

Columbia Emergency Planning Association

Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2015

Present:

Diane Dillard	Columbia River Fire & Rescue
Jay Tappan	Columbia River Fire & Rescue
Greg Hinkelman	City of Clatskanie
Michael Greisen	Scappoose Fire
Vince Aarts	Columbia County Emergency Management
Brandon Gimper	Columbia Pacific Bio-Refinery
Joe Errante	CERT and ARES/RACES
Anne Parrott	Public Health
Ron Youngberg	CRFR
Patrick Trapp	Port of St. Helens
Cindi Turula	911
Rachel Barry-Dame	Brad Witt's office
Libby Calnon	PUD
Paula Lichatowich	Port of St. Helens
Susan Conn	City of St. Helens
Mark Kreutzer	CRFR
Casey Wheeler	Columbia Pacific Food Bank
Ali Ryan Hansen	DOGAMI
Earl Fisher	Columbia County Commissioner
Tony Hyde	Columbia County Commissioner
Dave Hill	Columbia County Road Department
Michael Bender	PGE
Bruce Grabhorn	ARES/RACES
Alicia Kahl	Dyno Nobel
Eva Frost	CERT/Warren Grange
Kristi Ward	Georgia-Pac
Cindy Becker	CERT/Warren Grange
Eva Frost	CERT/Warren Grange
Ed Bodenlos	ARES EC
Susan Conn	City of St. Helens
Lonny Welter	Columbia County Road Department
Sean Clark	Port of St. Helens
Darrell Whipple	Rainier Citizen
Jamie Kinman	Armstrong World Industries
Beth Santangelo	Armstrong World Industries
Ali Ryan Hanson	Department of Geology and Minerals

The meeting was called to order by Jay Tappan – He welcomed first timers, Libby Calnon of the PUD, Jamie Kinman Armstrong and Bruce Grabhorn (ARES) and elected officials Rachel Barry-Dame (representing Brad Witt's office) – county commissioners, Henry, Tony, Earl and Susan Conn of City of St. Helens.

Thanks to Columbia County Emergency Management for treats and door prizes

Columbia 911 – Cindi Turula – we are not satisfied with our current notification system – so coming before CEPA to investigate other options – what we currently pay is \$13,133 – considering an offer from EverBridge – Cadillac plan with cost of \$14,000 – so we need to put out an RFP – we could get an even better price. We'll invite payers to talk about the subject. People who are paying into the program will be invited to a meeting – Cindi and Vincent Aarts will coordinate.

Introductions – around the room

Ali Ryan Hansen – Earth Science information Officer – leads agency's efforts to connect science with communities – former journalist – she is also the agency's spokesperson.

Today Geologic Hazards -

Earth Science Information Office for DOGAMI - our mission is to keep Oregon safe and prosperous. A catastrophic earthquake in Oregon – geo-hazard mapping, earthquake, landslides, floods – we do outreach and provide information – today talk about recent events, media coverage – public inquiry and trends. Find tools to prepare your community. You may have heard about it – unprecedented level of interest – New Yorker article and OPB has a special series that has begun.

Know your hazards, know your risks and take action

Confusion – How big will the earthquake will be where I am and will the tsunami reach me?

Buzzwords – “toast” – “fearmongering” and resilience”

Someone at FEMA region X – in the recent New Yorker article said they are expecting everything west of I-5 will be toast – not a technical term and it produced a lot fear and panic.

What does the science actually say – Cascadia is not the only fault we have – we could have deep earthquakes or earthquakes on the crust – the reason we talk about Cascadia is because it is the one that could be the biggest. We are more likely to have a Cascadia because it occurs more frequently – fault from California to British Columbia and has produced 40+ big ones the last being Jan. 26, 1700 – 37% probability of a 8 plus in the next 50 years. Our last Cascadia subduction earthquake – we are a mirror image of Japan – and they have recently experienced one – the 2011 earthquake shows us what can happen here. It was very devastating for Japan, 16,000 people died – they had been preparing for decades – including good seismic design and so Oregon's buildings, roads and infrastructure are not ready plus our people are not prepared either!

Geohazard viewer - HazVu – plug in your address and will show you effect on location. Strong to very strong right here.

Direct damage from ground shaking. Liquefaction and amplification

Co-seismic landslides and debris flows

Damage from earthquake-induced tsunamis – do you go to the coast?

Liquefaction – look at the soil type

Landslides – white area – none, green low, yellow medium – red high and red/brown very high.

Oregon HazVu

SLIDO

Tsunami maps and evacuation routes

Hazard mapping and studies

www.Oregongeology.org

www.oregontsunami.org

KNOW YOUR RISK – really cool tool from OPB – it's called Aftershock – you can plug in your address and get a description of what you can expect. It gives you a sense of what might happen and pairs it with community information and then it tells you how to prepare. www.opb.org/aftershock

Know your timeframe

Electricity outage – valley 1 to 3 months – and the coast 3 to 6 months

Water outage – valley looking at months

If you're ready for Cascadia you are ready for anything – you need to prepare for 2 weeks instead of 3 days and 72 hours is only a start – you need to prepare for a minimum of at least two weeks – community with neighbors, workplace, etc.

Make a plan – where will you meet, who is your out-of-area contact. If we evacuate where will we go?

Make a kit – supplies for two weeks

Get your house earthquake ready

Some action the state is taking:

Cascadia Rising Exercise coming in June 2016

Shake Alert – earthquake early warning system – would possibly give us a few valuable seconds to keep yourself safe. Drop, cover and hold.

\$300 million investment in seismic upgrades for schools, etc.

Chief Resilience Officer position has been established

Cascadia Playbook - Plan coordination

Looking for a HUD grant for coast communities

Cultural Preparedness – no longer 72 hours – you need to prepare for two weeks+

Hospital and hospitality industry – training for workers –

All DOGMANI publications now can be downloaded for free

Tsunami Regulatory Line – hotels, hospitals, etc. will have to get approval to build.

New Business – hard hitting board meeting – one of the pivotal topics we discussed – how we will refocus on the LEPC mission – you'll be hearing more about that – we are excited about the process and will refocus on mission of the LEPC.

Committee - looking at some new board members.

EHS – finished the plan – and now need to coordinate with Terry on getting us where we need to be – had a contractor go around to all the businesses and EHS facilities

Information Mgmt – no update.

Finance – spent \$32.98 for two black ink cartridges

Programs – we need speakers for 2016

Membership – anyone who wants to join - we have separate forms (Terry Wolfe from OSFM) will get us the new form.

Agency Reports

OSFM – Terry Wolfe we have received notification successful notifications of grantees. We're kind of hoping we are out of fire season.

County – Earl – several of the counties in the east will partner with western counties to help with storage of materials, supplies. Tony - last month talked about EMPG – I had a long discussion with Andrew Phelps – and we have come to an understanding – bottom line there just isn't enough money to go around. He will come and be a guest speaker. We have a new Emergency Manager coming aboard the 15th of the month – he comes from Texas. Henry – lot of talk about marijuana all across the county.

Clatskanie – just go to CNN or French News media - we have an interim police chief, Stan Grubbs – retired from Portland Police Bureau – and he's assisting in recruitment of new chief.

Port – Pat said starting some in-water work at the dock at Port Westward. Working on Trestle Beach parking project. Renovation at Multnomah Park – On October 20 – 11:30 to 1 p.m. meet your Port Commissioners – chance to share creative ideas. Dredging is in full swing at the marina – hose, line and discharges – moving and adding pipe. Continue through the month of October

Shaun – Port of St. Helens – same as what Pat said.

Eva Frost – big training for CERT – at TVF&R site – great turnout from our County

Cindy Becker – CERT doing traffic control for Monster Dash – helping with tours at Chamber and may be doing Halloween moulage at Burgerville. Monster Dash begins at 5 p.m. Tony said these CERT teams are the boots on the ground – we are fortunate to have such a good one led by Holly Haebe

Public Health – Anne – MRC(Medical Reserve Corps) is getting involved in lots of community events. We have already moved to EverBridge as emergency alert system and are pleased with them. The Oregon Health Authority needs to find storage site for our documents – two to four sites for sensitive documents. Biggest thing happening – Cristin Corcoran – developed a pharmacy MOU with chain pharmacies. formal memorandum of understanding – Fred Meyer is the first to sign on – luckily they are pharmacies that are in Columbia County – it means pharmacies can help in distributing drugs/antibiotics – and will allow them to dispense medication in the event of an emergency.

Food Bank – fresh produce distribution has been expanded.

County Road – Dave Hill – we have hired a weighmaster – Steve Salle' – he'll weigh and inspect vehicles – and will be patrolling through the parks and investigating complaints. Rainier HS, across from B&B market and ODOT county line.

Scappoose –Mike noted that as Terry said we received another EHS grant for “transportation by rail” probably begin after the first of the year.

Port of SH – Paulette –we have awarded construction contract for new meeting room.

PGE Started outage – 60 days and a lot of work going on – doing a new water plant structure – lot of contractors in that area.

PUD – Spaghetti Feed tonight 5:30 at the fairgrounds.

Darrell Whipple – glad to be involved.

NW Innovation Works – Brian said first Ford Leadership training had conversation on emergency planning – and it's evident the public needs to know more.

Armstrong – new hiring, just passed 545 days safe – will have a plant-wide celebration meal – two shifts of 12 hours each – Introduced Jamie.

ARES/RACES – just completed mini-exercise with Emergency Management on Saturday – this Saturday having a statewide exercise that will work with amateur radio. Jay said we heard a lot of good word about you guys.

Dyno Nobel – wrapping up the mechanical – logged over 200,000 incident -free hours. We celebrated two years injury-free last month, (Ben Denfeld) looking for a safe startup.

GP – Wauna marked 50 years on September 1st – just revamped all our emergency response plans.

RDPO – Tony said there will be a meeting on Friday – Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization – used to be UASI – thinks about emergency management regionally.

Still have Columbia County Prescription Drugs – this is for anyone who doesn't have the coverage – you have to be a citizen of Columbia County – you can use it anywhere and gives you access to healthcare to other programs for dental insurance. It also has vision and hearing aids and pet insurance.

Vince – busy preparing for the exercise this weekend with Amateur Radio.

Joe Errante – Pumpkin patch at St. Frederic's – October 10, 11.

Door prize drawing – next meeting is November 3 – 10 a.m. at the 911 center. Next board meeting is 9 a.m. December 1.