

Oregon Resilience Task Force Minutes June 2, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. at the Anderson Readiness Center.

Task Force Members Present:

Scott Ashford, Chair	Oregon State University (scientific community rep)
Jeff Rubin, Vice Chair	Special Districts Association of Oregon (TVF&R)
Heidi Moawad	Public Safety Policy Advisor to Governor Kitzhaber
Mayor George Endicott	City of Redmond (LOC rep)
Jeff Soulages	Intel Corporation (private business rep)
Dave Stuckey	Office of Emergency Management
Paula Negele (by phone)	American Red Cross (private nonprofit rep)
Mike Harryman	Oregon Health Authority
Lucinda "Luci" Moore	Oregon Department of Transportation

Task Force Members Absent:

Senator Arnie Roblan	SD 5, Oregon State Legislature
Senator Alan Olsen	SD 20, Oregon State Legislature Senator
Representative Debbie Boone	HD 32, Oregon State Legislature
Representative Jim Weidner	HD 24, Oregon State Legislature
Mark Ellsworth	Regional Solutions Coordinator for Gov. Kitzhaber
Commissioner Mark Labhart	Tillamook County Commission (AOC rep)
Dave Ferre	Oregon Military Department
Jay Wilson	OSSPAC Chair/Clackamas Co. Hazard Mitigation

Others in Attendance:

Rosie Shatkin	Sen. Roblan's Office
Vicki McConnell	DOGAMI
Marian Lahav	DLCD
Matt Crall	DLCD
Rick Carter	OPUC
Diana Enright	ODOE
Walt McMonies (by phone)	OSSPAC member
Rick Williams	OMD (Leidos)
Kim Lippert (by phone)	Office of Emergency Management
Bev Hall	Office of Emergency Mgmt., Admin. Support
Althea Rizzo	Office of Emergency Management, Task Force Coordinator

1. Administrative Matters

Chair Scott Ashford opened the meeting and led in introductions. Having a quorum, George Endicott moved to accept the April meeting minutes as written. Heidi Moawad seconded. Rick Carter said he needed to be added as having attended the meeting, and the motion carried unanimously with the change.

(Update: April minutes were previously approved in May, so May minutes will be voted on at next meeting.)

2. Update of Draft Recommendations

Scott summarized what was done at the last meeting. Jeff Rubin reviewed the feedback received and SB 33 requirements, and prepared a new list of draft recommendations which was distributed. He noted that items D, K, N, and P did not make it onto the new draft list (these had to do with grocery stores needing a Business Continuity Plan and backup power; directing DOGAMI to inventory URM buildings in State; incentives for more resilient development; and updating ORS on building inspectors. Q and R were combined, both having to do with education.

Scott said a two page summary is needed for the legislature, and the list is now two pages long. The issue of liability came up in the recent legislative hearings. Rick Carter said that protections are needed. Jeff Soulages said that there is a lot of history regarding lawsuits after earthquakes and they are unsuccessful. Luci Moore said that discretionary immunity isn't working as well as in the past. Scott said he asked the Governor's office for advice on that issue.

Jeff Rubin asked if anyone thought the list needed pruning. He said he would like to hear from someone in the legislature. Dave Stuckey said that as long as the Governor knows what the Task Force wants, and the legislature in February, he thinks that should suffice. Mike Harryman asked about timelines. Scott said that the recommendations are things that need to start immediately.

Heidi Moawad asked about the vision of the State Resilience Office. Jeff Rubin said that some entity is needed to track this. Jeff Soulages said that in his work on the Oregon Resilience Plan (ORP), the consensus was that there would be a point person that was knowledgeable about the ORP, and located in the Governor's office. Luci said that there needs to be a resiliency champion – to keep things going through the years. Heidi said that the Governor's Office should have the "bandwidth" to do this. She said she would meet with the other policy advisors and will inform the task force.

Scott then asked if anyone has any changes to the new list of recommendations. Jeff Soulages said that dollar amounts need to be added. Dave Stuckey would like to delete the recommendation to change the OAR to allow seismic rehabilitation grant money to be used to retrofit facilities in the inundation zone. Scott said that more discussion is needed on that item. Mike Harryman asked who was going to do the education part. Jeff Rubin said that a letter has been sent to the Department of Education, and Rep. Boone has met with them.

Jeff Soulages said two things could be done by letter that don't need the legislature to do. The first is recommending DOGAMI adopt the "L" line from the new tsunami hazards maps. The second is the last paragraph of Training and

Education, that being to advise public water/wastewater agencies to integrate seismic resilience into their planning, particularly in fire-fighting capability. George Endicott moved that those two letters be sent from the Task Force, to have further discussion on the OAR regarding seismic retrofits in the inundation zone by the Seismic Grant program, and approve the rest of the list of recommendations for further flushing out by the work groups. Heidi seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3. Public Comment

Diana Enright from the DOE said that they already have a plan covering the last item listed under Energy. Jeff Rubin said the main concern was specific back-up systems. Diana will check the plan. Diana then asked about mandating preparedness for consumer utilities. Scott said that will be looked at by the work groups.

Rick Carter from OPUC asked about using the Homeland Security Council as a place for the State Resilience Office. Dave Stuckey said that that group has been reduced significantly and doesn't include the private sector now. Vicki McConnell from DOGAMI suggested having a Chief Resilience Officer at the executive level instead of a separate Resilience Office.

4. Next Steps

Scott noted that the next meeting is scheduled for July 7, 2014. Jeff Rubin suggested using his building. Several people have conflicts on that day. Discussion was held. It was decided that the date will be "on hold" and that the working groups will meet to work on the wording and details of the recommendations. A decision then will be made whether or not to have a July Task Force meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.