

# WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

## *P25 Radio System Joint Operating Committee*

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

**\*\*Meeting Minutes\*\***

**Thursday, July 25, 2024**

**This meeting was scheduled to begin directly after the 800 MHz Joint Operating Committee meeting but not begin earlier than 10:30 a.m.**

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

**This meeting will be held at the physical location listed above and via teleconference, as provided below.**

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

Committee website: [https://www.washoecounty.gov/technology/board\\_committees/800mhz\\_joc](https://www.washoecounty.gov/technology/board_committees/800mhz_joc)

### **Committee Members**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Dave Cochran, City of Reno                             | Charles Moore, Truckee Meadows FPD                      |
| Craig Franden, City of Reno (Alternate)                | Chris Ketring, 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                              |
| Jarrod 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 10:30 a.m.



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### Present

- |   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| • City of Reno                              | Dave Cochran    |
| • City of Sparks                            | Derek Keller    |
| • North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District | Ryan Sommers    |
| • Reno-Sparks Indian Colony                 | John Hecimovich |
| • Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District  | Charlie Moore   |
| • Truckee Meadows Water Authority           | Ian Dasmann     |
| • UNR                                       | Ed Atwell       |
| • US Dept. of Veterans Affairs              | Byran Boren     |
| • Washoe County School District             | Tracy Moore     |

### Absent

- Nevada Air National Guard
- Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe
- Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority
- US DEA (vacant)
- Washoe County

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

### 2. INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROVIDING PUBLIC COMMENT VIA TEAMS/TELEPHONE [Non-Action Item].

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: 239 128 110 640, Passcode: 2abVjm or by telephone by dialing 775-325-0620 and entering Conference ID: 102 414 68#. 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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There was no response to the call for public comment; no emails had been submitted prior to the meeting.

4. **APPROVAL OF APRIL 18, 2024, 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. Dave Cochran, City of Reno, 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. **APPOINTMENT OF P25 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS** [For Possible Action] – Appoint three members to fill expired terms on the P25 Technical Advisory Committee each for a two-year term of July 16, 2024, to July 15, 2026.

| Agency         | Appointee     | Term   | Date Appointed by JOC | Term Expiration |
|----------------|---------------|--------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| City of Reno   | Robert Allen  | 2 year | 7/15/2022             | 7/16/2024       |
| City of Sparks | Keith Mullen  | 2 year | 7/15/2022             | 7/16/2024       |
| TMFPD          | Shane Akerson | 2 year | 1/25/2024             | 7/16/2024       |
| At-Large       | Shawn Tayler  | 2 year | 1/25/2024             | 7/16/2025       |
| Washoe County  | Jenn Felter   | 2 year | 1/25/2024             | 7/16/2025       |

Ed Atwell, UNR, moved to reappoint all three members with expired terms to a new term to expire July 15, 2026: Robert Allen, City of Reno; Keith Mullen, City of Sparks; Shane Akerson, TMFPD. Dave Cochran, City of Reno, provided the second. Agency representatives of the prospective appointees confirmed authorization. There was no Committee comment or response to the call for public comment. Upon a call for a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

6. **LOGICAL IDENTIFIER (LID) COST SUMMARY BY AGENCY** [Non-Action Item] – An update and discussion on Enhanced Digital Access Communications System (EDACS) unit/device Logical Identifiers (LIDs) and P25 Universal Identifiers (UIDs) on the system. *Melissa Lawney, Washoe County Technology Services*

Melissa Lawney, Washoe County Technology Services, reviewed the [presentation](#) for this item providing the current LID and radio counts per agency; the numbers provided are for assigned not necessarily active. There was discussion of how radios are charged for in each respective system. For the EDACS system, radio counts are determined by the number of active radios on the system the previous year. Once fully on the P25 system, the radio count will be based on the

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number of assigned LIDs. The number of active radios per agency will be shared in October. Those interested in a list of their agency’s active and assigned IDs can reach out to Ms. Lawney.

| <b>LID SUMMARY BY AGENCY</b>                 |                   |                |                          |
|--|-------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Agency</i>                                | <i>EDACS LIDS</i> | <i>P25 UID</i> | <i>Total # of Radios</i> |
| Reno Tahoe Airport Authority                 | 238               | 281            | 281                      |
| US Drug enforcement Agency                   | 24                | 24             | 24                       |
| Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe                    | 85                | 85             | 85                       |
| City of Reno                                 | 1083              | 1343           | 1343                     |
| Reno Sparks Indian Colony                    | 71                | 72             | 72                       |
| City of Sparks                               | 476               | 474            | 476                      |
| Truckee Meadows Fire & Rescue                | 348               | 331            | 348                      |
| Nevada System of Higher Education, UNR, TMCC | 78                | 78             | 78                       |
| North Lake Fire Protection District          | 102               | 101            | 102                      |
| US Department of Veteran's Affairs           | 22                | 22             | 22                       |
| Truckee Meadows Water Authority              | 104               | 104            | 104*                     |
| Washoe County School District                | 809               | 1076           | 1076                     |
| Air National Guard                           | 42                | 30             | 42                       |
| Washoe County                                | 1453              | 1611           | 1611                     |

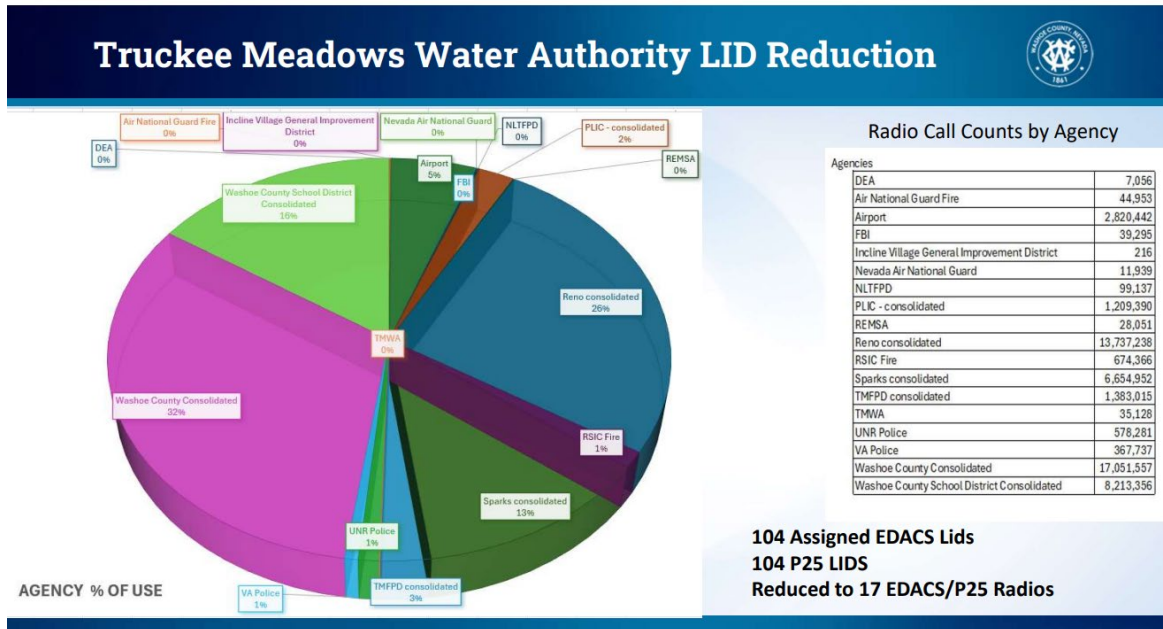
**7. TRUCKEE MEADOWS WATER AUTHORITY LOGICAL IDENTIFIER (LID) REDUCTION** [Non-Action Item] – An update and discussion on reduction of P25 LIDs on the system. *Melissa Lawney, Washoe County Technology Services*

Melissa Lawney, Washoe County Technology Services, reviewed the [presentation](#) for this item. It was clarified that it would be both UID and LIDs. While the reduction from 104 to 17 radios will occur now, TMWA will continue to pay the full amount for FY25; the FY26 budget will be impacted.

Ian Dasmann, TMWA, shared that the agency doesn’t use the radios day-to-day, and the reduction reflects the agency’s need for emergency management coverage.

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**8. P25 RADIO SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION GRANT FUNDING CONTRACTOR UPDATE [Non-Action Item]** – An update the services of a contractor to obtain grant for the construction of P25 Radio communication sites. *Quinn Korbolic, Washoe County Technology Services*

Quinn Korbolic, Washoe County Technology Services, introduced Jayne Leighton to review the [presentation](#) and provide an update on this item. A two-year contract was signed with Lexipol for their GrantFinder user subscription and grant writing services for one grant. Searches will focus on the following:

- Interoperable communications
- School safety
- Traffic and highway safety

Several grants have been reviewed and considered but none have yet been applied for. There is discussion on the potential to partner with other agencies.

Ed Atwell, UNR, voiced concern with the potential to be disqualified from grants if there is already identified budget. He requested the Committee members be notified when a grant is being considered and/or applied for.

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9. **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, Washoe County Technology Services*

Melissa Lawney, Washoe County Technology Services, reviewed the [presentation](#) for this item focusing on the Region 1 successes, the temporary solution for the Incline/Biltmore site, the new Red Peak lease agreement, Region 2 updates; and the project pause. P25 sound quality has been reported to be crisp and a vast improvement. Nevada Highway Patrol has been happy with the coverage. Different than analogue, there isn't a noticeable degradation to indicate when a radio is close to the edge of coverage, so efforts are underway to identify where those boundaries are for the new system.

A project pause is being planned for as there aren't sites ready yet for L3Harris to work on before the end of the building season. Work is planned to resume in May. The pause reduces the cost of keeping L3Harris staff available without work to do for the project. Planned construction and programming activities such as one-touch, mobile and microwave installations, aren't impacted. This will also allow time to continue work on lease agreements and permitting activities.

Chair Moore expressed frustration with the delays compromising public safety.

10. **UPDATE ON THE P25 RADIO SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION, CONSTRUCTION COSTS, AND DISCUSSION OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ADDENDUM TO ADDRESS CONSTRUCTION COST INCREASES** [For Possible Action] – An update and discussion of construction costs for the P25 greenfield radio sites, including but not limited to discussion of possible funding sources to cover increased construction costs; discussion of prioritizing construction activities for the P25 system, which could include the recommendation to prioritize radio site construction for the Ash Field, Smokey Quartz, and Seven Lakes radio sites; and discussion of the status of the draft Addendum to the Washoe County P25 Radio System Interlocal Agreement of June 2020, which could include discussion of the draft Addendum's terms. *Quinn Korbolic, Washoe County Technology Services*

Quinn Korbolic, Washoe County Technology Services, reviewed the [presentation](#) and draft [Interlocal](#) for this item focusing on the draft addendum, its timeline for review and approval; and projected agency amounts moving forward with and without the Ash Field site. Without the Ash Field site, the cost overrun is expected to be \$3.6 million to be split out with over two years; \$5.9 million with the Ash Field site. At the last meeting, Ash Field was prioritized third after the Smokey Quartz and Seven Lakes sites. It was clarified that the per agency cost allocation would be based on the number of assigned radio IDs, not active radios. Proposed budget amounts include \$500,000 for contingency to provide flexibility for future cost overruns before needed to consider another addendum. Staff will return to the Committee before moving into use of the contingency amount. Three different payment options will be available. There is approximately \$810,000 available in the Infrastructure Fund that can be considered for use.

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Dave Cochran, City of Reno, asked if L3Harris was helping to absorb the cost overrun; and voiced concern with not being able to assure the Reno City Council that costs are going to be contained moving forward. Mr. Korbolic indicated the original contract provided a fixed cost for equipment but not time and materials. A budget was provided for anticipated scope changes but not nearly enough to cover the substantial changes discovered such as the need for solar for Seven Lakes and a retaining wall for Red Peak. There was discussion of the potential to seek grant funding during the construction pause and the need to accomplish the coverage agreed to with the State of Nevada and NV Energy.

Ed Atwell, UNR, indicated his agency would prefer to go with the lesser amount. There was concern from Committee members about not being in a position on budget obligations to their respective agencies. It was requested that the revised Addendum be distributed in advance of the next meeting.

Mr. Korbolic cautioned that any potential grant funding would not likely cover the full amount. He recommended the Committee identify, no later than October, which sites to move forward with. Ms. Lawney reminded the Committee constructing four sites in one summer would be a lot to accomplish.

Ed Atwell, UNR, moved to move forward with construction of Smokey Quartz and Seven Lakes and not the Ash Field site. Charlie Moore, TMFPD, provided the second. There was no response to the call for public comment. Upon a vote, the motion carried seven in favor, two opposed (Dave Cochran, City of Reno and Tracy Moore, WCSD).

Member Cochran shared the City of Reno wasn't necessarily opposed to considering including the Ash Field site but he felt it was too early to make that commitment. Chair Moore echoed those sentiments adding his agency's need to focus on what's most important for the school sites and with funding largely coming from the State, increased funding would impact other school expenditures.

**11. 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 October 17, 2024.**

- Changes - Negotiation of NV Energy and State on L3Harris updates; offering to participate in discussions; frustration of having existing contract that is not being adhered to. & want memberships to be able to provide input if helpful/needed.
- NDOT Status update for rest of system
- System Outage (from 800 MHz)
- Adjust to 10:15 a.m. start

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There was no response to the call for public comment.

### **13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

**Approved as written in Session October 17, 2024.**