

## **OSSPAC MINUTES**

### **January 14, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. at the Capitol in Salem.

#### **OSSPAC Members Present:**

Jay Wilson, Chair	Public member
Greg Ek-Collins	State agency: transportation
Francisco Ianni	Stakeholder: American Red Cross
Steve Lucker	State agency: land conservation and development
Ian Madin	State agency: geology and mineral industries
Walter McMonies	Stakeholder: multi-family housing
Althea Rizzo	State agency: emergency management
Jeffrey Soulages	Public member
Susan Steward	Stakeholder: building owners
Mark Tyler	Stakeholder: school district/community college/university
Kent Yu	Stakeholder: structural engineer

#### **OSSPAC Members Absent:**

Rep. Brian Clem	Stakeholder: legislative assembly
Michael Mumaw	Stakeholder: local government
Jay Raskin, Vice Chair	Public member
Sen. Arnie Roblan	Stakeholder: legislative assembly
Richard Rogers	State agency: building codes
Bryce Ward	Stakeholder: banking
Stan Watters	Stakeholder: utilities

#### **Others in Attendance:**

James Bela	Oregon Earthquake Awareness
Rep. Deborah Boone	Oregon State Legislature
Bev Hall	Oregon Emergency Management
Ed Jahn	OPB
Al Newnam	CCWD
Gloria Zacharias	OBDD

### **1. Administrative Matters**

#### **1a. Welcome and Introductions**

Jay Wilson, Chair, opened the meeting and led introductions.

#### **1b. Review and Approval of Minutes from November 12, 2013**

Having a quorum, the minutes were approved unanimously.

#### **1c. Commission New/Retired Members and Vacancies**

Mark Tyler's position will be open as of the end of June, 2014.

**1d. Events Notification**

Althea Rizzo said that CREW put out a press release regarding the 314<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Jan. 26 of the last Cascadia earthquake.

Althea announced that her March road show will run from March 11-27, 2014. The emphasis will be on elder care and vulnerable populations. Althea is also working on improving tsunami evacuation routes and hotel outreach activities.

Francisco Ianni said that he is working on a partnership with Disney, working with 3-5<sup>th</sup> graders on hazards. The roll-out will be in late February. Francisco asked for names of any schools that might be interested. Mark Tyler said that he will try to find a contact in the Department of Education.

Jay Wilson announced that there is an EERI conference in Alaska in July. Jay and Kent are presenting.

**1e. New Business**

Ed Jahn from OPB said that he is working on a large scale project on earthquakes and preparedness. His timeline is February of 2015 for a Field Guide presentation and radio reports. He is looking for good stories and said that this project would be a good avenue for media exposure. His email is: [ejahn@opb.org](mailto:ejahn@opb.org)

Jay noted that February of 2015 is a good time for the OPB report since the full legislature will be in session and the Resilience Task Force will be done with their report.

**1f. Time and Location for March 11 Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at the Capitol in Salem. This is the day of the third anniversary of the Tohoku earthquake. Walt McMonies asked if the Japanese Consulate could attend the meeting. Walt has a contact, and Jay will look into it.

**2. State Agency Reports**

Oregon Emergency Management: The SB 33 Task Force met last week. The focus was on priorities of members. Common themes are critical buildings, lifelines, fuel, research and education. The next meeting is February 3 at the Capitol. Jeff Soulages said that as far as stakeholder input, Jay Wilson offered OSSPAC's help to the Task Force. Ian Madin would like public testimony at the next OSSPAC meeting to push up to the Task Force. Jay asked for volunteers to work on that with him. Walt, Ian and Rep. Boone volunteered.

Oregon Military Department is developing a CSZ response plan.

DOGAMI: Ian said they are doing a study of the vulnerabilities of state-owned buildings. Next meeting Ian will bring their earthquake hazard maps. A Portland shear wave velocity report was done in December. Policy option packages will be asked for earthquake issues to the legislature, and for permanent staff for tsunami outreach.

Ian then reported on a review that was done on the strong motion instrument program. It showed that the program is broken. Instruments aren't maintained, known about, etc. The rule is that building owners are responsible or DOGAMI would do it. Of 70 installations, around ten asked DOGAMI to do it. There is \$100,000 in the fund to purchase and maintain. Options are now being considered on what to do now. The program could stop, use the money to maintain what is there, or go to the legislature to get a better program for more buildings (now it is for six story or higher buildings with a square foot requirement). Ian said he is asking OSSPAC for help. The cost for one installation is \$25,000, and the instruments are put in the basement, middle of building, and at the top.

DLCD: Steve Lucker talked about a Land Use Guide that was written by coastal planners and is the only existing guide. He also said that the State Hazard Mitigation Plan is due Thursday. There is an OPDR project in Lincoln County to see how communities can use the FEMA risk map.

ODOT: Greg Ek-Collins said that seismic resiliency needs adding to the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. ODOT is revamping/updating their EOP. They are dividing their one large book into two. One is the basic plan/strategies which will be done this week. The other one is the annexes/functions which will be done next month.

### **3. Seismic Rehabilitation Grant Program**

Gloria Zacharias from OBDD is now the program lead for this grant program after it was switched from OEM. She said that they had their first committee meeting in December, at which Jay Wilson made a presentation. January 1<sup>st</sup> they filed rules for name changes, etc. Walt McMonies from OSSPAC is a member. The next meeting is in March. They are now preparing/ramping up for the \$30 million dollars from the legislature that will be available in spring of 2015. They are starting with public forums in May and June.

Gloria said that there are nine open projects left, with most being done in the spring. There was a cap of \$1.5 million per project, so a lot of gymnasiums were done. The next meeting will have discussion on the benefit/cost ratio tool. The tool they used last time was FEMA's, with a consultant's input. They have done a RFP for a consultant. Walt said he was very impressed with the grant program.

#### **4. Post Earthquake Building Inspection**

Jay Wilson talked about California's Safety Assessment Program. It is focused on occupancy, and is managed by California Emergency Management. It includes evaluators and a coordinator. Oregon doesn't have a program like California. Yellow tagging of buildings is hardest decision to make – red (no entry) is easier. Also, following aftershocks, buildings need to be inspected again.

Clackamas County's approach is training facility staff that can inspect and close buildings. Only deputized personnel can evaluate and reopen county buildings. Jay said that Oregon doesn't have a process of organizing inspectors. San Francisco has a great program – the Building Occupancy Resumption Program (BORP) to pre-evaluate buildings and recognize the owners who take initiative to restore occupancy. Jay said that California's SAP (Safety Assessment Program) is offering a train-the-trainer class in Clackamas County on March 10 and attend OSSPAC the next day.

#### **5. Public Comment**

Rep. Boone talked about her involvement with PNWER (Pacific NW Economic Region) and PNEMA (Pacific NW Emergency Management Arrangement) – five states and five provinces are working together. Their goal is to improve cooperation and communication between the members and also the public and private sectors. Sen. Roblan also is involved in it.

James Bela said that buildings should be inspected so there would be no damage to first responders. He also said that ATC inspections are actually assessments.

**The meeting was adjourned at noon.**