



**Clark County Local Emergency Planning Committee**  
CLARK COUNTY FIRE ADMINISTRATION TELECONFERENCE

**DRAFT Minutes LEPC Q1 Meeting**  
**February 11, 2025**  
**9:00 A.M.**

**LEPC ATTENDANCE**

**MEMBERS' PRESENT:**

Brian O'Neal, Gary Stevenson, Jeremy Hynds, Brian Arboreen, David Milewski, Alejandro Rodriguez, Michael Smith, Harriett Vegas, Richard Simmons, Carolyn Levering, Diana Clarkson, Greg Chesser, Jayson Andrus, Skye Dunfield, Misty Robinson, Jason Manzo, Ortary Davila, Andrew Bennett, Kathryn Foxworthy, Louise Hardy, Lucas Basham Murphy, Nina Perez-Payumo, Brian Mitchell, Tori Begay, Melanie Rouse, Karen Donnahie.

**ALTERNATES PRESENT:**

Alex Lowell, James Gartside, Jamie Sypniewics, Ben Erickson, Andria Webster, Jessica Rodriguez, Michael Atherall, Chris Batterman, Jeff Hanh, Vinson Valdez, Christopher Cruz, Jeen Clemitson, Dwayne Privott, Lisa Martin.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Bill Hart, Dean Hennesy, Toni Barnes, Yuri Graves, Bowdie Young, Nicole White, John Tansley, William West, Judy Lopez, Daniel Berc, Karen Beckley, John Steinbeck, Lowel Smith.

**I. Call to Order**

The Chaiman Brian O'Neal called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM on Wednesday, February 11, 2026.

**II. Roll Call**

Quorum Present.

**III. Public Comments**

Nina Perez-Payumo, US Bureau of Reclamation, Boulder City, reminded to whoever is planning to attend the functional exercise for Hoover, Davis & Parker Dams to register by EOB March 9<sup>th</sup>., the QR code for registration was sent in the meeting chat. Exercise will be April 7<sup>th</sup> for orientation and April

9<sup>th</sup> for flooding incident event with Hoover, Davis & Parker dams.  
Brian Scroggins introduced himself as the administrator for the Division of Planning for the office of the Governor Agency of the Nuclear project.

**IV. Comments from the Chair**

The Chair thanked everyone for making the time to attend the meeting.

**V. Presentation from Emergency Environmental Services LLC on their capability to respond to and manage hazard waste from lithium battery fires at residences and their capability to manage vehicles post-fire occurring in parking garages.**

Nick Christofferson shared his presentation with the group, introduced the city of Henderson team and shared their contact information.

**VI. \*Review and approve of the 11/12/2025 Meeting Minutes**

Carolyn Levering motion to approve, second, Misty Robinson, no further discussion, **motion carried.**

**VII. \* Attendance & Membership**

The Chair discussed the ongoing process of updating and maintaining the group's membership roster. Thanked everyone that replied to our email to update membership. No further discussion.

**VIII. SERC OPTE/UWS Grant Application, special meeting discussion.**

The Chair announced that the SERC OPTE and United We Stand grants have been released, the applications have been sent out to everybody and if anyone needs it to approach David at the end of the meeting. The deadline for the applications is the 25<sup>th</sup> next Wednesday, and there will be a potential special meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss and vote on the projects that are submitted, reach out in case of additional grant guidance on the timeline. No further discussion.

**IX. \*Create and establish the Southern Nevada UAS/CUAS Committee as a subcommittee for the LEPC**

Jeremy Hynds explained that this committee was born from the need of a central location to talk about drones. Lucas started the group and after voting, Mr. Hynds was elected as Chair together with Ryan Berry. The group has approximately seventy members, there have been three meetings to establish where to go with the group. Mr. Hynds presented the group and asked for integration into the LEPC and to be established as a subcommittee to bring validity to the group and the membership. Mr. Hynds shared points to consider when voting to establish this group into a more structured subcommittee body under the LEPC:

- ◆ No formal committee or body is attached to this group.
- ◆ Increase in overall drone activity in Southern Nevada.

- ◆ Safety of responders, public and airspace.

The Chair asked for a motion to approve.

Motion by Jeremy Hynds: **To establish the Southern Nevada UAS/CUAS Committee as a subcommittee for the LEPC.** Second, Jeff Hanh.

Carolyn Levering intervened and added that this additional subcommittee requires a change to the bylaws. Carolyn continued that the Chair could make an ad hoc committee without any changes to the bylaws, but this probably needs to be more than just an ad hoc and move to a permanency by making an amendment to the bylaws. The Chair added that we had bylaws review as an agenda item.

Motion by Jeremy Hynds: **To establish the Southern Nevada UAS/CUAS Committee as a subcommittee for the LEPC with the amendment to the bylaws.** Second, Jeff Hanh, no discussion, motion carried.

#### X. **\*Lithium Battery Working Group**

The Chair explained that this was another recommendation received to formalize a lithium battery working group under the LEPC, sort of the same idea that Jeremy talked about the UAS/CUAS subcommittee to establish this working group or we could call it a subcommittee; establish some membership, regular meeting schedule, and provide back reporting to the LEPC of what is happening and keep it under the radar, as a continual point of discussion included in our quarterly meetings. This would be a partnership between industry and public safety to have these discussions in this public forum, the agencies have been identified to establish this group, and we will ask for representation from associated fire departments, private industry, and safety individuals from the Municipalities. The Chair asked for a motion to approve.

Motion by Diana Clarkson: **To establish the Lithium Battery Working Group for the LEPC with the amendment to the bylaws.** Second, Jeremy Hynds, no discussion, motion carried

#### XI. **Bylaws Review**

The Chair stated the need to review the bylaws and revisit from time to time. As a starter we will update the bylaws to establish the subcommittees. Jeremy Hynds asked whether the purpose section of the bylaws should be revised since LEPC traditionally focuses on HazMat and SARA Title III, while new topics such as drone use are being discussed. It was noted that drones could still support HazMat operations, so updates should remain aligned with the LEPC mission. Staff will review the current language and bring proposed revisions back to the committee.

## **XII. LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Plans Administration Subcommittee**  
Gary Stevenson shared that the link for the 2026 Hazmat plan has been updated on our website and encouraged everyone to review it throughout the year, specifically the contact list within our agencies and if any changes to let us know.
- b. Training and Exercise Subcommittee**  
Gary Stevenson had nothing to report, only asked everyone to update the Web EOC calendar with their classes and training.
- c. Grants Subcommittee**  
David Martin-Vaquero reminded the agencies that the period of performance ends somewhere in May or June and he will be reaching out to make sure projects are coming through and reimbursement is done. The new applications are due February 25<sup>th</sup> no later than 12:00PM
- d. Public Information Subcommittee**  
Cheryl not available.
- e. Legislative Subcommittee**  
Change in membership, looking for someone that wants to participate.
- f. GIS Subcommittee**  
Nothing to report.
- g. Specialized Response Subcommittee**  
Gary Stevenson will follow up with the city of Las Vegas, to update the membership for this subcommittee. Chief Wilbanks has been replaced by Chief Brian Flood.

## **SPECIAL REPORTS & WORKING GROUPS**

- a. Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD)**  
Nothing to report
- b. Nuclear Waste Division Yucca Mountain Update**  
Nothing to report.
- c. Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan**  
Nothing to report.

#### d. Regional Working Groups

##### 1. AIR

Jeremy Hynds reported that they had a moderate ammonia leak incident over the weekend at one of the Clark County school district locations and they are working with them to improve any corrective actions. Nothing else to report.

##### 2. BEIR

Nothing to report.

##### 3. NIR

Gary Stevenson stated that Brian Pearson is no longer with Reddy Ice but still in contact with them and there is scheduled training coming up together with Kinder Morgan.

##### 4. CAER

Josie Ross shared that the next meeting is scheduled for March 2<sup>nd</sup>, working on getting all the sites preplanned scheduled with Henderson Fire for a site walkthrough and next joint training is March 10<sup>th</sup> between Las Vegas Fire & Rescue, Henderson Fire and Olin that will be a chlorine release training. Working on coordinating the next annual full-scale exercise that will likely be held at the water reclamation. Thanks to Skye for hosting this year and Olin for the donation of a chlorine trailer prop that went into service for LVFR Hazmat academy that started this month.

#### XIII. Public Comments

No comments.

**Next Regularly Scheduled LEPC Meeting: May 13, 2026, at 9:00 AM** hybrid meeting via Teams or in-person at the Clark County MACC, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Clark County Fire Administration, 575 E Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89119.

#### XIV. Adjournment

Motion by Ben Erickson: **To adjourn the meeting.** Second, Gary Stevenson, no discussion, motion carried. **Meeting adjourned.**