

**MEETING MINUTES  
SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION  
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE  
MARCH 11, 2004**

**In attendance:**

Rick Holmes, Alternate, Clark County  
Fred Smith, Vice Chair, Clark County School District  
Gregory Rose, City of North Las Vegas  
Phil Speight, City of Henderson  
Doug Selby, City of Las Vegas  
Vicki Mayes, Boulder City

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**Agenda Item 1. Call to order, notice of agenda conformance with the Open Meeting Law.**

Rick Holmes called to order the meeting of the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition Technical Committee at 4:05 p.m., on Thursday, March 11, 2004, in Mead Conference Room #2, at the Las Vegas Valley Water District, 1001 South Valley View, Las Vegas, Nevada 89153.

The Agenda for the March 11, 2004, meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

**Agenda Item 2. Approval of the Agenda for March 11, 2004.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the March 11, 2004, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Minutes from the January 8, 2004, meeting.**

A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 4. Receive a report on the SNWA's Impact of a Growth Interruption in Southern Nevada report; take any necessary action.**

Each member received a copy of The Impact of a Growth Interruption Southern Nevada Executive Summary (Exhibit A). Consultants Guy Hobbs, representing Hobbs, Ong & Associates, and Jeremy Aguero, representing Applied Analysis, gave the report. Hobbs, Ong & Associates (HOA) was retained by the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) to review and analyze the economic impacts of a growth interruption in Southern Nevada. The consultants presented an outline of their findings, an overview of the project and an introduction to the analysis undertaken. Topics covered in their presentation included the following: 1) General Economic Overview which included population, employment and unemployment, income and earnings, gross regional product and output, and development; 2) Literature Review which included Southern Nevada and a normal growth curve, the nature of growth, the impact of rapid decline and the impact of growth limitations; 3) Comparative Analysis: Slow-growing vs. Fast-growing Regions; 4) Baseline Impact Considerations which included economic impacts, fiscal impacts; and social impact considerations. 5) Conditional Impact Assessment which included findings in summary, analyzing the impact of growth interruption, and other conditional consideration. Mr. Hobbs concluded, stating that one thing that became obvious is that the fiscal structure of the State of Nevada is that "As Clark County goes so goes the rest of the state". The fiscal system of the state is heavily dependent upon not only Clark County doing well because of interdependencies that exist within rural areas and Clark County for funding of basic programs

because they lack the depth and berth of economy that exists in Southern Nevada, but also the types of revenue that the state has become dependent on such as gaming. Gaming revenue has been declining on a per capita inflation adjusted basis. This decline leads to some of the discussions at the last Legislative session regarding topics such as tax revenues and structural deficits. One third of the funding at the state level and one third of the funding at the local level comes from sales tax revenue. Sales tax revenue directly links to discretionary income and discretionary income is directly linked to employment. Therefore, when there is talk about cutting out a certain sector of the economy, whether it is thought about directly as the construction sector, which could be between 10% and 15% of the total economy on a direct basis, the linkage to the fiscal impact is substantial.

After the presentation no action was taken on this item. Mr. Speight suggested forwarding this item to the Coalition Board; therefore, a motion was made to forward this item to the Coalition Board's March 25, 2004, meeting. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Jon Wardlaw, Clark County, informed the members that Commissioner Williams's intent is to have this item heard by the Coalition Board also and is preparing a letter to the members of the Coalition Board in that regard.

**Agenda Item 5. Receive a report on the proposed interim and comprehensive plan for regional homelessness; direct staff accordingly.**

Each member received a copy of the 2004 Continuum of Care Process and Regulatory Requirements (Exhibit B); The Nominees for the Regional Committee on Housing and Human Services and Committee Policies and Procedures (Exhibit C); The 2004 Southern Nevada Process for the Federal Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition Applicant Preference Point Self-Scoring Worksheet (Exhibit D); and The Regional Homeless Services Funding Needs (Exhibit E). Paula Haynes Green, Clark County, informed the members that Continuum Care competition was not a success for the community for 2003. The community lost 2.6 million dollars in homeless assistance funding. To remedy the situation for the next competition, the community has been charged with developing a permanent continuum of care committee and devising a project priority scoring system. Also, staff has worked to find funding for the homeless management system HMIS and to conduct a homeless count. These two issues were deficits in the 2003 CoC application. Ms. Haynes Green stated that during today's Technical Committee on Homelessness meeting, the committee agreed to a name change to the Committee on Homelessness in an effort to not be confused with the Technical Committee. The Committee on Homelessness approved the plan to adopt the CoC Committee, along with the policies and procedures that are outlined in Exhibit C. The Committee also reviewed the funding that has been tentatively committed for the HMIS system and the homeless count. Referring to Exhibit E, Ms. Haynes Green stated that the HMIS is scheduled to be forwarded to the Coalition Board for approval on March 25, 2004. However, staff is also seeking to have Exhibits C and D forwarded to the Coalition Board for approval at their March 25, 2004, meeting. Answering a question posed by Mr. Rose, Ms. Haynes Green informed the members that the CoC Committee's first responsibility will be to oversee the 2004 Continuum of Care competition and they will publish all the rules and regulations when the HUD Notice of Funding Available (NOFA) is published. Ms. Haynes Green recommended that the HMIS system and the Community Assistance Center be on the Coalition Board's agenda for March 25, 2004.

After discussion, a motion was made to approve the recommended CoC Committee and the policies and procedures process. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

A motion was made to forward the HMIS system and the Community Assistance Center items to the Coalition Board's next agenda. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 6. Discussion on the Clark County Growth Management Initiative, coordination and scheduling opportunities; direct staff accordingly.**

Mr. Holmes stated that this item was placed on today's agenda, not for content, but for process. Each jurisdiction has been involved in some degree in the basic concept and idea of what the Board of Clark County Commissioners has included in the Growth Initiative. Progress has been made to appoint a seventeen member community growth task force; however, the task force has not yet met. Their first meeting is being proposed to be held on March 30, 2004. Mr. Holmes stated there is a need to keep fully integrated and coordinated with the SNRPC during the process. It is anticipated that an update and status report will be forward to the SNRPC at each of their meetings. The planning directors support the Technical Committee and the Technical Committee supports the Coalition Board. Mr. Holmes asked for recommendations on the best way to make use of resources and to make sure information flows and coordination works effectively. One option is to invite the planning directors to get together to meet and interact with all of the other participants in the process. Mr. Speight suggested waiting to see what the opinions of the Coalition Board are at the March 25, 2004, meeting regarding their role in the process.

After discussion, the members agreed to forward this item to the Coalition Board's next agenda.

**Agenda Item 7. Approve the proposed SNRPC Work Plan for FY 2004-2005; take any necessary action.**

Each member received a copy of the SNRPC Work Plan FY 2004-2005 (Exhibit F). Edward James, SNRPC Planner, informed the members that the items that were designated for last year's tasks are forwarded to this year's plan with the amount of progress that has been made on each. The 2004-2005 Work Plan has been prepared to reflect specific regional policies that were adopted in the regional policy plan. There are a total of ten tasks identified. Three are external and the other seven will be done internally or with in-kind contributed services. Mr. James gave a summary stating that the website, as an internal task, will be revised to make it more useable and interactive to the community. Regarding external tasks, the most expensive is the preparation of a conservation and open space plan.

After the report a motion was made to approve the SNRPC Work Plan for FY 2004-2005. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 8. Approve the SNRPC Draft Budget FY 2004-2005; take any necessary action.**

Each member received a copy of the SNRPC Draft Budget FY 2004-2005 (Exhibit G). Mr. James stated that the vast majority of the carryover from last year's budget is his salary due to his employment with the SNRPC beginning in February of this year. The budget proposes \$185,000 for consultant fees to complete three projects, with the largest project being the open space study. The net amount to the Coalition entities is less than last year's budget.

A motion was made to approve the SNRPC Draft Budget for FY 2004-2005. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 9. Set the agenda for the March 25, 2004, SNRPC Board Meeting.**

The members agreed that the agenda for the March 25, 2004, SNRPC Board meeting would include Agenda Items 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8.

A motion was made to accept the items listed to be forwarded to the SNRPC Coalition Board's March 25, 2004, agenda.

**Agenda Item 10. The next date and location for the Technical Committee meeting is tentatively set for May 13, 2004, 4:00 p.m., at Clark County.**

The Technical Committee meeting date, time, and location was approved accordingly.

**Agenda Item 11. Public Comment.**

There was no public comment.

**Agenda Item 12. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.