

Wasco County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Steering Committee Plan Update Meeting Minutes	31 August 2017, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Emergency Management Conference Room 425 East 7th Street, Annex C The Dalles, OR 97058
Type of Meeting: Steering Committee	

Steering Committee Member Roll Call

Attendees: Will Smith, Juston Huffman, Kelly Howsley-Glover, Dave Anderson, Frank Cochran, Tycho Granville, Tricia Sears (DLCD), Arthur Smith, Robert Palmer

Absent: Kathy White, Kristin Dodd, Steve Kramer, Angie Brewer, Tyler Stone, Cindy Miller, Dustin Nilsen

ITEMS

1. Introductions

2. Updates

a. Public Outreach meeting status (Will)

Will updated the steering committee with the plan for a public outreach meeting. He had met with Kelly and Angie last week to discuss options. They came up with the theme “Disasters and Donuts”, and plan on making it an open house style meeting at the planning office sometime in late October, with donuts for the public, various dot sticker boards/maps, and surveys available to gather input. Tricia suggested adding in a trivia competition for free donuts.

b. Community Profile complete (Kelly)

Kelly, along with assistant planner Riley Marcus, has finished the first draft of the Community Profile. She discussed the process and mentioned that some information was cut from the 2012 plan, but that sources for all citations have been clarified and updated. There had been some inconsistencies and haphazard citations that needed improving. Frank had taken a look at the natural resources side of the Community Profile and determined that there haven’t been any significant changes since 2012.

The discussion moved on to the critical facilities list that Juston had provided that morning. Kelly mentioned that she has a similar list from Eugene. Arthur wants to add our five (5) fuel sites to the list. Bob and Dave both mentioned that they have additions to make and will look it over.

ACTION ITEM (ALL): Review Critical Facility list, add what your agency considers critical.

c. Cost share forms (Tricia)

Tricia introduced the finalized Cost Share Forms and discussed their purpose and use. For Rate of Pay, everyone will need documentation demonstrating what theirs is. This could be a time sheet, pay stub, or

a statement from your organization. Payroll may be able to parse out rates of pay. When filling out the form clarify which work was done Pre Award and which was done Post Award.

ACTION ITEM (ALL): Provide documentation for your rate of pay for Cost Share Forms

ACTION ITEM (ALL): Complete first Cost Share Form for all work since the beginning (separating pre-award and post-award work) through the end of September.

3. Hazard Vulnerability Assessment - review

a. Review last meeting's outcomes, update as needed

At our previous meeting we ran through a Hazard Vulnerability assessment exercise which ranked the disasters we face in this County by examining history, vulnerability, maximum threat, and probability. These rankings each came with different weight factors and a final ranking was established based on each hazard's total score. However there was some immediate concern after the exercise with some of the rankings. Volcano seemed too high at rank 3, whereas some of the others seemed out of order as well. At this meeting we took suggestions for changes.

Arthur suggested leaving the original numbers alone, and creating another set of adjusted numbers based on this discussion and further outreach. Bob says thinks the EQ vulnerability of 1 should be switched with the volcano vulnerability. Dave thinks people are more concerned about flooding. Bob wants to see flood and earthquake above volcano. Dave reminded the committee that there are local earthquakes and concern about the Cascadia Subduction Zone should not be all that is driving our assessment. After some back and forth the Committee believes that the order should be Storm, Drought, Flood, Fire, Earthquake, Volcano, and Landslide. Will wants to leave the numbers alone and add a paragraph in the final report stating how the SC came to our rankings, using the assessment as a tool but not as a firm ranking. We will also be taking input from the public which may lead to altered rankings.

4. Mitigation Strategy Editing

a. Review 2012 Goals

This chapter lays out our mission, breaks it into goals and each goal is clarified by a variety of statements. We decided the mission statement from the 2012 plan is still the mission that we want to focus on.

The goals section involved more discussion. We decided to remove the choice column as we are not using the same style that the previous plan used. Will described that process, as written in the plan and the committee decided not to use it in this update, as these goals provided a good baseline to tweak instead. Bob said statement 3, in goal 2 should be a higher priority. Dave expressed that Goal 2, statement 1 was too weak of a statement and that it should use phrases like "implement measures", "improve". Arthur doesn't feel like the economy goal needs to stand alone. Many of those statements could be wrapped into the other goals. Tricia suggested scrapping any kind of priority order and redesigning this graphic into a circular format instead, showing how they all link together and all are important. Bob liked the ability to demonstrate interrelatedness. Tricia believes that protecting the economy and improving hazard education are linked. Dave wants to see a chart showing how they are all linked together. The group agreed to eliminate the economy goal as a stand-alone and redistribute

it's statements. Kelly wanted to make sure the plan acknowledges the value in recognizing economic connectedness. Tricia noted the role that businesses play in hazard resilience and mitigation. There was also general consensus that the "Acknowledge Responsibility" goal should also be cut as many of its statements were broad.

Will reviewed the action items and how they connect to various goals. He pointed out that the goals are the feeder for the action items so that there can be a clear demonstration about why the Action Items are relevant. Bob envisioned a picture of the mission as the sun, with 5 goals orbiting it. Will wondered if we needed any new statements or just a reorganization. Which ones should be eliminated? Bob approves of the reorganization plan.

b. Review status of previous action items

Will discussed the action items and asked for feedback. Dave wanted to know where The Dalles fits in. Will stated that they had their own Action Items and we could review that list as well. Dave will be contacting the police chief for suggestions and coming up with his own as well. Will will be emailing the other small cities to ask if they would like to participate and at what level. Tricia said if small cities have input they can comment and that would work.

c. Brainstorm new action items (if time allows)

Will had made a list of suggested action items that he had been gathering from various meetings. Kelly discussed hers from that list relating to the OWRD water plan. She wants to ensure long range water supplies and wants this action item to be more specific. Frank's agency is bumping up efficiency of water supplies all the time and that work will continue. He wondered if this applied, as a federal agency could they receive federal grants? Kelly asked Tricia what she had seen in other counties and Tricia will relay what she finds out. Kelly expressed concern over declining fire volunteers across the county. Bob agreed, stating that businesses don't let young people go volunteer like they used to and that limits their potential pool. Google, McDonalds, etc. don't have that policy. Also the general increase in training requirements limits involvement. Bob says most volunteers are interested in careers and high school students are lost to college. Dave say in unprotected areas, such as east of 197, there is often response, but no cost recovery mechanism. There should be a better way to operate. Bob noted that Pine Hollow FD was formed as a district so they could write grants but did not establish a tax rate. If they had established a tax rate it would not have been voted in. Mosier voted in a good tax rate.

ACTION ITEM (ALL): Review Action Items that your agency is responsible for and be ready to discuss their progress.

ACTION ITEM (ALL): Come to the next meeting with new suggested Action Items for the 2017 plan update.

4. Next Steps

a. Finalize Action Items

Next meeting we will be putting our draft together of what action items we want in the 2017 plan. Kelly recommended reviewing them between now and then over email to save the work in the meeting. We have some of them updated in our spreadsheet, but need to decide what is in and what is out. Will will be emailing the partner agencies to try and gather additional suggestions as well.

b. Public Outreach

The public outreach process is about to enter full swing. Will will be reaching out to local organizations to speak, such as the Lions, Rotary, Kiwanis etc. and will let the group know more about the Disasters and Donuts event once planning for that progresses.

c. Early Oct meeting

The next meeting will be in early October. Will will send out a doodle poll soon.

Will adjourned the meeting at 2:54 PM.

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