

Oregon Resilience Task Force Minutes August 4, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. at TVF&R in Wilsonville.

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
Mark Ellsworth	Regional Solutions Coordinator for Gov. Kitzhaber
Senator Arnie Roblan (phone)	SD 5, Oregon State Legislature
Representative Jim Weidner	HD 24, Oregon State Legislature
Commissioner Mark Labhart	Tillamook County Commission (AOC rep)
Mayor George Endicott (phone)	City of Redmond (LOC rep)
Dave Stuckey	Office of Emergency Management
Jeff Soulages	Intel Corporation (private business rep)
Jay Wilson	OSSPAC Chair/Clackamas Co. Hazard Mitigation
Lucinda "Luci" Moore (phone)	Oregon Department of Transportation

Task Force Members Absent:

Senator Alan Olsen	SD 20, Oregon State Legislature
Representative Debbie Boone	HD 32, Oregon State Legislature
Dave Ferre	Oregon Military Department
Paula Negele	American Red Cross (private nonprofit rep)
Mike Harryman	Oregon Health Authority

Others in Attendance:

Kristin Rasmussen	Rep. Bonamici's office
Jameson Gideon	Rep. Jim Weidner's office
Vicki McConnell	DOGAMI
Marian Lahav	DLCD (phone)
Matt Crall	DLCD (phone)
Rick Carter	OPUC
Diana Enright	ODOE (phone)
Rick Williams	OMD (Leidos) (phone)
Josh Bruce	OPDR
Bev Hall	Office of Emergency Mgmt., Admin. Support
Althea Rizzo	Office of Emergency Management, Task Force Coordinator
Linda Kozlowski	EVCNB
James Bela	Oregon EQ Awareness

1. Administrative Matters

Chair Scott Ashford opened the meeting and led introductions. Having a quorum, Mark Labhart moved to accept the May and June meeting minutes as written. Heidi Moawad seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Scott

confirmed that the September meeting will be on the Tuesday after Labor Day (Sept. 2), to be held at OEM in Salem.

Follow-ups

Heidi Moawad is getting a legal opinion on the question of what liability there is after a seismic event for a public or private utility that has an identified seismic vulnerability and has not dealt with it due to time or money. Scott Ashford said that in addition to the two page summary due to the legislature in two months, an addendum is needed, as well as examples from other states.

Member Recommendations/Comments

Mark Labhart asked about a Center of Excellence. Jeff Rubin said that the recommendations can say we aren't asking for a new center, just use what is already in Oregon. Dave Stuckey said that for the Research section he would recommend against listing a specific university, however for the Training section that could be different.

Jay Wilson said that he had presented the Task Force draft recommendations at OSSPAC. Feedback was to emphasize that these recommendations are for the legislature for the first biennium only. Jeff Soulages said that a preamble is needed to explain the recommendations, and that could be listed in that, along with costs of recommendations. Jay said that he would like to change the language in the recommendation to be able to retrofit facilities in the inundation zone, to note it would be limited. Discussion was held. Jay volunteered to work on the re-wording. Jay also noted that under "Direct action" DOGAMI is not asking for money to adopt the new "L" line due to funding needed for public meetings, etc. Jay suggested recommending that funds to be given to DOGAMI to be able to go forward on that.

Discussion was held regarding Critical Facilities and the Seismic Rehabilitation Grant Program, especially to the amount of money to recommend. Vicki McConnell said that in DOGAMI's inventory of buildings, funding was not identified. Dave Stuckey said that OBDD could give a general idea of costs, since they now run the program. Jeff Soulages said that the \$200 million originally asked for is a good number to use as a starting point. Jay pointed out that the \$200 million is only 10% of the amount needed. Jeff Soulages said that the \$1.5 million cap per project needs dealing with if changing to \$200 million. Jay noted that 2032 is the schools' "sunset" date for the grant program, and 2022 for other facilities. Also, the 50/50 split between schools and emergency facilities is another issue to decide. Dave Stuckey suggested having a meeting with Paulina Layton at OBDD, who started the grant program. Jay noted that there is an advisory group, also. Mark Labhart asked if no requests for Policy Option Packages come from separate agencies, then where is the money going to come from? Heidi said that there is a placeholder in the Governor's Office budget. Sen. Roblan said that the legislators can do placeholders for bills. Mark Labhart

said that oversight, transportation, land use, bonding, liability, research, and training/education all need budgeting. Next month can be used to flush out bills.

Member Comments

Rep. Weidner said that draft resolutions can be done if given to him early, especially the easier things to get done. Mark Labhart said that Tillamook County has a template on developing new properties in the inundation zone with the new "L" line. Dave Stuckey said that the Research section needs refining. Scott said perhaps ask for a few million dollars to define the hazards and do mitigation. It could be a new grant program or work with an existing one, and be competitively funded grants. Vicki McConnell stressed that it be for applied research, not basic. Dave Stuckey asked if it was for land based or water based projects. Scott said it needs specificity.

Moving Forward

Scott said that the working groups or volunteers will be used for writing the sections needing work. Luci Moore volunteered to work on transportation including funding, George Endicott will work on Land Use with DLCD, Jeff Soulages and Jay will work on Critical Facilities, Scott and Rick Carter will work on Energy, Scott will work on Research with Vicki McConnell and ODOT, Jeff Rubin will work on Training, and Scott will work on the introduction. Jeff Soulages asked if legislation needs to be drafted. Heidi said that the legislature does the drafting of the bills, so just give concepts. Jeff also suggested using a template so everyone's work is in the same format. Scott agreed and said that the recommendations need to look like one person wrote them. He would like a two page report, with eight pages afterward for the sections. The ORP recommendations would be referenced, and examples of success stories from other states would be included. Scott asked if everyone was ok with using Dropbox for updates to the recommendations, etc. Jeff Rubin said he will invite everyone to Dropbox.

Mark Labhart said that he can see three potential funding sources for the recommendations the Task Force makes: the legislature, the philanthropic community, and a HUD \$1billion grant that has become available for application. Dave Stuckey then introduced the Cascadia Playbook, and handouts about it were given to everyone. This document will only be available in hard copy format and controlled checkout is being done by Oregon Emergency Management.

Public Comment

James Bela read some of his recommendations from a proposal he wrote in March. They dealt with doing more seismic retrofitting, pre-planning by industries, load limits on Hwy. 99, and rail service in the valley. Josh Bruce asked if everyone on the task force got the email from the American Planning Association. Scott said he has it and can forward it.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.