



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *September 21, 2021*

**DATE:** Thursday, September 16, 2021

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Kelly Echeverria, Washoe County Emergency Manager, Office of the  
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**THROUGH:** Eric Brown

**SUBJECT:** Presentation by Kelly Echeverria, Washoe County Emergency  
Manager, on the Emergency Management Accreditation Program  
(EMAP); and acceptance of a Plaque in recognition of EMAP  
Accreditation. (All Commission Districts)

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### **SUMMARY**

Presentation by Kelly Echeverria, Washoe County Emergency Manager, on the  
Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP); and acceptance of a Plaque in  
recognition of EMAP Accreditation.

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Safe, Secure and Healthy  
Communities.

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

On November 10, 2015, the Board of County Commissioners accepted a presentation by  
Aaron Kenneston, Washoe County Emergency Manager, and an EMAP Commissioner,  
on the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP); and accepted a Plaque  
in recognition of EMAP Accreditation.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP), is an independent non-  
profit organization that fosters excellence and accountability in Emergency Management  
and Homeland Security Programs. It establishes credible standards applied in a peer  
review accreditation process. This process helps programs create safer communities  
through measurable standards of excellence for Emergency Management programs. The  
Emergency Management Standard by EMAP is a set of 66 standards by which programs  
that apply for EMAP accreditation are evaluated. The Emergency Management Standard  
is designed as a tool for continuous improvement as part of the voluntary accreditation  
process for local, state, federal, higher education and tribal Emergency Management  
programs.

**AGENDA ITEM #** \_\_\_\_\_

Washoe County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Program completed the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) process and was found to be compliant in all 66 standards during the virtual review. An EMAP board commissioner is presenting the County with an accreditation Plaque.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Accept the presentation by Kelly Echeverria, Washoe County Emergency Manager, on the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) Program; and acceptance of a Plaque in recognition of EMAP Accreditation.

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the board agree with the staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be:

*Move to accept the presentation by Kelly Echeverria, Washoe County Emergency Manager, on the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) Program; and accept a Plaque in recognition of EMAP Accreditation.*