

Intergovernmental Executive Committee

Draft Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 11, 2022

3:00 p.m. PDT

Virtual Meeting and In-Person at the:

RAFTER 3C CONVENTION CENTER

325 Sheckler Road
Fallon, Nevada 89406

This meeting will be held virtually pursuant to NRS 241.023 and State of Nevada Declaration of Emergency Directive 006.

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Pursuant to NRS 241.020, the Agenda for this meeting has been posted at the following locations: State of Nevada Website (<https://notice.nv.gov/>), the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization website (www.frtcmodernization.com/IEC), the Clearinghouse website (<http://clearinghouse.nv.gov/>), and the Churchill County Administration Building (155 Taylor St., Fallon, NV 89406).

Please Note:

- Public Comment will be limited to three (3) minutes per person. The Committee reserves the right to reduce the time or limit the total time allowed for public comment.
- Presentations should be approximately 15 minutes in length plus 15 minutes for questions and answers.
- Items on the agenda may be taken out of order, combined, or removed, or discussion delayed, at the discretion of the Committee.
- Documentation and supporting agenda items are available on the FRTC website at www.FRTCmodernization.com/IEC.

Intergovernmental Executive Committee (IEC) Elected Positions:

- Chair – Amber Torres, Walker River Paiute Tribe
- Vice-Chair – Pete Olsen, Churchill County Commissioner

IEC Members in Attendance:

- Navy – Captain Shane Tanner, Naval Air Station Fallon (NASF) (in person); Commander Dan Muller, NASF (in person)
- Bureau of Land Management (BLM) – Dan Westermeyer, Acting District Manager, Carson City District (via Zoom); Colleen Dingman, Acting Associate District Manager, Carson City District (via Zoom)
- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) – Rachael Larson, Superintendent (via Zoom); Garry Cantley, Regional Archaeologist (via Zoom)
- Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) – N/A
- Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) – Jim Lawrence, Deputy Director (in person); Scott Carey, State Lands Planner (in person)
- Churchill County – Pete Olsen, Churchill County Commissioner (in person)
- Lyon County – Vida Keller, Lyon County Commissioner (via Zoom); Ken Gray, Lyon County Commissioner (via Zoom)
- Mineral County – Cassie Hall, Mineral County Commissioner (via Zoom)
- Pershing County – Shayla Hudson, Pershing County Commissioner (via Zoom)
- Nye County – Bruce Jabbour, Nye County Commissioner (via Zoom)
- Eureka County – J.J. Goicoechea, Eureka County Commissioner (in person)
- Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe – Cathi Tuni, Chair (in person)
- Walker River Paiute Tribe – Amber Torres, Chair (via Zoom); Elveda Martinez, Water Resources Coordinator (via Zoom)
- Yomba Shoshone Tribe – N/A
- Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe – N/A
- Lovelock Paiute Tribe – N/A
- Duckwater Shoshone Tribe – Debbie O’Neil, Vice Chair (via Zoom)
- Battle Mountain Band Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone – N/A
- Elko Band Council Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone – N/A
- Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes – N/A
- Reno-Sparks Indian Colony – Arlan D. Melendez, Chairman (via Zoom)
- South Fork Band Council Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone – N/A
- Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California – N/A
- Wells Band Council Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone – N/A
- Winnemucca Indian Colony of Nevada – N/A
- Summit Lake Paiute Tribe – Randi Lone Eagle, Chairwoman (via Zoom)
- Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone – N/A
- Yerington Paiute Tribe – N/A

IEC Liaisons and Support

- IEC Liaisons – Toni Burton, NASF Tribal Coordinator (in person); Zip Upham, NASF Public Affairs Officer (in person)
- IEC Support – Robin Schofield, NASF Community Planning and Liaison Officer (via Zoom); Allison Turner, Moderator, ManTech (in person)

Call to Order

- IEC Vice-Chair Pete Olsen called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Welcome and Committee Member Introductions

- Vice-Chair Olsen welcomed everyone and made opening statements.
- Ms. Toni Burton called roll. The list of attendees/absentees is above.

Verification of Agenda Posting

- The agenda for this meeting was posted in accordance with NRS 241.020.

Approval of Agenda

- IEC members approved the agenda with one change.
 - Deletion of Agenda Item 7 (Presentation by the Yomba Shoshone Tribe).

Public Comment

- Vice-Chair Olsen opened the floor for providing public comments on the agenda, noting a three-minute time limit per person. Action will not be taken on the matters considered during this period until specifically included on an agenda as an item. The meeting moderator, Ms. Allison Turner, reviewed the instructions for providing public comments.
- No public comments were received during this public comment period.

Old Business

- There was no old business to address at the meeting.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 11, 2022

- The IEC voted to approve the April 11, 2022 meeting minutes with no revisions.

Discussion/Possible Action: Navy Update

- **Legislative Update**
 - Captain Shane Tanner introduced Mr. Karnig Ohannessian, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Environment and Mission Readiness, to the committee.
 - Mr. Ohannessian provided a status update on the legislative activities for the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) modernization proposal. The Navy has submitted a legislative proposal to modernize the FRTC for the fiscal year 2023 National Defense Authorization Act. Mr. Ohannessian noted that, at the Nevada Congressional delegation's request, the Office of Management and Budget has taken the unprecedented step of including the Congressional delegation in the discussion of the administration's legislative proposal prior to transmitting to Congress. Mr. Ohannessian stated that the Navy is supportive of mitigation measures and is mindful of the potential unintended consequences of modernization. He acknowledged there are still hard issues to work through, but the Navy remains committed to working with Tribes and stakeholders to find win-win solutions for both the Navy and Northern Nevada.
 - Questions/Comments

- Mr. Jim Lawrence, Deputy Director of the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, asked if there was anything that the IEC, his Department, or the State could do to facilitate getting agreements in place, to which Mr. Ohannessian replied that there is nothing specific or additional at this time except to continue with their work and involvement.
 - Vice-Chair Olsen read a written statement on behalf of Churchill County. The County expressed that they are opposed to the Navy's legislative proposal, which they feel does not include key provisions for minimization and mitigation of impacts. The County added that they support the amendments developed and offered by the Nevada delegation.
 - Mr. J.J. Goicoechea subsequently asked about the timeline and if the Navy was going to re-engage with Churchill County and local governments more, noting the importance of early-on coordination and involvement.
- **Cultural Resources Survey Update**
 - Mr. Mike Baskerville, Archaeologist, NASF, updated the IEC on the cultural resources surveys on the NASF ranges, the new Programmatic Agreement (PA), and the new Integrated Cultural Resources Management Program (ICRMP).
 - B-20: The Navy is in the process of inventorying 18,000 acres in the proposed B-20 range expansion area. Crews have completed surveys of approximately 56,000 acres of B-20 to date. Each field crew has a minimum of one Tribal archaeological technician assigned to them. Typically, there are three to five technicians on each rotation. The southwest corner of the inventory area is still flooded and will hopefully be accessible by the end of the summer. The inventory is expected to take two years.
 - B-16: This range inventory was 100% inventoried as part of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process. Those inventories covered approximately 22,538 acres and documented or re-documented approximately 375 cultural properties. Inventories associated with construction of the B-16 boundary fence have been completed. The Navy is in the process of consulting on the effects of that fence with local Tribal representatives as well as the State.
 - B-17: Approximately 12,389 acres of B-17 were surveyed as part of the EIS process. Those inventories documented or re-documented 511 cultural properties. New inventories are being planned for B-17. The Navy sent out a draft work plan to Tribes and is in the process of receiving comments, which will then be incorporated into the plan.
 - PA: A new PA is being developed and is expected to be shared with Tribes in September 2022.
 - ICRMP: Development of a new ICRMP is being planned and will begin once the outcome of the modernization legislation is determined.
 - IEC members had no questions for Mr. Baskerville.
- **Tribal Engagement Update**
 - Ms. Kish LaPierre, Tribal Liaison, NASF, provided an update on Tribal engagement.
 - Ms. Pierre showed a map of the 13 federally recognized Tribes in Northwest Nevada with whom the Navy consults and that may be directly or indirectly affected by activities of NASF.
 - The Navy has initiated studies within the area of potential effect with respect to proposed expansion, including archaeological pedestrian surveys and

ethnographic studies. Some of these studies will focus on known culturally important sites significant to Tribes and areas that have not yet been inventoried. The Navy has committed to identifying these important locations and studying them in conjunction with Tribal partners and involvement.

- The Final Draft MOA for Tribal access was emailed to Tribal partners on March 18, and mailed on March 21, 2022, for review and signature. Tribal partners are reviewing the MOA.
- Far Western, the contractor for the archaeological and ethnographic studies, has obtained considerable Tribal participation in the studies. Studies will resume in September.
- The Navy has committed to protecting burials in areas where a burial probability is at an increased risk. The Navy is kicking off a Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) study with Tribes with regards to two sets of human remains housed at the Nevada State Museum in Carson City.
- Upcoming B-17 archaeological studies will be kicking off with Tribal cultural experts in the field. Tribes are encouraged to comment on the work plan (as mentioned by Mr. Baskerville).
- The Navy received considerable input from Tribes on the Wildland Fire Management Plan. The Navy incorporated Tribal perspectives and issues, and a revised final draft will be distributed to all Tribes.
- Several archaeological sites were identified during the archaeological surveys for the B-16 fence project. Tribal consultation is ongoing and field visits have been completed. The Walker River Paiute Tribe offered the Navy a mitigation plan, which will be incorporated into the final report. Ms. Pierre thanked Tribes for participating in those efforts as well as consultation efforts with the State Historic Preservation Office.
- For the Off-Range Ordnance project, the Walker River Paiute Tribe is currently reviewing and commenting on the Preliminary Assessment Draft Report and the Munitions Response Site Prioritization Protocol.
- State Route 361 proposed realignment is a topic of concern to the Yomba Shoshone Tribe due to the proximity to their reservation. Captain Tanner visited the Tribe on July 6, 2022, to discuss the proposed road realignment. The Navy will continue to consult with Tribes on this proposal.
- Captain Tanner, the new commanding officer at NASF, is working on meeting with all 13 Tribes with whom NASF consults. He is committed to working with the Tribes.
- Questions/Comments
 - IEC members had no questions for Ms. LaPierre.

Call for Agenda Items for Next IEC Meeting

- No agenda items were suggested for the next meeting.

Scheduling of Next IEC Meeting

- The next IEC meeting will be held in the mid/late October timeframe (October 17–21 or October 24–28). A Doodle poll will be sent out for the members to vote for their preferred date and time.

Public Comment

- Vice-Chair Olsen again opened the floor for providing a public comments, noting the three-minute time limit per person. Ms. Turner reviewed the instructions for providing public comments.
- Mr. Bruce Jabbour, Nye County Commissioner, phoned in to say he had had technical difficulties, but had been on the line since roll call.
- Mr. Ken Gray, Lyon County Commissioner, noted that it would likely be his last meeting, and offered thanks and appreciation to everyone.

Adjourn

- Vice-Chair Olsen adjourned the meeting at 3:49 p.m.