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Overview of the Moapa Band of Paiutes Tribe Disaster Declaration in Southern Nevada

On September 8, 2014, the Moapa Band of Paiutes Tribal Reservation suffered an intense thunderstorm that created a flash flood event which resulted in damage to homes and property. A Declaration of Emergency, pursuant to state law, for the Moapa Band of Paiutes Tribal Reservation was issued on September 9, 2014 and a comprehensive damage assessment was conducted by FEMA, State and Tribal representatives the week of September 15, 2014. On October 23, 2014, Governor Brian Sandoval requested a major disaster declaration from FEMA and on November 5th, 2014, the Moapa Band of Paiutes received a Presidential Disaster Declaration.



On December 1, 2014, a Joint Field Office (JFO) was established in Las Vegas where FEMA and NDEM recovery staff coordinated with the Moapa Band of Paiutes on the development of project worksheets to address the list of damaged facilities identified in the preliminary damage assessment. State, federal and tribal staff met to review projects and complete site assessments over the course of the next few months to quantify the severity of damages and establish areas of eligibility for FEMA funding. On February 13, 2015 the JFO, federal, state staff were demobilized.

After closure of the JFO, the State Recovery staff returned to Carson City to continue the long-term recovery process and the grantee/applicant relationship with Moapa Band of Paiutes. As FEMA determines eligibility and final approvals of funding for specified projects, the State assists in the continued process of clarifying eligibility, reviewing insurance coverage, and other Federal agency requirements. As eligible projects are funded by FEMA, the State will inspect the projects for completeness and then will release those funds to the Tribe to complete their disaster projects.



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The Tribe is requesting assistance for all seven categories eligible under FEMA's Public Assistance (PA) program. They are requesting projects for Debris Removal, Emergency Protective Measures, Roads and Bridges, Water Control Facilities, Buildings and Equipment, Utilities and Parks, Recreational Facilities and Dams. The estimated cost of repairing damages to this point is \$3,774,838.



The JFO Group would like to thank the many people and agencies that assisted in short term recovery and long term recovery efforts, specifically:

Clark County Office of Emergency Management (CCOEM) for providing space for meetings and providing a great deal of information to assist in the recovery efforts. CCOEM has also been working with the Mitigation staff in FEMA, State and Tribe to develop a Hazard Mitigation Annex to attach to Clark County's Multi-Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.



We greatly appreciate the City of Las Vegas Emergency Management for providing facilities to the JFO staff for several weeks as they were setting up the long term recovery efforts. Carolyn Levering and the rest of the staff were very gracious in allowing the group to have full access to the grounds and facility.

Our appreciation also extends to the Moapa Tribe for providing office space in the Tribal Courtroom, meeting rooms to conduct large meetings and having staff available to provide information and supporting documentation.

We look forward to our continued partnership with the Moapa Tribe throughout this long-term recovery process.





Meet Debbie Tanaka, State Hazard Mitigation Officer

Debbie moved from Hawaii to Reno in 2000 to achieve her educational goals. After she obtained her Master of Arts degree in Sociology from the University of Nevada, Reno in 2002, she worked at Intuit and Truckee Meadows Community College. Debbie's career with the State of Nevada began with the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) as a Grants and Projects Analyst, where she worked with victim service providers and child welfare agencies throughout the State for 8.5 years. While at DCFS, as the Nevada Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance Administrator, Debbie was elected as a Board Member of the National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators to represent the States of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington.

One of Debbie's proudest accomplishments is being part of the planning team to implement Nevada's first statewide victim assistance academy, where she collaborated with various State partners, law enforcement agencies and community-based organizations to provide fundamental and comprehensive training to victim service providers. The inaugural 40-hour Victim Assistance Academy of Nevada was held in 2014. Debbie continues to be on the Steering Committee and is planning the second annual academy.

Debbie enjoys spending time with her family and friends, fishing, playing tennis and watching college football.

Meet Susan "Suz" Coyote, State Public Assistance Officer

Suz comes to us with broad administrative and management experience drawn from varied fields of construction, non-profit, and public safety. She came to NDEM from the DPS General Services Division, where she worked in criminal justice information services training and auditing as well as managing the uniform crime reporting program for the State of Nevada where she produced the annual publication *Crime In Nevada 2013*. While in her position as terminal agency coordinator, she was named Civilian Employee of the Year at the DPS Investigation Division in 2012.



She honed her expertise in office management, administration and accounting in the private sector as office manager for a general contracting and real estate development firm. Concurrently, she volunteered as crisis line counselor for Tahoe Women's Services and was awarded Volunteer of the Year twice in five years of service. Suz is passionate about helping people and draws on her excellent communication skills and solid base of technical knowledge to successfully move projects forward. She combined her passion and skills as the executive director of a non-profit counseling center serving un-insured and low-income clientele.

Suz balances the opportunities and challenges of professional life with a supportive family and active lifestyle. Her interests are varied and include strength training, belly dancing, and keeping up with friends and family. Suz resides in Incline Village with her partner of 17 years and their wily cat, Sappho.

Significant Nevada Exercises 2015

The following are significant exercises occurring in the State of Nevada during 2015 throughout the state.

Incline Village Evacuation FSE, May 30, 2015, Incline Village, NV: An evacuation focused full-scale exercise will occur in Incline Village testing local, state, and NGOs in evacuating and caring for the populace in the Lake Tahoe Basin. NVNG and NDF will be participating along with Fire/EMS, law enforcement, and the American Red Cross. This is a Saturday full-scale exercise.

Elko Earthquake FSE, June 1, 2015, Elko, NV: Elko's full-scale exercise after a 7.0 earthquake hitting the area around Elko. Many local, some state (NHP, NDEM), NGO and private sector playing in this one-day exercise.

Reno Air Race TTX June 9, 2015: TTX in preparation for Reno Air Races later in 2015.

NVNG Northern Sentinel FSE, June 10-12, 2015, Northern Nevada: NVNG is using Northern Sentinel as a stepping stone to the large full-scale exercise Vigilant Guard 2017. The scenario in Northern Sentinel is a 6.8 earthquake in the Reno-Carson area. Some local and state partners (NDEM) also having play.

Tribal Communications FE, June 17, 2015, various locations: Many of the Tribal nations in Nevada will be having an exercise where, after a major incident occurring with one Tribal nation, communications, public health and medical services, and resource requests will be played and/or simulated. During this exercise a communications drill, sponsored by NDEM and led by George Molnar, will coincide and have many local jurisdictions also test their abilities to communicate in an environment where normal communications are impacted.

HSEEP Course, June 23-24, Carson City, NV: The new two-day HSEEP course, already held in Las Vegas, Carson City, Reno, and Elko over the last 9 months is scheduled again for Carson City in late June.

NDOT FE, July 15, 2015, Northern Nevada: NDOT holds a major Functional Exercise every 18-months in a different one of their 3-districts. This one will center on a major storm system that causes damages with high winds, lightning-caused fires, and some flooding. District 3 (Northeast Nevada) is the focus this year. NDF will also be participating.

BioWatch TTX, July 29, 2015, Las Vegas, NV: BioWatch is sponsoring this Tabletop Exercise in the Las Vegas area testing detection, information sharing, decision making and other capabilities across federal, state, and local jurisdictions and hospitals/health districts.

SNS FSE, September 28 – October 1, 2015, various locations: State Health and Southern Nevada Health District are leading this triennial CDC-sponsored multi-day full-scale exercise bringing in the Strategic National Stockpile's Eagle Package during a biological incident. Various Points of Dispensing (PODs), NHP, and others will be participating.

McCarran Triennial FSE October 2015: FAA required triennial full-scale exercise for airports.

State Training and Exercise Planning Workshop (TEPW), date to be determined:

Clark and Washoe counties hold theirs in advance. A TEPW is required for all jurisdictions receiving DHS grant funding. Those jurisdictions who choose not to perform their own can and should take part of the state's TEPW and some recovery over a week long attack scenario.



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