



**MINUTES  
NV COMMUNICATIONS  
STEERING COMMITTEE**

<b>DATE</b>	May 23, 2012
<b>TIME</b>	1:30 PM
<b>LOCATION</b>	3050 East Flamingo Av, Las Vegas NV 401 S Carson St, Carson City NV
<b>METHOD</b>	Videoconference
<b>RECORDER</b>	Hanne Epstein

**ATTENDANCE**

Committee Members	Present	Committee Members	Present
		Tim Kuzanek	X
Lou Amell (Vice-Chairman)	X	Dan Lake	X
Steve Albertson		Lester Lewis	X
Don Belcher	X	Chris Perry	X
Robert Chisel		Bonnie Petti	
Jake Conely	X	Vernon Scarbrough	
Tony DeMeo	X	Jeffery Stilson	X
Mark Foxen			
Craig Harrison	X		
Tammy James	X		
James Johns	X		

**CALL TO ORDER** – **Chairman Amell** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** – **Hanne Epstein DEM** called the roll and a quorum was declared.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Chairman Amell** asked if there were any members of the public who wished to make a comment at this time.

**Pete Reinschmidt** informed the NCSC that he had received a letter of resignation from the SWIC Jeffrey Yeagley. The resignation is effective as of May 23, 2012. David Fein will pick up interim duties as the SWIC until such time where a new SWIC will be hired on. For the SWIC position DEM is looking for a person with the same technical skills and capabilities as possessed by prior SWICS.

**Keith McDonalds** wished to inform the NCSC members that his company would be happy to work with the NCSC in running a LTE pilot project.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Chairman Amell** called for comments and discussions to the minutes of the NCSC meeting of March 14 of 2012. No comments were put forward. Jeffrey Stilson moved to approve the minutes, Don Belcher seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Amell called for a vote; the minutes of the NCSC meeting of March 14, 2012 were unanimously approved.

#### **COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN**

**Chairman Amell** commented that the Nevada Interoperability Communications Seminar (NICS) held in Reno May 9-11, was very successful with a great turn out. Throughout the seminar very good and necessary conversations had taken place and NICS showed that everyone in the State can work together to bring Nevada to where it needs to be communications wise.

#### **SWIC STAFF REPORT**

**David Fein** thanked the 90 attendees and the presenters who participated in the very successful NICS. During the seminar new gaps in interoperable communications were identified, among the gaps an important one is training and exercise on how to utilize all the new equipment installed through the Interoperability projects across the State. **David Fein** further reported that the NCORE and the cross band repeater projects are moving along making sure that everything is connected and the talk groups up and running. 35 of the 54 projects funded through 2011 are now completed. PSIC funding is ending in 42 days.

#### **NARROW BANDING**

Under FCC' narrow banding mandate all systems that operate on channel bandwidths of 25 kHz must convert their existing wideband (25 kHz) systems to narrowband (12.5 KHz or less) before January 1, 2013.

**Craig Harrison** reported that he is working on a narrow banding status report which describes the status of the mandatory narrow banding among all public safety agencies and their related agencies in Nevada. To date 358 different public safety agencies have been identified in Nevada that need to be concerned about narrow banding; 16 of those are considered radio caches. Contact has been made to 264 of the 358 agencies. 104 have completed their narrow banding; some of them have a couple of outstanding issues and are aware of it. Funding is an issue for some agencies but most of the problems encountered are due to lack of access to the mountain tops through most of the year, but there is access right now and some of the issues are being corrected. Craig Harrison noted that he had plans to send out an excel spreadsheet with narrow banding information to all the people who participated in the NICS. Craig Harrison noted that at this point had no one asking for an extension, so he expected all entities to be compliant with the narrow banding mandate on January 1, 2013.

**Lester Lewis** added that any extension would be very problematic and only possible if the partners around extend at the same time.

**Craig Harrison** noted that Clark County has a large and extensive program on the narrow banding mandate and are dealing really well with complicated issues.

#### **REPORT ON ACTIONS BY THE LTE (LONG TERM EVOLUTION) SUB-COMMITTEE**

**Lester Lewis** reported that The Nevada Homeland Security Commission has established and implemented the SONNet board. As a result of that, the LTE working group has been disassembled. The SONNet vision and mission statement, SONNet draft charter and the SONNet draft bylaws developed by the LTE working group has been passed on to the SONNet Board. David Fein will continue to update the LTE Executive Overview he developed as subject matter expert of the LTE committee. David Fein noted that he expects the next update of the LTE Executive Overview to be in October 2012.

**Chairman Amell** noted that this will be the last time the LTE working group update will be on the agenda for the NCSC. He thanked the Chair and members of the LTE sub-committee for the work done to this point. If in the future there is a need for it, the LTE sub-committee could be reinstated.

#### **UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE BROADBAND WAIVER**

**Chris Magenheimer** reported that there had been several activities in Washington. The existing waiver holders should be allowed to proceed. On May 17 the NTIA Director Strickland commented that they will freeze the existing waiver holders and there will be no more grantees moving forward. 7 of the existing waiver holders had large amount of money tied to their waiver applications and the NTIA is going to freeze that money and they will not be able to proceed. This has caused some turmoil among the waiver holders some were ready to proceed to go operational. Chris Magenheimer recommended to the NCSC that the state of Nevada doesn't file any more comments or undertake any activities to try and pursue a waiver request. The First Network will be formed on August 22 and the NTIA is very clear on how they want to proceed moving forward.

NTIA continue to insist that the broadband format will be built on a single system. They don't want to allow the 21 waiver applicant to go forward and purchase equipment separately. Some jurisdiction have already made huge investments which will have to be put on hold until it is decided how the broadband system will be engineered.

**Chairman Amell** asked if the NCSC should keep the agenda item to continue to get updates on the waiver request. Chris Magenheimer commented that if the NCSC going forward could receive a report from the SONNET board that would encompass everything that goes on with the NTIA, LTE the waiver and FIRSTNET.

#### **REPORT FROM THE UASI COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP**

The presenter of the Clark County School District's Communication Project agenda item was not present

**David Fein** commented that he was at the last meeting and could report that the project went well and they achieved their goals. They have identified their gaps and tried to come up with solutions for it including how to connect to the SNAC system and become more interoperable with the rest of Clark County. The report that is coming out is a lot more detailed, but the project did what it was supposed to and the next step will be to put forward funding applications to fill the well identified gaps.

**Pete Reinschmidt** commented that the solutions are in place and they will be looking for the resources and funding to support the project. They are gathering suggestion on various approaches to get a sponsor to fund the identified system they need.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Chairman Amell** called for any public comments, hearing none he went on to the last agenda item.

#### **ADJOURN:**

**Chairman Amell** called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dan Lake motioned to adjourn the meeting Jake Conely seconded Vice Chair Amell called for a vote. All voted in favor, none opposed, Vice Chair Amell adjourned the meeting.

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**Acronyms:**

Communication Asset Survey and Mapping: CASM	Nevada Division of Emergency Management: DEM
Communications Unit Leader Training: COM-L	Next Generation 911: NG9-1-1
California Field Operations Guide: CalFOG	Office of Emergency Communication : OEC
Federal Department of Energy: DOE	Public Safety Answering Points: PSAPs
Federal Department of Homeland Security: DHS	Public Safety Interoperable Communications: PSIC
Federal Emergency Management Agency: FEMA	Radio Frequency Identification: RFID
Federal Fiscal Year: FFY	Regional Tactical Interoperable communications Plan: RTICP
Homeland Security Grant Program: HSGP	Remote Communications Support Vehicles: RCSV
Homeland Security Working Group: HSWG	Request for Information: RFI
Interoperable Communications Coordinator: ICC	Request for Proposal: RFP
Interoperable Communications Technical Assistance Program: ICTAP	Southern Nevada Area Communications Council: SNACC
Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program: IECGP	Standard Operating Procedures: SOP
Internet Protocol: IP	Statewide Interoperability Coordinators: SWIC
Internet Protocol/Voice over Internet Protocol: IP/VoIP	Urban Area : UA
Long Term Evolution (LTE)	Urban Area Security Initiative: UASI
Las Vegas Metro Police Department: LVMPD	Very High Frequency: VHF
National Environmental Policy Act: NEPA	Voice Over Internet Protocol: VOIP
National Nuclear Security Administration: NNSA	Washoe County Sheriff's Office: WCSO
Nevada Communications Steering Committee: NCSC	