

Department of Public Safety

Division of Emergency Management

Hazard Mitigation Plan Steering Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2002

Nevada Hazard Mitigation Steering Committee Attendees:

Bert Prescott	Division of Emergency Management
Ron Hess	Bureau of Mines and Geology/ GIS Supervisor
Frank Taylor	Nevada Department of Transportation
Kim Groenewold	State Floodplain Manager
Jeanne Ruefer	Washoe County Department of Water Resources
Bob Ashworth	Nevada Division of Forestry
Jim Reagan	Sierra Pacific Power Emergency Management
Mike Alexander	Division of Emergency Management
Rick Diebold	City of Las Vegas, Fire & Rescue

Consultants: Janice Rogala
Azlina Harun

Introduction of members:

Jeanne Ruefer from Washoe County.

The minutes from the August 2002 meeting were reviewed and adopted as presented.

Hazard Matrix: Jan Rogala handed out the matrix from the last meeting with further instructions. The committee decided to complete the matrix in the meeting based on their knowledge and input. The results are as follows:

Matrix Prioritization of Hazards Results

Highest Priority

Drought	Score 22
Flood	Score 20
Earthquake	Score 19
Wildland Fires	Score 18

Moderate Priority

Hazardous Materials	Score 14
Civil Disturbance	Score 14
Severe Storm	Score 12

Low Priority

Avalanche	Score 8
Landslides	Score 8
Soil Swelling And Collapse	Score 8
Subsidence	Score 8
Volcanic	Score 8
Heat Wave	Score 0
Large Fires	Score 0

Critical Structure classification:

Kim handed out a list containing a tabulation of structures owned by Nevada located within flood plains (flood zone as defined by FEMA), by city/locality. Structures – everything on the public works list is included in Kim's table (including outhouses) for which Kim can find locations. The committee has requested a listing of the actual buildings and their locations used to make the tabulations.

Jan handed out a list of structures that are owned by the State of Nevada. The list did not include general restroom facilities and other shelters and non-essential buildings such as kiosks.

The committee decided to approach the identification of critical facilities by grouping the facilities into campus and functional locations when possible. (This has been done and distributed to the committee members with a critical or non-critical recommendation.) Committee members are invited to review the list and return their recommendations to Bert for incorporation into the plan.

Jeanne reported Washoe County has the beginnings of digitized data of Washoe's critical structures.

Ron Hess suggested he will review the campus. He also suggested a contact point at the State level (university regent be sent the list of critical facilities that Nevada thinks are on the University property). Each campus should be asked to review the list for accuracy. Universities will not be asked to mitigate each and every critical facility but to prioritize when they embark upon their own mitigation plans.

Once the facilities are identified as critical or not, then the State managing the facility would have to evaluate for risk and determine if the facilities are in a major earthquake risk area, flood area or wind area? Each agency would be responsible for making their mitigation strategy requests known to the committee for support or carry out their own mitigation activities.

Jan handed out FEMA WEB site to order or review the planning guide for the Mitigation Planning process. The Division of Emergency Management is planning to put a local Mitigation Planning Workshop on in December. A decision has to be made on location and date.

Existing Mitigation Strategies:

The committee recommended existing mitigation strategies I be incorporated into the document for Hazard Mitigation Plan for prioritization as well as new strategies collected in the public meetings and individual agency and group meetings.

The Nevada State Dept. of Agriculture is working to identify their critical facilities. They are looking at mitigation strategies for the Department and particular agricultural threats.

The committee requested a representative from the Department of Health become a member of the committee.

Bert reported that FEMA has requested more information from the individual local jurisdictions in the grant application process. He has gathered that information and submitted it to FEMA who is expected to authorize the grants by October.

A preliminary draft copy of the mitigation plan was presented to the committee. A more complete draft will be available for committee members at the October meeting.

Jan gave a report on the opportunity to work with the University of Nevada Reno to develop the GIS maps needed for the plan. They have the data to develop the hazard overlays onto population and housing inventory as well as identified critical facilities and business and industry.

A representative from the Nevada Gaming Commission will be working as an adjunct public business representative for the committee.