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Minutes of the
July 17, 2014 meeting of the
State Interagency Hazard Mitigation Team

Meeting location: This meeting was held in the State Emergency Coordination Center (ECC) within the Donald N. Anderson Readiness Center in Salem.

The following people participated in the meeting:

Oregon Partnership for Disaster Resilience (OPDR)	Josh Bruce Michael Howard Sarah Allison (student) Emily Kettell (student) Elizabeth Miller (student)
Department of Administrative Services (DAS)	Darrin Brightman Daniel Christensen (on telephone)
Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)	Ryan Scholz Madeline Benoit (intern)
DCBS, Insurance Division	Kevin Jeffries
Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)	Don Pettit (on telephone)
Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM)	Claire McGrew
Dept. of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI)	Rachel Smith
OHA – Oregon Public Health Division	Jere High
Dept. of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD)	Matt Crall Marian Lahav Chris Shirley Bill Ryan
Department of State Lands	Sean McCormick
OMD, Office of Emergency Management (OEM)	Joseph Murray Dennis Sigrist
Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)	Greg Ek-Collins
Public Utility Commission (PUC)	Rick Carter
Water Resources Department (WRD)	Alyssa Mucken
Benton County Emergency Management	Eric Rau Krystle Garcia (intern)
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)	D. Leslie (Les) Miller
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)	Brett Holt (on telephone)

The following were distributed during or prior to the meeting:

- *Meeting agenda*
- *Revised minutes of the April 17, 2014 meeting (agenda item #2)*
- Oregon NHMP handout with a first page titled *Table of Contents* (agenda item #3)

[Email joseph.murray@state.or.us for a copy of one or more meeting handouts.]

1) Introductions

Dennis opened the meeting at 9:03 a.m. with telephone and microphone instructions, followed by introductions.

2) Action on revised minutes of April 17 meeting

A revised draft had been distributed by email on June 18. The minutes were considered acceptable as revised.

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3) Oregon NHMP, 2015 preliminary draft

Marian led off by thanking the many people who have been helping with the Oregon NHMP update. She noted that DLCD doing this plan update “in half the time with one-quarter of the budget of the previous update.” She provided an Oregon NHMP handout with pages titled: *Table of Contents* and *NEXT STEPS*. She also displayed on the screen a document entitled *2015 Oregon Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Risk Assessment DRAFT v.02*.

Marian went through the *Table of Contents* handout (red, yellow, and green text shows things that are, respectively: not yet available; in process; and included in the current draft). She noted that there is a parallel process occurring to update the “enhanced” portions of the plan. Dennis later noted that this part of the plan also comes with a “FEMA report card” on the state’s program management capability. This includes both financial grants management, and environmental and historic preservation (EHP) provisions. We have made good progress on the former and are working on the latter. Dennis notes that a big piece of this is the need to be adequately staffed. He said that Matt and Sean plan to work on this challenge during the Oregon Legislature’s 2015 Session. Matt and Sean confirmed this, and Sean noted that it will be hard to regain enhanced status without additional staff.

Josh noted that local governments also are greatly lacking in mitigation staff resources and wonders if OEM or DLCD plan to take this up with the Oregon Legislature? Sean noted that this is not in our Legislative Concepts (LCs), but will likely become part of testimony if/when the LCs come before committees in the Oregon Legislature. Matt noted that DLCD plans to ask for additional money to help local communities, especially rural local communities to better implement their overall comprehensive plans.

Marian explained that the material that had been in the hazard chapters has been moved to other portions of the plan. “We plan to drop-in the THIRA¹ like we have done in the recent past.” There will be a changes document that shows how the plan has changed since 2012.

She then highlighted new information on climate change. Brett noted that FEMA is developing guidance on how to address this, and that there will be an opportunity for comment, probably sometime within the next six months. Dennis asked, “Will this affect the current update?” Brett said, “No – there will be a long time period before it becomes effective.”

Marian noted that DLCD is working with OPRD and OEM on new material on cultural resources, and also noted new work being led by ODOT on lifelines that will be included.

She then showed an example of how the regional profiles and “success stories” will look. Marian further indicated that she will provide a template for new success stories to be developed by State IHMT agencies for things that should be highlighted since 2012. She then showed an example of how information on local NHMP status will be included in the state plan. She emphasized work needed from State IHMT members on the mitigation action table.

She noted that the DLCD staff are having trouble with images, and are likely to ask State IHMT members for the original image files.

Marian said that DLCD wants to make the plan more Internet friendly, more of a living document on the Internet. There will be an outward facing public version and inward facing State IHMT version that our players can go in and edit and add to as things happen and change. She said that the current plan is about 1,200 pages. One of DLCD’s goals for the 2015 version of the plan was to streamline it, but with all the material being added, that may not work-out.

Dennis noted that FEMA has changed the state NHMP update cycle from three to five years, so we automatically gained two years. At the very least, we have gained some wiggle room. Marian noted that we do have contractual obligations tied to the grant funding source. Dennis indicates that this likely could be extended for up to one year.

Dennis noted how **fortunate** Oregon is to have the State IHMT; many other states are not so fortunate to have a standing body like the State IHMT.

¹ THIRA is Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment.

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4) Grant updates

a) Roll-out of HMGP² for FEMA-4169-DR-OR³

Dennis gave a brief update on his work with consumer owned utilities in the five declared counties to develop good applications for this HMGP offering.

b) HMGP “1733” and FMA⁴ 2009 project close-out by the end of this year

Likewise, Dennis gave a very brief update on efforts underway to “close-out” grants provided on HMGP for FEMA-1733-DR-OR and FMA 2009.

c) PDM⁵13

Dennis noted complications the FEMA delay in funding of this grant has caused, especially in Lincoln County where the plan may expire before a project gets funded.

d) PDM14 and FMA14

Dennis talked about FMA work with Linn County on an severe repetitive loss (SRL) property (a grant application resubmission); and about the six counties with which OPDR plans to work under a PDM14 grant, to include cities within Deschutes County which have not previously had FEMA-approved plans. Chris talked about mitigation planning work DLCD is to facilitate with PDM14 grant funding with Tillamook County and its cities; as well as the cities of Albany and Medford.

The non-participation of the City of Tualatin was noted; this has occurred despite considerable outreach by OEM and DLCD. Josh came back to lack of capacity at the local government level, but also noted that we end-up helping these communities all the same if there is an event. Josh noted that the challenge with McMinnville has long been capacity. Les indicated that local communities are looking for templates or examples. Dennis noted that both FEMA and OPDR provide great guidance and tools. Dennis then said that local communities really need to buy into the process of mitigation planning. Josh added that OPDR has a solid template and the holes that need to be filled require a good public process. Les noted that an education process with the local planning departments might help. Chris said that Central Point also declined state help, but because they felt they can do what needs to be done in the area of mitigation without being tied to the constraints of the federal funding.

Dennis noted that OSU has also come on-board with a very strong PDM application for their main campus and satellite campuses. He then mentioned a project proposed by Portland and DOGAMI that includes better LIDAR characterization of risks.

5) Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act (IPERA)

Dennis said if you haven’t been touched by this yet, you likely will be. That was the extent of this agenda item.

6) Other business

Matt noted that Chris has been appointed to the FEMA Technical Mapping Advisory Committee. Chris said she does not intend to do this alone and generally asked for help.

² HMGP is Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

³ This and other entries like it are Presidential major disaster declaration numbers.

⁴ FMA is Flood Mitigation Assistance.

⁵ PDM is Pre-Disaster Mitigation, a FEMA grant program.

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Les expressed his appreciation for being able to be involved in the State IHMT meeting today. He noted that when he works with local **communities** on their flood hazard, he always points **them** to their mitigation plans first. Les also noted the good work being done by “Silver Jackets” [the State IHMT’s Flood Mitigation Subcommittee]. Les also noted the whole community approach.

Dennis mentioned one billion dollars in HUD money that he has been tracking for a couple of weeks now that is likely to turn into a resiliency grant program. Yesterday Dennis learned that this is to be a two-phase process with the first phase involving essentially a risk assessment. Dennis says we will work with Business Oregon, and that Reedsport is a possible candidate for this funding. Josh noted that the White House made an announcement yesterday about a new climate based resilience initiative that includes, but is not limited to, this HUD money. It includes a mitigation task force at the federal level. It also includes new NOAA money (\$1.5 million competitive), and EPA and CDC money.

Dennis noted that OEM has two projects going in Benton County, one of which involved moving a big home on its property from an area inside the floodplain to an area well outside of the floodplain.

Chris talked about a Silver Jackets project just funded to do a specific building risk assessment project in the Lents Neighborhood in Portland’s (Johnson Creek) Foster Road area.

Brett noted that FEMA plans to have a booth this weekend at an event in Portland.

Dennis gave a brief update on the fire situation around the state and noted that as soon as this meeting ends, OEM is going to move toward setting-up the ECC for a possible activation.

7) Discuss/develop possible agenda items for October meeting

Joseph noted that there are already four agenda commitments for the October 16 meeting:

- Our standing agenda item on the Oregon NHMP;
- DLCD (Marian and Lisa) want to revisit the topic of prioritizing our hazards;
- DOGAMI (Yumei) wants to talk about the Top-10 priority needs on liquefaction and lateral spreading; and
- OEM (Sean) wants DLCD to do an update on the proposed new Oregon Risk Assessment Model.

Josh noted that the October meeting would be prime time to look at the *Oregon Resiliency Plan* recommendations to the 2015 Oregon Legislative Session because those are due in the same timeframe. Dennis encouraged State IHMT members to email Joseph with additional agenda requests.

8) Public comment

No members of the general public were present, so there was no public comment.

9) Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.