Steering Committee Member Roll Call

**Attendees:** Will Smith, Juston Huffman, Kelly Howsley-Glover, Dave Anderson, Tricia Sears (DLCD), Cindy Miller, Ryan Bessette, Robert Palmer

**Absent:** Kathy White, Kristin Dodd, Steve Kramer, Angie Brewer, Tyler Stone, Arthur Smith, Frank Cochran, Tycho Granville, Clinton Whitten

**ITEMS**

1. **Introductions**

2. **Updates**

   a. **Public Outreach meeting status (Will)**

   Will discussed the Community Open House, Disasters and Donuts, that occurred on October 30, 2017 from noon to 7. He set up the planning department conference room with surveys, trivia questions, information about the NHMP, and played bad disaster movies throughout. Attendance reached 15 people, and some good feedback was received to both the critical facility list from the mayor of Dufur, as well as to the board indicating which hazards people are affected by or concerned with (Drought and Fire were the top two).

   b. **Critical Facilities closeout (Will)**

   To finalize the list of critical facilities Will distributed the updated list that had been reviewed by email. Two additional communication facilities – Flag Point and Mosier radio repeaters – were added and the committee agree to consider all schools as critical facilities. Cindy will update the school list. Dave will add some more as well. This will complete our updated list.

   c. **CPAW selection**

   Will and Dan Hammel (MCFR fire chief) jointly applied for a program known as CPAW – Community Protection Against Wildfire and found out this week that Wasco County was selected as one of eight communities nationwide to receive this assistance next year. The program consists of planners, researchers, and economists assisting our County with any updates that would increase protection for our Wildland Urban Interface. The next major plan update that this will affect is next year’s planned update of the 2005 Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Kelly suggested including this information in the NHMP as well.

3. **2012 Action Items – Wildland Fire AIs review**
a. Review last plan’s WH Action Items, discuss status

The entire committee reviewed the County wildfire related Action Items that were skipped last meeting due to lack of fire personnel attendance. ODF’s Kristin Dodd couldn’t make this meeting, but MCFR’s Bob Palmer was and provided input. Kristin will be consulted later. Update notes:

WH1 – As this action item claims to be the responsibility of the Wasco County Public Works, Will will follow up with Arthur. However, it says “non County roads” which is not clear. Does this mean Forest Roads? Private Roads? Driveways? Dave suggested ensuring that all bridges in the county have posted weight limits. This has been done in the Mill Creek watershed. Kelly suggested a GIS analysis could be useful for keeping track of which roads are clear, and which need further work. Bob suggested that we should partner with ODF and the FS to consider this fuels reduction work.

WH2 – This will be removed and added to the broader education goal.

WH 3 – This will be added to the broader outreach goal. Kelly asked if any other departments provided signage to make it easier to recognize addresses? Bob said MCFR does, but to a limited degree. Tricia suggested adding a specific number of addresses be provided each year. Bob wasn’t sure how many they do annually but will ask. Will suggested adding requirement to make addressing numbers available at any public event such as the Preparedness Fair or Mitigation events in the future. Cindy said schools could target kids during fire prevention week.

WH 4 – Dave said it is important to leave this in the plan for leveraging funding through partnerships. Bob said fuels reduction programs should be tied in with those grants. Perhaps different levels of defensible space should be encouraged (30 feet, 100 feet, 150 feet, etc). This should also be added to the education goal, with a discussion about Firewise and other web resources. Juston wondered if code compliance and the corrections group could do this work. Kelly said we are complaint driven and any pro active work for the code compliance program would need to be reviewed by the board. Will suggested adding a line to investigate potential for code compliance program and community/youth corrections/service programs to partner up. Bob suggested taking out the volunteer line and changing this to an education focused goal for homeowners. We could incorporate property surveys and establish education opportunities. Will will add an element of this to the education goal. Bob mentioned that Bend has a great program, grant funded, that runs the Firewise program, and brings in volunteers to do this work. The person who runs that program, Project Wildfire, is Allison Green. Will will include a line about investigating other communities programs, and arranging for guest speakers to come to future Mitigation plan maintenance meetings.

WH 5 – Dave wants to keep this one in as well. Will will add The Dalles Public Works to the list of coordinating organizations. He will also look at the CWPP to see if these are related. Once again, some homeowner language will be removed.

WH 6 – Dave suggested asking Kristin if this was completed. Will said if it is done, that we should change the goal over to incorporate this data and information into County GIS and integrate FS and ODF map data into what we have available.

4. 2017 Action Items - brainstorm

a. Review 2017 New Action Item suggestions

At various public meetings and events throughout this update process, the SC has been requesting new suggested Action Items for the 2017 NHMP. Will brought this list in and the SC reviewed it. The following format is “(Submitter, Position, Action Item suggestion). Steering Committee discussion”.

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1. (Mike Middleton, WC Finance Director, New location for secure servers and backups (not the basement where they currently are)). Talk with Mike about timeline.


3. (Same, Establish pre-disaster contracts). Encourage state/local agencies to create these.

4. (Lane Magill, Sheriff, Upgrade current Mobile Communications Platform). IC mobile unit, pursue acquisition. Justen said Hugh (HAM operator) has some ideas.

5. (Same, Communications training for various agency personnel). Wrap this into #2, add PIO training for various agency personnel.

6. (Same, Upgrade Repeater Sites). Bob said repeater sites need to be data based and not just radio.

7. (Kelly Howsley-Glover, WC Long Range Planner, OWRD place based integrated water resources planning – this strategy should be tied to our NHMP). Kelly wants this for drought planning – ensure it is captured in the comp plan as well.

8. (Will Smith, WC Senior Planner, Incorporate new DOGAMI levee data). Add this to map goals, evaluate how it would affect County, AI – review info and reference in LUDO and Comp plan. AO: Incorporate DOGAMI data into Land Use planning documents (LUDO), levee and landslide risk.

9. (Same, Flood Plain map update, as well as LOMA/Elevation Certificate review). Timeline – by 2023 (FEMA timeline for this), incorporate that data into Land Use Planning Documents.

10. (Same, Create staff rides of local fires/prescribed fires to educate public about fire effects, firewise planning, effectiveness of risk reduction measures). Add to education AI.

11. (Andy Squires, Young Life employee, Repave Washington Family Ranch runway). WFR airstrip is a critical facility, add with a 5 year timeline and discuss why it is needed (limited access, population, events, etc)

12. (Dave Anderson, TD Public Works, Backup Power generators). This is going into TD AI plan.

13. (Same, Forest management activities in the watershed). Already in NHMP AIs.

14. (Kelly H-G, Increase Fire Department volunteers). Wrap into education for business owners so that they understand the necessity of having policies that allow FD Vols to respond when needed.

15. (Carrie Pipinich, MCEDD, Fortify communications networks – not just physical infrastructure but also working to develop personal relationships in advance). Education goal? Foster partnerships between agencies. Capture this in Plan Implementation section. AI: Gather list of all meetings, create a calendar that all have access to so people know what cross agency meetings are occurring and when. Contact Partner agencies for meetings. Add community meetings. Create a document for the appendix.

16. (Same, Include MCEDD, EDC in small business awareness/continuity planning. They have been working with others (Regional Solutions, SBDC, Ports, Chambers, Cities, Counties, etc.) to develop outreach pieces during/after fires that let businesses know about resources available to support). Add MCEDD to MH 7.

17. (Tricia Sears, Incorporate any statewide update of RVS data (DOGAMI) to update our critical facilities list.). Add to critical facility page.

18. (Same, Borrow from the Medford NHMP the way they updated number of structures, tax lots, and improved value that falls within the specified hazard area (such as landslide, flood, wildfire, etc) “Update the summary of impact on exposed asset information each year (# structures, # taxlots, total improved value). The data is based on properties within the 100-year and 500-year floodplains.). Need “fire risk” map. Use GIS. Goal – 3 years to create this data set, then update.
19. (Same, Borrow this AI from Medford plan about volcanoes “Use the research about plume models and prevailing winds from National Weather Service (NWS) to better determine vulnerability to volcanic ash fallout). Create map – planning and GIS, vulnerabilities.

20. (Same, The NHMP Steering Committee will review the critical facilities list every two years). Do this, and incorporate 17. Add TD Planning, GIS, WC Planning, EM as agencies responsible for update and maintenance.

One additional new action item was suggested during this meeting: Post bridge weight limits on all bridges in the County.

5. Next Steps

a. Edits

Will will be sending our edits to Tricia for her review as he updates each chapter with the Steering Committee inputs.

b. Dec meeting

The next and likely final update meeting will be in mid-December and will focus on Plan Implementation and Maintenance. Will will contact town halls/BOCC for small city outreach follow up. Will will send out a doodle poll soon.

Will adjourned the meeting at 2:54 PM.