCUS – STOREY COUNTY HAZARD PRESENTATION-** (Discussion Only) - Adam Wilson, Storey County Emergency Manager. The item was tabled by Chair Bill Elliott.
  
5. **STATE ENHANCED HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN (SEHMP) –** (Discussion Only) – Janell Woodward, DEM/HS, and her designee Heather Cinani, DEM/HS. Ms. Woodward explained that DEM/HS is early in the first year of the plan update and now needs to begin updating. Ms. Woodward indicated that one of the first things DEM/HS will be doing is determining the list of subject matter experts (SMEs) for each of the different hazard areas. Ms. Woodward explained that the SMEs do not need to be on the committee, but will need to submit their updates or changes to the committee for review and approval to move forward. Ms. Woodward informed the Committee that this process can take a lot of time, indicated that DEM/HS will be sending out that information, and requested that the SMEs stay in communication with DEM/HS as they look at those areas and make updates. Ms. Woodward explained that everything is due in 2028, and indicated the importance of working on the plan consistently until that due date so that there is not such a push at the very end to get it completed.
  
6. **NHMWG MEETINGS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR –** (Discussion Only) - Hal O'Brien, DEM/HS, Hazard Mitigation Specialist informed the Working Group that the meeting invite for the final quarterly meeting of the year, scheduled November 20, 2024, has been sent to Working Group Members. Janell Woodward, DEM/HS adds that DEM is working on a schedule for 2025 meetings and Hal O'Brien will supply the working group with that when it's available.
  
7. **FUTURE MITIGATION FUNDING –** (Discussion Only) - Janell Woodward, DEM/HS, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, or her designee, will lead a discussion of the Working Group regarding upcoming funding opportunities, including but not limited to, Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC), Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA), as well as Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) – Post Fire. Discussion will include the introduction of the contractor that was hired to assist the DEM/HS Mitigation Team.

Heather Cinani, DEM/HS, informed the group that the BRIC FFY 2024 notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) is due to come out on October 8, and that the weekly technical assistance calls will begin after that day. Ms. Cinani encouraged members to contact the DEM/HS office, Janell, or Hal with project ideas. Ms. Cinani indicated that for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Post-Fire, there is over \$5 million available in funding from the recent Fire Management Assistant grants due to the recent fires of this past year. Ms. Cinani further noted that DEM has hired a consultant, Whit O'Briens (phonetic) to assist all applicants in developing their applications.

Janell Woodward added that once the NOFO releases, DEM/HS will begin its normal weekly check-ins that typically take place during the BRIC and FMA grant application process. Ms. Woodward reiterated that there is a lot of money available currently and encouraged members to let DEM/HS know what ideas they may have so that DEM/HS can begin the process of helping members work with contractors so as to begin developing those applications.

Chair Bill Elliott asked for confirmation that a list will be sent out of important dates and deadlines to stakeholders.

Janell Woodward confirmed that this was the case.

**8. Public Comment**

Chair Bill Elliott opened the second period of public comment.

There was no public comment.

**9. Adjournment**

Chair Bill Elliott asked for a motion to adjourn. Andrew Trelease moved to adjourn the September 18, 2024, Nevada Hazard Mitigation Working Group meeting at 9:17am. Solome Barton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.