

WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

P25 Radio System Joint Operating Committee

Tracy Moore, Chair
Ryan Sommers, Vice-chair
Charles Moore, Secretary

*****Meeting Minutes*****

Thursday, April 17, 2025

This meeting was scheduled to begin directly after the 800 MHz Joint Operating Committee meeting but not begin earlier than 10:15 a.m.

**Washoe County Administration Complex
1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada, 89512
Building A, Second Floor, Caucus Room**

This meeting was held at the physical location listed above with a teleconference option.

Committee website: https://www.washoecounty.gov/technology/board_committees/800mhz_joc

Committee Members

Dave Cochran, City of Reno	Chris Ketring, Truckee Meadows FPD
Craig Franden, City of Reno (Alternate)	Vacant, Truckee Meadows FPD (Alternate)
Derek Keller, City of Sparks	Ian Dasmann, TMWA
Connie Shepperd, City of Sparks (Alternate)	Chuck Atkinson, TMWA (Alternate)
David Todd Curtis, Nevada Air National Guard	Ed Atwell, UNR/NSHE
Matthew Lund, Nevada Air National Guard (Alternate)	Jeremy Irwin, UNR/NSHE (Alternate)
Ryan Sommers, North Lake Tahoe FPD	Vacant, US DEA
Russ Barnum, North Lake Tahoe FPD (Alternate)	Bryan Boren, US Dept. of Veterans Affairs
Don Pelt, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe	Ray Leal, US Dept. of Veterans Affairs (Alternate)
David Paulon, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe (Alternate)	Jenn Felter, Washoe County
Jarrold Nunes, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony	Darrin Rice, Washoe County (Alternate)
John Hecimovich, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony (Alternate)	Tracy Moore, Washoe County School District
Ben Carpenter, Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority	Mark Mathers, Washoe County School District (Alternate)
Vacant, Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority (Alternate)	

Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM [Non-Action Item]

The meeting was called to order at 10:18 a.m.
Ryan Sommers, Vice Chair, assumed the role of Chair.

Present

- City of Sparks
- Connie Shepperd



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| • Nevada Air National Guard | Matthew Lund |
| • North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District | Ryan Sommers |
| • Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District | Chris Ketring |
| • Truckee Meadows Water Authority | Ian Dasmann |
| • UNR | Ed Atwell |
| • US Dept. of Veterans Affairs | Bryan Boren |
| • Washoe County | Jenn Felter |

Absent

- City of Reno
- Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority
- US DEA (vacant)
- Washoe County School District

Deputy District Attorney Wade Carner, Washoe County District Attorney's Office, was in attendance.

2. INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROVIDING PUBLIC COMMENT VIA TEAMS/TELEPHONE [Non-Action Item]. *Wade Carner, Deputy District Attorney*

Washoe County Deputy District Attorney Wade Carner provided the instructions for providing public comment: This meeting is being held at and physical location with a teleconference option. Members of the public may submit public comment by either attending the meeting in person, attending the meeting via teleconference or attending by telephone only utilizing Meeting ID: 214 390 679 412, Passcode: zr74Yq9t, or by telephone by dialing 775-325-0620 and entering Conference ID: 839 418 817. To provide public comment via Teams, log into the Teams Meeting at the link on the first page of the notice of meeting and utilize the "Raise Hand" feature during any public comment period. To provide public comment via telephone only, press *5. Press *6 to mute/unmute.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT [Non-Action Item] – Comment heard under this item will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the P25 Radio System Joint Operating Committee agenda. However, action may not be taken on any matter raised during this public comment period until the matter is specifically listed on an agenda as an action item. Comments are to be made to the P25 Radio System Joint Operating Committee as a whole.

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4. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 17, 2024, AND JANUARY 23, 2025, MINUTES [For Possible Action]

- Committee members may identify any additions or corrections to the draft minutes as transcribed.

Ed Atwell, UNR, moved to approve the minutes as written. Jenn Felter, Washoe County, provided the second. There was no response to the call for Committee or public comment. Upon a call for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

5. NEVADA SHARED RADIO SYSTEM PROJECT UPDATE [Non-Action Item] – A presentation

and discussion on the progress of the Nevada Share Radio System (NSRS) project status, cutover outlook, and possible prioritization for NSRS Regions and site builds. *Melissa Lawney & Adrian Arnold NSRS System Administrator*

Melissa Lawney, Washoe County Technology Services, reviewed the [presentation](#) for this item reviewing the plans for Marble Bluff, Poito and Seven Lakes progress. There has been consideration of microregion planning in order to continue progress. The schedule has not been updated. If work is not accomplished in the summer of 2025, the date for cutover will be moved out several years. A complete change order has not been agreed to.

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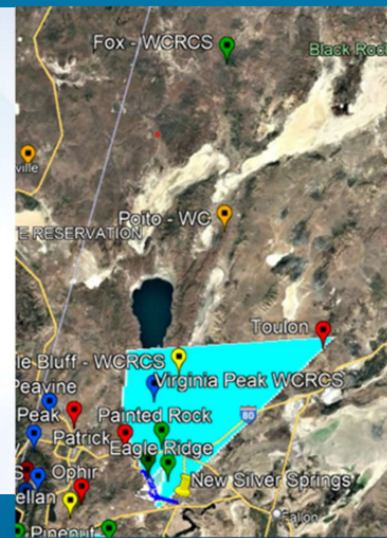
What are MicroRegions?

- P25 Upgrade Project was placed on a Program Pause as the NSRS members didn't have enough sites to provide L3Harris for P25 Line and Antenna work.
- Program Paused caused a series of Contracts negotiation discussions.
- One scenario was to break up Region 2 and Region 3 into smaller sections that could be accomplished this year.



MicroRegions- Affect on Washoe County

- Plan is to complete P25 Line and Antenna installation in Ely, Nevada, working up to Elko, Nevada. Then following the I-80 Corridor and go East to West.
- There is **not** a plan to bring up Reno this year. Due to unbuilt sites within our region. (Smokey Quartz, Seven Lakes, Biltmore)*
- However, the plan continues to install sites from Carson down to Hawthorne. To connect to existing Region 1 coverage
- **The hope is to complete installations in the region around Pyramid Lake, possibly up to Gerlach.**
 - WCRCS sites to complete would include:
 - Marble Bluff
 - Virginia Peak
 - **Poito***
 - **Fox***
 - Other NSRS sites:
 - Painted Rock
 - Eagle Ridge
 - Toulon
 - USA PKWY
- **MicroRegions are still under discussion, and not fully vetted. We await a schedule and discussions with L3Harris.**
- **First request for change order REJECTED, Awaiting new draft from L3Harris Request For Change (RFC)**



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Adrian Arnold, NSRS System Administrator, spoke to the contemplations of schedule changes with microregions based on site readiness and coordination with members; negotiations remain ongoing with a focus on implementation and installation and commissioning within Regions Two and Three 2025. He offered to act as a liaison for agencies with L3 Harris.

There was discussion of the potential to have Micro Regions though nothing has been agreed upon. It is uncertain how work would be prioritized should the Micro Regions be adopted. Ongoing conversations are underway with L3 Harris for an updated schedule. It was emphasized that the priorities be set to accomplish all work that is obtainable as soon as is practical. Concerns were expressed that quoted prices have changed over time and how to best resolve discrepancies.

There was discussion of the BLM permitting process and the potential to provide additional Committee input/correspondence to the BLM to support the needs of the Communication System. Parts for the 800 MHz system are available and in partnership with the State of Nevada there is an ongoing process to procure parts to ensure the success of the project.

In response to questions about the Micro Regions, most sites are outside Washoe County's region; the goal is to prioritize work and sites that are available. Red Peak would likely be active in 2026. As soon as the BLM permits are issued, construction on those sites will commence. There is contingency money provided for in the P25 Addendum language. There was discussion about the delays with the BLM permitting process, the timeline, and the efforts the Committee members could take to assist with accelerating the process. Additional funds were paid by Nevada Department of Transportation to accelerate the process seemingly to no avail.

It was clarified a letter from the Committee or a sub-committee would require proper Open Meeting Law notification; Vice-Chair and Member Ketrang agreed to work together to draft a letter from the Committee to the BLM. There are considerations for operational activities concerning how regions are being divided and the impacts to users. Additionally, if the Ash Fields is not completed, it will not impact P25 cutover. It was requested that P25 TAC Committee consider review of LIDs, antennae and equipment.

6. P25 RADIO SYSTEM JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND/OR STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS [Non-Action Item] – The next meeting of the P25 Radio System Joint Operating Committee is scheduled for July 24, 2025.

- Check-in with agencies to ensure complete execution of the P25 Addendum
- A potential letter or letters will be drafted to submit to the BLM expressing the urgency of the Communication System. Agencies requesting so will be invoiced before the end of the fiscal year.
- Request to have an L3Harris representative attend a future meeting to address questions with orders.

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8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Approved as written in session October 16, 2025.