



## OEM May Briefs May 2014

### **February Winter Storm Update (DR-4169)**

OEM received 31 requests for Public Assistance from the disaster declared counties of Benton, Lane, Lincoln and Linn. The requests came from an array of state and local government agencies as well as consumer owned utilities and other non-profit organizations. FEMA has completed all Public Assistance kickoff meetings transitioning into the development of project worksheets. Project worksheets are the basis for obtaining reimbursement costs from FEMA. The cost of DR-4169 is currently estimated by FEMA at \$7.95 million, which is very close to the estimate developed by OEM during the disaster declaration request process. OEM and FEMA are also coordinating with local entities on project applications for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The purpose of these projects is to reduce the cost of future disasters through effective mitigation of identified risks.

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### **Homeland Security Grant Workshops**

OEM is releasing its Homeland Security Grant Program State guidance and application package on June 2, 2014. Applications are due to OEM by 5:00 pm on Friday, August 1, 2014. OEM is offering the following dates, times and locations to receive additional technical assistance, as noted below:

#### **Grant Roadshow dates and locations:**

##### **Wednesday, June 11**

**Salem:** State Emergency Coordination Center (OEM)  
3225 State Street, Rm. 115  
9:00 – 12:00

- **Tuesday, June 17**

**Beaverton:** Beaverton Library Auditorium, 12375 SW 5th Street  
9:00 – 12:00

**Medford:** Jackson County Sheriff's Office Justice Center  
5179 Crater Lake Hwy  
9:00 – 12:00

- **Wednesday, June 18**

**Pendleton:** Umatilla County Sheriff's Office Justice Center  
4700 NE Pioneer Place  
9:00 – 12:00

**Roseburg:** Roseburg Public Safety Center South Umpqua Room  
700 SE Douglas  
9:00 – 12:00

- **Thursday, June 19**

**Bend:** Deschutes County 9-1-1  
20355 Pose Sholes Drive  
9:00 – 12:00

**Eugene:** Serbu Center  
Lane County Juvenile Justice Center (Carmichael Room)  
2727 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd  
1:30 – 4:00 pm

Please RSVP at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3ZGKB5C> include your name, agency, and which training you plan on attending.

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### **Oregon Drought Status**

The Water Availability Committee (WAC) and the Drought Council met on May 13 to discuss the current status of water conditions in the state. Despite rainfall in April, southern Oregon counties remain extremely dry and in severe status, likely unable to make up the water deficit before summer. Conditions in other parts of the state improved, but are still in drought status. Following the WAC meeting, the Drought Council unanimously approved to support and recommend a state drought emergency declaration by the Governor for Grant, Wheeler and Josephine counties. This brings the current drought declared counties to nine: Crook, Grant, Harney, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Malheur, and Wheeler. There are currently no pending county drought requests awaiting deliberation.

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### **Oregon Resilience Plan Implementation Task Force Update**

Senate Bill 33, passed during the 2013 Legislative session, called for the formation of the Governor's taskforce to create a plan to implement the findings from the Oregon Resilience Plan (Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission). This plan will be presented to the State Legislature in October 2014. The group was tasked with developing a comprehensive and robust plan to implement the strategic vision and roadmap of the Oregon Resilience Plan for responding to consequences of naturally occurring seismic events associated with geologic shift along the Cascadia subduction zone by making recommendations about:

- Education and training of community leaders in emergency management and resilience practices.
- Coordination of investments in equipment, facilities and systems critical for enhanced resilience and survivability in the near, intermediate and far terms.

Seventeen members were appointed by the Governor's Office. Starting in December 2013, they have met six times on the first Monday of each month, with four months remaining. Meetings are focused on establishing a process to gather information

required to make recommendations, narrowing down the proposed recommendations to those deemed most important to accomplish.

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### **Wildfire Mitigation Project**

OEM, FEMA and representatives from the counties of Crook, Deschutes and Klamath held a kickoff meeting in May regarding the Environmental Assessment (EA) process associated with a wildfire mitigation project. The wildfire mitigation project was selected for federal funding through the 2010 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant program with the goal of reducing the overall risk associated with wildfire on a mixture of publicly and privately owned land in each of the three counties. The first phase of the project is the completion of an EA which is being conducted by a FEMA contracted consultant. The EA is estimated to take between six and twelve months to complete. Upon EA completion, and once the project funding is obligated by FEMA, the three counties will be able to implement their projects. Total federal investment in this wildfire mitigation project is approximately \$3 million with a two year period of performance. OEM is the grantee responsible for monitoring project progress/performance and providing reimbursement to the sub-grantee.

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### **FEMA IMAT Exercise Scheduled**

The 2014 Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT) Academy Capstone 2 Full Scale Exercise will be held Sept. 16, 2014. This exercise will be a Level II response event based on a tsunami generated from an earthquake in Japan. The intent of this exercise is to mobilize the new 12-member FEMA Region X IMAT to the State of Oregon ECC to coordinate initial response actions with state counterparts. The goal of the exercise is to assist IMAT development and their understanding of State operations while providing a cost effective training opportunity for both Region X and the State.

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### **Race the Wave Event Scheduled in Cannon Beach**

The OEM Public Information Office is coordinating with FEMA, Clatsop County, City of Cannon Beach, and other private, public and non-profit agencies to hold an event called "Race the Wave". "Race the Wave" is a 5K fun run/walk along a tsunami route in Cannon Beach that will end at the city's supply cache where there will also be an emergency preparedness fair. The fair is part of a focused effort to promote disaster preparedness and awareness of tsunami warnings and evacuation routes on the Oregon Coast. "Race The Wave" will highlight tsunami evacuation routes in the Cannon Beach area by challenging participants to complete the run/walk race course which utilizes the official evacuation routes for tsunami warnings in Cannon Beach. The Preparedness Fair will run concurrently with the race with exhibitors and partners sharing personal, family, and community preparedness information. The event is scheduled for Sept. 28, 2014.

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## **RAPTOR Program Updates**

The RAPTOR program provides valuable visual data to emergency managers and critical infrastructure owners and operators throughout Oregon. Recent updates during the last month include:

- BETA testing of the iRAPTOR Damage Assessment Field Reporter tool with representatives from county, state, and tribal jurisdictions. The Damage Assessment Data Reviewer tool will be tested in early June.
- Created webpage to distribute applications from OEM as they relate to damage assessment and other associated tools.
- Coordination with Lane Community College and Althea Rizzo on the Island Mapping Project – to produce data that would demonstrate areas isolated in a Cascadia Subduction Zone and Tsunami event that could be displayed in the RAPTOR program.

There will be ongoing coordination with federal, state, local and private partners to load additional beneficial data and enhance the user experience. OEM encourages all stakeholders to share data and learn how to use the free RAPTOR program (training available upon request).

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## **OEM Hiring Processes**

OEM is currently in the process of filling vacancies of several positions. The following positions are either new positions or currently vacant:

- **Administrative Specialist 1 (Grants Assistant)** – We are pleased to announce that **Genevieve Ziebell** has joined our team in the Plans and Training section as the Grants Assistant. Welcome Genevieve!
- **Office Assistant 2 (Technology and Response Section)** – Closed March 23. In process.
- **Information System Specialist 3 (9-1-1 Database Analyst)** – Closed March 25. In Process.
- **Program Analyst 4 (Emergency Management Program Analyst)** – Closed March 27. In Process.
- **Information System Specialist 8 (Next Gen 9-1-1 Project Manager)** - Closed April 14. In Process.
- **Information System Specialist 7 (DBA Application Developer)** – Closed on April 10. In Process.
- **Planner 3 (Emergency Management Planner)** – Closed May 28. In Process.

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