CLARK COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

09/08/2026 MEETING MINUTES DRAFT

MEMBERS ATTENDANCE: Brian O'Neal, Gary Stevenson, Randy Willbanks, Jeremy Hynds, Bill Hart, Michael, Smith, Harriett Vegas, Robert Fisher, Carolyn Levering, Diana Clarkson, Skye Dunfield, Corey Ross, Misty Robinson, Lindsey Bartlett, Kathryn Foxworthy, Daniel Berc, Lucas Basham Murphy, Brian Mitchell, Tori Begay, Melanie Rouse, John Turner.

ALTERNATES ATTENDANCE: Angeline Szymanski, Troy Hatch, Cheryl Nagy, Guy DeMarco, Jessica Rodriguez, Bo Harris, Kathy Vonk, Travin Rivera, Vinson Valdez, Jose Hurtado, Dwayne Privott, Diane Orgill.

MEMBERS' ABSENCE: Ana Chavez, Brian Arboreen, David Milewski, Alejandro Rodriguez, Jana Valerie Andrion, Greg Chesser, Jayson Andrus, Toni Barnes, Jason Manzo, Ortary Davila, Tyler Wagley, Nicole White, Jeff Hanh, Andrew Bennett, William West, Judy Lopez, Louise Hardy, Jose Bundens, Nina Perez-Payumo, John Steinbeck, Bryan Ostaszewski, Lowel Smith.

1. **Call to Order, Roll Call, Introductions and Determination of Quorum.**
   The Chairman Brian O'Neal called the meeting to order on Wednesday, November 4, 2026, at 9:00 AM in the Clark County Fire Department Administration, MACC, located at 575 E Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89119. Quorum was present.

2. **Public Comments.**
   No Comments.

3. **Review and approve the meeting minutes from the September 8th, 2026, meeting.** Motion to approve the meeting minutes from the September 8th, 2026, meeting by **Corey Ross**, seconded by **John Turner**, no further discussion. **Motion carried.**

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4. **Presentation: 92 Civil Support Team CST.**

Sergeant Lizette Gamiochipe with the 92nd Civil Support Team (CST), based in Carson City, Nevada, provided an overview of its mission, capabilities, and procedures for assisting local, state, and federal agencies during hazardous materials and potential weapons of mass destruction (WMD) incidents. The team consists of 22 full-time Army and Air National Guard personnel who specialize in identifying, assessing, and responding to chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive (CBRNE) threats. Its capabilities include identifying unknown substances, assessing clandestine laboratories, conducting radiological and nuclear detection, performing chemical and biological sample analysis, atmospheric monitoring, hazard prediction modeling, and providing decontamination and communications support. The team also has specialized personnel trained in confined-space operations, rope rescue assistance, and hazardous materials response. Sargeant Lizette Gamiochipe highlighted previous missions, including security operations at major events such as Celebrity Golf in Lake Tahoe, Hot August Nights in Reno, Formula 1 in Las Vegas, and New Year's Eve operations on the Las Vegas Strip. She also discussed assisting federal and local agencies during a biological laboratory investigation in Las Vegas, which involved decontamination, building reconnaissance, and facilitating the collection of more than 1,000 samples. The CST maintains a 24/7 on-call response element, with a typical response time of approximately 90 minutes depending on the incident location. The team is federally funded and available to assist agencies at no direct cost; however, official deployment requires authorization through Emergency Management and issuance of a mission number, with final deployment authority resting with the Governor. Sergeant Lizette Gamiochipe emphasized that the CST works under the direction of the0 incident commander and supplements existing local response capabilities rather than replacing them. They encouraged agencies to establish relationships through joint training exercises, become familiar with the team's capabilities and limitations, and contact the CST whenever specialized assistance may be needed during a potentially hazardous incident.

Jeremy Hynds asked for clarification regarding the statement on Slide 17, which indicated that the service is currently provided at no cost to the participating agencies. He asked whether there have been any discussions about potentially implementing a cost-sharing arrangement or whether the service is expected to remain at no cost in the future.

Sergeant Gamiochipe clarified that, to her knowledge, there are no plans to implement a cost-sharing arrangement, as personnel are compensated through active-duty military service.

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The Chair asked whether the agency had specialized capabilities that are specific and could supplement existing resources.

Lt. Colonel Tatum highlighted the agency's advanced laboratory, biological and chemical testing capabilities, survey team, and combination truck with secure communications capabilities. Sergeant Gamiochipe noted the agency's strong working relationship with Armor and offered to follow up with an email sharing the equipment inventory outlining resources that could support and complement existing capabilities.

The Chair asked whether resources within FEMA Region 9 are assigned through a rotation, allowing agencies to receive assistance from different locations within the region, or whether the same team would respond to each request.
Sergeant Gamiochipe explained that their team would likely be the primary response for the area, with additional CSTs available depending on the incident's severity. At least one team in each region maintains a 24-hour response capability. Requests are initiated through the State Duty Officer, after which the team coordinates the appropriate resources.

Sergeant Gamiochipe concluded her presentation, thanked the attendees, and provided informational pamphlets for reference.

92nd CST 24/7 Duty Phone (775) 584-7730
NV Department Emergency Management
(775) 687-0498
24-hour Emergency Number
Ask for DEM Duty Officer

5. **26-27 Clark County Hazardous Materials (Hazmat) Plan.**
The updated 2027 Clark County HazMat Plan was distributed to members for review and feedback following the previous meeting. Revisions and corrections were incorporated into the updated draft. Gary Stevenson noted that the only change to the final draft was the addition of a 24-hour contact number provided by the Clark County Water Reclamation District. Members were invited to discuss the plan prior to consideration of a motion to adopt the revisions.

Motion to adopt the 26-27 Clark County Hazardous Materials (Hazmat) Plan by Jeremy Hynds. Seconded by Carolyn Levering. No discussion. **26-27 Clark County Hazardous Materials (Hazmat) Plan** motion to adopt passes**.**

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6. LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Plans Administration Subcommittee
Nothing to report.

b. Training and Exercise Subcommittee
Nothing to report.

c. Grants Subcommittee
David Martin-Vaquero reported that interlocal agreements have been distributed to the respective agencies for review and approval. An agreement from LVMPD has been received, while approval of the remaining agreements is pending.

d. Public Information Subcommittee
Cheryl Nagy reported on behalf of John Turner and herself that the nationwide FEMA Emergency Alert System (EAS) test is scheduled for November 17 at 2:20 p.m. Eastern Time, and at 11:20 a.m. Pacific Time, with a second test anticipated in December. She also advised that digital billboard messaging along the Las Vegas Strip is coordinated through their office, Chief O'Neill, and the PIOs. Members were encouraged to report any concerns regarding the messaging for review.

e. Legislative Subcommittee
The Chair reported that work is just beginning on the bill draft request (BDR) tracker that relates to emergency management funding. Additional BDRs involve HazMat issues concerning the Washoe Basin and wetlands, which have limited impact on Southern Nevada.

f. Specialized Response Subcommittee
Nothing to report.

g. Lithium-Ion Battery Subcommittee
Nothing to report.

7. SPECIAL REPORTS & WORKING GROUPS

a. AIR
Jeremy Banfield reported successful outreach to neighboring industries, including Chuck Lindsay Power Plant, Circle S Farms, and Newcom (formerly Apex Industrial Ponds), to discuss emergency action plan requirements and future localized meetings. He was encouraged to share the Office of Emergency Management contact information to include interested industries in LEPC meetings. He also established a 2027 goal to visit at least 50% of the industrial

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complexes within his committee's area by the end of Q1, with an update anticipated at the next quarterly meeting.

b. BEIR

Nothing to report.

c. NIR

VACANT. Gary Stevenson reported that the chairperson's position is currently vacant due to recent turnover. A virtual meeting was held approximately two weeks ago with representatives from Desert Gold and the Paiute Tribe. No further updates were available at this time, and efforts to rebuild and strengthen the group are ongoing.

d. CAER

Josie Ross reported that all CAER facilities participated in the Great Shake Out, including internal drills and a group-wide communications exercise, which was successful. The HAZMAT team is completing its remaining three pre-planned tours for 2026. The next CAER meeting is scheduled for the first week of December, and the full-scale CAER exercise has been rescheduled to December 16, with participation from Clark County Fire Department, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue, and Henderson Fire Department.

8. Public Comments

No public comments.

9. Adjournment

Motion by Jeremy Hynds: **To adjourn the meeting**. Second, Daniel Berc, no discussion, motion carried. **Meeting adjourned**.

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