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Media Release

Lyon County Emergency Management Holds Resilience Meeting as Part of Hazard Mitigation Plan

Yerington, Nevada – In recent years nature has been restless in Nevada; there have been earthquake swarms rattling the western portion of the state as well as disastrous flooding due to a breach in the Truckee Canal in Fernley, not to mention ravishing fires last winter in nearby Reno and Washoe County. Those who experienced the catastrophic Floods of 1997 along the Carson and Walker Rivers will remember the impacts and disruption caused in the County by severe regional flooding. All of these emergency events have demonstrated that Lyon County can be vulnerable to disasters, including earthquakes, floods, severe winter storms and wildland fires.

Lyon County, Nevada has launched a planning effort, known as the Lyon County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan assesses risks posed by natural and manmade hazards and identifies ways to reduce those risks. This plan is required under the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 as a pre-requisite for receiving certain forms of Federal disaster assistance.

Lyon County began this planning process in 2007 and will hold a public “Resilience Meeting” in Yerington at 10:00 a.m. on May 31, 2012 in the Lyon County Board of Commissioners Chambers, 27 S. Main Street. The purpose of this Resilience Meeting is to engage local experts and county residents in identifying strategies and projects to mitigate for natural hazards in Lyon County. Public comments and participation are welcomed.

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Nevada Division of Emergency Management's (NDEM) hazard mitigation program is partnering with Lyon County officials on the items that impact statewide flood and mitigation efforts. NDEM and FEMA Region IX staff will be present at the meeting to promote the resilience/planning and provide technical assistance.

Bring your flood photos . . .Lyon County and the Nevada Floodplain Management Program of the Nevada Division of Water Resources (NDWR) are interested in obtaining historical photos and accounts of flooding in Lyon County as part of a project to document historical flooding throughout Nevada. The Program is seeking photographs or videos, particularly for flooding on the Walker River, as part of a cooperative project between NDWR, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, FEMA, U.S. Geological Survey, and the National weather Service. The information gathered could become part of the Nevada Flood Chronology Website: <http://nevada.usgs.gov/crfd/>.

For additional information, request to participate, or to submit comments, please contact:

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