

**Department of Public Safety**  
**Division of Emergency Management**  
***Hazard Mitigation Plan Steering Committee Meeting***  
***Meeting Minutes***  
**July 24, 2002**

**Present:**

<b>Bert Prescott</b>	<b>Division of Emergency Management</b>
<b>Ron Hess</b>	<b>Bureau of Mines and Geology/ GIS Supervisor</b>
<b>Kim Groenewold</b>	<b>State Floodplain Manager</b>
<b>Press Clewe</b>	<b>Washoe County Division of Emergency Management</b>
<b>Bob Ashworth</b>	<b>Nevada Division of Forestry</b>
<b>Jim Reagan</b>	<b>Sierra Pacific Power Emergency Management</b>
<b>Ron Lynn</b>	<b>Clark County Building Department</b>
<b>Rick Diebold</b>	<b>City of Las Vegas, Fire &amp; Rescue</b>
<b>Consultants: Janice Rogala</b>	
<b>Azlina Harun</b>	

***Introduction of Members/New Members***

Bert Prescott opened the meeting and introduced the Steering Committee Members present

***Review and Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes***

The minutes of the previous meeting were changed to reflect the correct email address for Teri Garside to [tgarside@unr.edu](mailto:tgarside@unr.edu). The minutes were approved as corrected.

***Old Business***

Discussion was held on the Website thru University of Nevada Reno, and Ron Hess reported the Webmaster was on vacation and would be contacted upon his return. Steering committee members can contact the Webmaster directly at [dmeeuwig@unr.edu](mailto:dmeeuwig@unr.edu) for further information and requests concerning the website.

The Steering committee requested a matrix for evaluating hazards be constructed to review and update hazard vulnerability priority system. Committee members requested a copy of the State of Washington Hazard Mitigation Plan (that plan has been requested but not yet received) the consultant will provide a draft of the requested matrix at the next meeting for committee consideration

### ***Critical Facilities***

The Steering committee discussed the prioritization of Critical Facilities and requested a matrix be designed for the prioritization of those facilities including the hazard impact upon the facility and its services. Consultant will provide a draft of the requested matrix at the next meeting for committee consideration

It was decided that the Steering Committee would contact Federal and local agencies in charged of the priority critical facilities and request assurance of Hazard Mitigation Plans for those facilities. Further the committee chair and consultants will be requesting hazard mitigation strategy recommendations from all the agencies contacted:

1. Are there mitigation actions/strategies that the State can consider for implementation to protect the facility and its services?
2. Are there mitigation actions/strategies that the State can support on behalf of the agency or jurisdiction to support there mitigation plan?

The State of Nevada Public Works Board was identified as the State contact to obtain a listing and location of State Facilities for the Steering Committees consideration. Kim Groenewold advised the Steering Committee that she has that information and is currently identifying those facilities that are located within the flood plain. A meeting was set with Ms. Groenewold for the following morning to visit her office and obtain the information and more extensive flood plain information.

### ***State Constraints for Mitigation Implementation***

The State of Nevada Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee from the Division of Emergency Management is working to identify constraints to consider when implementing hazard mitigation strategies.

Discussion was held on several constraints that limit what the State can do in the area of directly impacting risk vulnerabilities with mitigation strategies. A number of those constraints were identified as:

1. Nevada is a home rule State and has very little authority over individual jurisdictions for the implementation of rules, plans and programs.
2. Federal Government is the largest land owner in the State of Nevada. (Of the 70,264,320 acres comprising the State of Nevada the Federal Government owns 60 million acres (85.28%) of the land, and the Bureau of Land Management owns 50

million of those acres. Approximately 5 million acres are controlled by the U.S. Forest Service, Military, Department of Energy, national wildlife refuges and wilderness areas.) The State of Nevada land ownership is approximately 150,000 acres, with privately owned lands comprising 5 million acres.

- a. The committee requested the chair and consultant contact those Federal Stake Holders and ask them to identify their critical facilities and those mitigation plans in effect to reduce the hazard to the facility and citizens.

Bureau of Reclamation/Lower Colorado River Reclamation District

- o Hoover Dam
- o Davis Dam

Bureau of Land Management

Military Installations

Department of Energy installations including Yucca Mountain

U.S. Forest Service

- b. The Committee recognized that they will need to consider the confidentiality of information presented by the Federal and local agencies and refer to those identified critical facilities in a general manner.

- c. The chair and consultant reported they would contact a number of those facilities before the next meeting.

3. The regulatory authority for both State and local critical facilities generally lie with the jurisdiction the facility is housed in. The State is obligated to comply with local building codes and regulations.
4. The State's population (1,998,257 people) is not evenly distributed throughout the State with Clark County housing 1,375,765 persons, Washoe County housing 339,486 persons and the rest of the State's Counties having less than 60,000 residents.
5. Nevada has a total of 49,702 miles of street and highways of which 40,519 are country roads.

The Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee will be requested to help identify more constraints for hazard mitigation implementation.

### ***State Regulatory Agencies Contact Status***

It was recommended the following State Agencies be contacted to determine what hazard mitigation strategy implementation authority they had and solicit recommendations from these agencies.

1. State Fire Marshall
2. Department of Human Resources, Department of Health – meeting requested
3. Agricultural Enforcement – conference call and meeting scheduled
4. Department of Business and Industry, Energy Office
5. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
6. Nevada Department of Transportation – representation will be attending meeting
7. Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
8. The State CERC – not contact as yet
9. Tourism and Economic Development – meeting requested

The meeting was adjourned