

WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

800 MHZ USERS COMMITTEE

Keith Mullen, Chair
Shane Akerson, Vice-chair
Robert Allen, Secretary

*****Draft Meeting Minutes*****

Thursday, March 20, 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 a physical location with a teleconference option.

Committee website: https://www.washoecounty.gov/technology/board_committees/800mhz_users/index.php

Committee Members

Robert Allen, City of Reno	Joe Schum, Truckee Meadows FPD (Alternate)
Keith Mullen, City of Sparks	Ian Dasmann, TMWA
Connie Shepperd, City of Sparks (Alternate)	Chuck Atkinson, TMWA (Alternate)
Vacant, Incline Village GID	Ed Atwell, UNR
Matthew Lund, Nevada Air National Guard	Jeremy Irwin, UNR (Alternate)
David Todd Curtis, Nevada Air National Guard	Vacant, US DEA
Richard Burger, Nevada Dept. of Transportation	Bryan Boren, US Dept. of Veterans Affairs
Jeff Byrne, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District	Jenn Felter, Washoe County
Don Pelt, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe	Darrin Rice, Washoe County (Alternate)
John Hecimovich, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony	Amelia Galicia, Washoe County (Alternate)
Jarrold Nunes, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony (Alternate)	Tracy Moore, Washoe County School District
Nicole Lacap, Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority	Jon Kelly, Washoe County School District (Alternate)
Vacant, Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority (Alternate)	Seana Baker, Washoe County School District (Alternate)
Shane Akerson, Truckee Meadows FPD	

AGENDA

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

Present

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| • City of Reno | Robert Allen |
| • City of Sparks | Keith Mullen |
| • Nevada Air National Guard | Matthew Lund |
| • Nevada Dept. of Transportation | Richard Burger |
| • Reno-Sparks Indian Colony | John Hecimovich |
| • Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority | Nicole Lacap |
| • Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District | Shane Akerson |
| • UNR | Jeremy Irwin |



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- US Dept. of Veterans Affairs
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Bryan Boren
Jenn Felter

Absent

- Incline Village General Improvement district (vacant)t
- North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District
- Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe
- Truckee Meadows Water 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].

Deputy District Attorney Carner provided the instructions for providing public comment: This was an in-person meeting; however, Committee members and members of the public may attend this meeting by teleconference using Meeting ID: 265 146 564 551, Passcode: zC2VT9ds), or by telephone by dialing 775-325-0620 and entering Conference ID: 631 612 537#. Members of the public may provide public comment in person, attending via teleconference, or by telephone. To provide public comment via Teams, log into the Teams Meeting at the above link 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 800 MHz Users 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. Each person addressing the Committee shall give their first and last name. Comments are to be made to the 800 MHz Users Committee as a whole.

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

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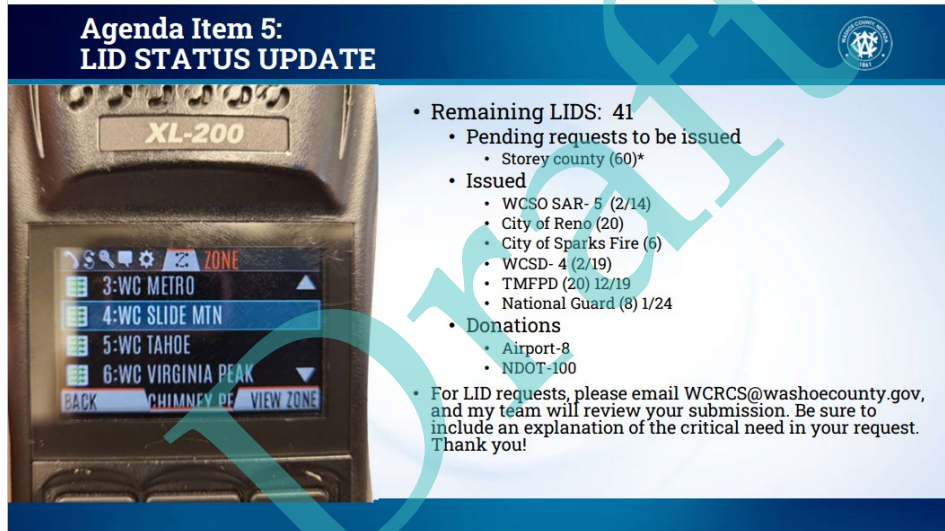
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4. **APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 20, 2024, MINUTES** [For Possible Action] – Committee members may identify any additions or corrections to the draft minutes as transcribed.

Shane Akerson, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, 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. **LID (LOGICAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER) STATUS UPDATE** [Non-Action Item] – A review and status update on the issue of limited LID availability for end users. *Melissa Lawney, Washoe County Regional Communications System*

Melissa Lawney, Washoe County, reviewed the [presentation](#) for this item (slide 2). One hundred LIDS were provided by NDOT; those have been issued as agencies need them.



The image shows a presentation slide titled "Agenda Item 5: LID STATUS UPDATE". On the left is a photo of a radio control unit labeled "XL-200" with a screen displaying a menu: "3-WC METRO", "4-WC SLIDE MTN", "5-WC TAHOE", "6-WC VIRGINIA PEAK", and "CHIMNEY PE". On the right is a bulleted list of LID status information.

- Remaining LIDS: 41
 - Pending requests to be issued
 - Storey county (60)*
 - Issued
 - WCSO SAR- 5 (2/14)
 - City of Reno (20)
 - City of Sparks Fire (6)
 - WCSD- 4 (2/19)
 - TMFPD (20) 12/19
 - National Guard (8) 1/24
 - Donations
 - Airport-8
 - NDOT-100
- For LID requests, please email WCRCS@washoecounty.gov, and my team will review your submission. Be sure to include an explanation of the critical need in your request. Thank you!

6. **SYSTEM STATUS UPDATE** [Non-Action Item] – An informational update and discussion on the operational status of the 800 MHz Communication System, including but not limited to, recent outages, repairs, and maintenance; software updates, system changes, system usage and staffing updates. *Melissa Lawney, Washoe County Regional Communications System*

Melissa Lawney, Washoe County, reviewed the [presentation](#) for this item (slides 3-4). There was discussion of VHF interference that had been experienced by Truckee Meadows Fire and Rescue. It was confirmed microphones had been changed and another large call-out would be scheduled for testing. Efforts are underway to revitalize the Dispatch Interoperability Committee to work with neighboring counties using the Public Safety Law Enforcement Channels. Marble Bluff is near completion with line and antennae work remaining to be done by L3Harris and setting up the microwave link from Marble Bluff to Poito. Progress continues with the Red Peak move; new quotes are expected soon that reflect the site owner's updates to the scope of the build.

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Agenda Item 6: SYSTEM STATUS UPDATE



- **Radio Service Interruptions**

- GPS timing failures at Red Peak, caused some radio issues in February.
- Backhaul issues between NSRS partners continue to cause anomalies that cause routers to reboot and take down dispatch centers. This is actively being worked on between the partners to resolve.

- **VHF Radio Interference Troubleshooting**

- Need to schedule time with TMFPD regarding a follow up on Microphone replacement.

- **Dispatch Interoperability Committee**

- Carson City, Storey County, Lyon County, Douglas County in conjunction Washoe County are creating policy and procedures for law enforcement region use of the following channels:
 - PSLE 1
 - PSLE 2
 - Public Safety Law Enforcement Channels*

System Status Update:

- Marble Bluff Final Punch List will be completed Friday March 21st.
 - New Generator at Marble installed March 11th, 2025.
- Poito Equipment moves are underway.
- Red Peak finalized quotes from L3Harris expected this week. This will result in a change order, as site owner requested changes: 3 Phase power to single phase power.



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7. **WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE AND REPLACEMENT UPDATE** [Non-Action Item] – A review, status update, and discussion of maintenance and replacement needs for WCRCS Infrastructure. *Melissa Lawney, Washoe County Regional Communications System*

Melissa Lawney, Washoe County, reviewed the [presentation](#) for this item (slide 5). The maintenance schedule is being moved up to increase the amount of time available for summer builds. Progress continues with the BLM on the permitting process; there are two remaining reports to be completed and then will be able to move forward with lease agreements. Red Peak build is scheduled for the summer; end of year microwave installations are planned for Red Peak to NOC, Marble to Poito and Poito to NOC.

Jenn Felter, Washoe County, inquired as to the status of the repair work needed for Peavine. Ms. Lawney shared the warranty request has been submitted to L3Harris, the parts are ready but the work has not yet been scheduled and the site is not yet accessible.

8. **800 MHZ USERS COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS** [Non-Action Item] – No discussion among 800 MHz Users Committee members will take place on this item. The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

- none

9. **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 800 MHz Users 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. Each person addressing the Committee shall give their first and last name. Comments are to be made to the 800 MHz Users Committee as a whole.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

10. **ADJOURNMENT** [Non-Action Item]

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.