

WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

800 MHz Joint Operating Committee

Ryan Sommers, Chair
Don Pelt, Vice Chair
Bryan Boren, Secretary

****Draft Meeting Minutes****

**Thursday, October 16, 2025
10:00 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 and via teleconference.

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

Committee Members

Dave Cochran, City of Reno	Nicole Lacap, Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority (Alternate)
Craig Franden, City of Reno (Alternate)	Chris Ketring, Truckee Meadows FPD
Derek Keller, City of Sparks	Vacant, Truckee Meadows FPD (Alternate)
Connie Shepperd, City of Sparks (Alternate)	Ian Dasmann, TMWA
Matthew Lund, Nevada Air National Guard	Aaron Reyes, TMWA (Alternate)
Vacant, Nevada Air National Guard (Alternate)	Ed Atwell, UNR/NSHE
Darin Tedford, Nevada Dept. of Transportation	Jeremy Irwin, UNR/NSHE (Alternate)
Seth Daniels, Nevada Dept. of Transportation (Alternate)	David Brown, FBI
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)	Vacant, Washoe County
Jarrod Nunes, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony	Vacant, Washoe County (Alternate)
John Hecimovich, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony (Alternate)	Mark Mathers, Washoe County School District
Ricardo Duarte, Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority	Seana Baker, Washoe County School District (Alternate)



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Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Present

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| • City of Sparks | Derek Keller |
| • Nevada Air National Guard | Matthew Lund |
| • Nevada Department of Transportation | Seth Daniels |
| • North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District | Ryan Sommers |
| • Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe | Don Pelt |
| • Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District | Chris Ketring |
| • UNR | Jeremy Irwin |
| • US FBI | David Brown |
| • US Department of Veterans Affairs | Bryan Boren |
| • Washoe County School District | Seana Baker |

Absent

- City of Reno
- Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
- Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority
- Truckee Meadows Water Authority
- US DEA (vacant)
- Washoe County (vacant)

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

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A moment of silence for John Byerly was observed.

2. INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROVIDING PUBLIC COMMENT VIA TEAMS/TELEPHONE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no response to the call for public comment, and no emails had been submitted prior to the meeting.

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4. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 17, 2025, AND JULY 24, 2025, MINUTES

Derek Keller, City of Sparks, moved to approve the minutes of April 17, 2025, and July 24, 2025, as written. Chris Ketring, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, provided the second. There was no response to the call for Committee or public comment. Upon a call for the vote, the motion carried on a 10-0 vote.

5. SYSTEM STATUS

Quinn Korbolic, Washoe County Technology Services, introduced Regional Communications Coordinator Tyler Gerber-Winn, who conducted a slideshow presentation and reviewed slides with the following titles: WCRCS Staff Update; System Status Update (3 slides); and Alpha Paging Decommission.

Mr. Korbolic noted that Shawn Taylor has prior experience as a regional communications coordinator, and that, combined with his technical experience, makes him a great resource. Staff is also working with another contractor to help with bi-directional amplifier inspections. These resources will be invaluable as staffing to full capacity gets underway. Mr. Gerber-Winn clarified that full staffing on the infrastructure side of things would consist of his position and four network engineers, but currently only his position and one network engineer position are filled. It was noted that the radio side of the department is fully staffed.

Mr. Gerber-Winn provided a brief background for Tom Brinkoetter, the contractor responsible for helping clean up the RF noise floor in the urban core. He explained that due to the government shutdown, the Bureau of Land Management has an undetermined level of responsiveness, but because of recent federal changes, all communication sites get categorical exemptions, lessening the permitting requirements. He said staff was in the process of securing right-of-way agreements with landowners to get power poles up to Smokey Quartz.

Mr. Korbolic indicated the alpha numeric paging system is expected to be decommissioned at the end of the calendar year. The one team that currently uses it has been made aware that it will be decommissioned. The choice to get rid of the system was because Washoe County pays for the it, which comes with a pretty substantial cost, yet the only agency that uses it is not part of the County. Mr. Gerber-Winn noted that staff has held pre-planning meetings with the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and the Cities of Reno and Sparks about streamlining how radios for the fire agencies are programmed and looking for additional operational efficiencies.

Chair Ryan Sommers, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, asked whether school light zones were activated via pagers. A brief discussion ensued regarding the operation of those light zones. It was stated that the system is controlled through the Regional Transportation Commission, and the relevant contact information would be found and relayed to the Committee.

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6. 800 MHz JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND/OR STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Quinn Korbolic, Washoe County Technology Services, stated that the meeting dates for this Committee are determined at the start of the year. Sarah DeLozier, Washoe County Technology Services, added that there is a meeting schedule, but meeting times are adjusted when 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee meetings are scheduled for the same day. She offered to share the current calendar, which goes through the end of 2026, with the Committee members. Staff was open to reconsidering which days to hold meetings, though Ms. DeLozier said they tried to avoid holding them on Fridays.

The next meeting of the 800 MHz Joint Operating Committee is scheduled for January 22, 2026.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no response to the call for public comment.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Approved as written in session May 7, 2026.