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Minutes of the  
July 18, 2013 meeting of the  
State Interagency Hazard Mitigation Team

Meeting location: This meeting was held in Room 172 of the Donald N. Anderson Readiness Center in Salem (across the hall from the OMD, Office of Emergency Management).

The following people participated in the meeting:

Oregon Partnership for Disaster Resilience (OPDR)	Josh Bruce
	Michael Howard
DAS, Risk Management	Bret West
Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)	Chuck Leonard
Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM)	Mark Wallace
Dept. of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI)	Rachel Smith
	Yumei Wang
Dept. of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD)	Matt Crall
	Marian Lahav
	Steve Lucker
	Lisa Pepper
	Chris Shirley
OMD, Office of Emergency Management (OEM)	Jeff Greiner
	Bev Hall
	Althea Rizzo
	Dennis Sigrist
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD)	Kyle Jansson
Public Utility Commission (PUC)	Rick Carter
Oregon Dept. of Transportation (ODOT)	Greg Ek-Collins
Water Resources Department (WRD)	Alyssa Mucken

The following were distributed during the meeting:

- *Revised Meeting Agenda*
- *Revised Minutes* of April 18, 2013 meeting (agenda item #2)
- *OR NHMP New Risk Assessment Methodology Update* (agenda item #3.a)
- *2015 Oregon NHMP Update Progress Report* (agenda item #3.b)
- *Oregon's Energy Sector Vulnerability to Cascadia Earthquakes* (agenda item #5)
- *Fiscal Year 2013 Hazard Mitigation Assistance Guidance* (agenda item #7.c)

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- 1) Dennis Sigrist, chairperson, opened the meeting at 9:00 with introductions.
- 2) The revised minutes from the April 18 meeting were accepted.

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### 3) Oregon NHMP (our standing agenda item)

Risk Assessment Update: Lisa and Josh gave a presentation on the new risk assessment methodology. The history of the RASC (Risk Assessment Sub-Committee) to the State IHMT was explained. The RASC is interested in producing a methodology that includes integrated analysis, vulnerability of place approach, accessibility to the data (for instance if communities are unable to use GIS formats), and being flexible as to adapt over time. Steve and Lisa are starting on the data acquisition and cataloguing step.

Josh talked about the model developed by UO/InfoGraphics and going forward with testing the feasibility in July-August. Three goals were listed: being transparent, learning from each other, and sensitivity (granularity). A chart was shown. Dennis mentioned this follows the same process as a benefit/cost analysis concept.

Rick asked about data that is protected. Josh said that is something that needs to be looked at. More discussion will be held at the next meeting of this State IHMT subcommittee on August 5 at OEM. Regarding questions as to why this model was chosen, Josh said that there is no “out of the box” model. All states have to adapt the model for their best use. Lisa talked about all of the other states that were looked at and assessments done. Chris said that this model has a feature that shows correlations embedded, unlike other models. Lisa said that the “take home” is looking for funding.

Marian then gave a presentation on the update to the Oregon NHMP for March 2015 adoption. She outlined the 2015 plan goals, and talked about DLCDC efforts to make the plan into a living document. The goals can be summarized around: coordinate, streamline, prioritize, improve, inform, and advance. Marian showed the project website, which is a piece of the DLCDC website. There is the ability to sign-up for updates to the page (via a list-serve). The next steps are **updating** GovSpace, work on the hazards chapters, **climate** change integration, and updating and refining the mitigation actions.

### 4) Update on local mitigation planning

Michael and Josh provided an update the local mitigation planning in which OPDR is involved. Most of the colleges’ plans have been FEMA approved. It was noted that PSU and OSU chose not to participate. Dennis said that there is a big push now since the subgrant ends August 31.

### 5) Oregon’s energy sector’s vulnerability to Cascadia earthquakes

Yumei, DOGAMI, gave a presentation and provided a summary handout. She passed around a DOGAMI report titled *Earthquake Risk Study for Oregon’s Critical Energy Infrastructure Hub* which was part of a project involving ODOE, OPUC, and DOGAMI. It shows the significant vulnerabilities in the energy sector, especially in the “hub” located on the lower Willamette River in Portland. To build resilience, recommendations were given to OSSPAC for the *Oregon Resilience Plan*, which is to be implemented via a 17 member task group, which has been charged with developing an implementation plan by late 2014.

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6) Legislative Recap

Greg, ODOT, summarized Senate Bill 33, which created the above mentioned task force. Rick talked about House Bill 2893, an energy initiative.

7) Other business

Dennis announced the staff changes at OEM, and those in progress of being filled.

The Rapid Assessment Flooding Tool (RAFT) was discussed. It includes three U.S. Army Corps of Engineers grants for flood warning systems. Dennis also mentioned a FEMA grant being used in Salem and Marion County for flood warning. It can tie into RAFT.

Dennis announced that OEM staff is busy preparing for a FEMA disaster monitoring visit to be held the next week.

He then handed out an email he received from FEMA regarding PDM and FMA applications for funding. The application period begins on July 19, 2013 and closes on October 18, 2013. Planning is a big priority. If anyone has ideas or comments, Dennis asked that he be contacted. OEM is the applicant for FMA/PDM – everyone else is a subgrantee. Applications for fundable and feasible projects were encouraged.

Dennis said that a post-meeting meeting today will focus on EHP<sup>1</sup> review and cultural resources.

8) Discuss/develop possible agenda items for October meeting

Those present discussed whether to lengthen State IHMT meetings or hold them more often than quarterly. There was a tentative decision to lengthen them. There was also discussion on overlap between groups such as various task groups, OSSPAC, IHMT, etc. Jeff, OEM Private/Public Community Affairs Liaison, mentioned that part of the next meeting will be during the Great Oregon Shakeout.

9) Public comment

There were no members of the general public present to comment.

10) Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

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<sup>1</sup> EHP is environmental and historic preservation