Steering Committee Member Roll Call

**Attendees:** Will Smith, Juston Huffman, Kelly Howsley-Glover, Tricia Sears (DLCD), Cindy Miller, Ryan Bessette, Kristin Dodd, Angie Brewer

**Absent:** Kathy White, Dave Anderson, Steve Kramer, Robert Palmer, Tyler Stone, Arthur Smith, Frank Cochran, Tycho Granville, Clinton Whitten

**ITEMS**

1. **Introductions**

2. **Updates**

   a. **Small City Outreach status (Will)**

   Will discussed his outreach efforts with small cities, besides The Dalles, in Wasco County. All five of them (Antelope, Shaniko, Dufur, Maupin, and Mosier) have been on the partner agency email chain since the beginning. At the beginning of September, Will sent out an email to all of them requesting feedback and asked if they were interested in more participation. This only elicited a reply from Shaniko. Dufur’s mayor has since attended the Disasters and Donuts event and gave some feedback. In November Will emailed them individually again requesting feedback and more participation. Antelope declined. Shaniko gave a list of concerns and critical facilities. Maupin and Mosier did not reply. Will had a follow-up phone call with Mosier’s new city manager in December and she will be submitting feedback soon.

   Tricia stated that Mosier had recently requested a $40,000 grant relating to natural hazards. They were denied as it was highly competitive. They wanted LIDAR and landslide mapping. Angie said we have had LIDAR done for Mosier already. Kelly said all County has it, except parts of South County. Angie agreed and said certainly the Scenic Area is done. Kelly suggested that DOGAMI could help with landslide analysis of that data. Will will follow up with Colleen Coleman (Mosier Manager) to get her access.

   The group discussed how best to include Small City information into the plan. They agreed that it would be best as one page or paragraph each – list specific critical facilities, or action items in each, as well as any concerns and summarize how they have been involved. Tricia said to start with a broad introduction, call out specifics later. Angie suggested sending them a draft to respond to after that has been completed.

   Will mentioned that the CPAW (Community Protection Against Wildfire) kickoff phone call would be the next day and that they may be able to review the NHMP at some point as well.

3. **Section 4: Plan Implementation and Maintenance Edits**
a. Review, comment, update

The final chapter, Section 4, lays out how the NHMP will be implemented over the next several years. The committee discussed how often they felt that they needed to meet. Juston needs to have at least two meetings a year for his work plan. No one else felt that more than two would be necessary. Kelly wanted to make sure we consider fire season with scheduling. Will suggested one meeting in April and one in October, with doodle polls sent out a month in advance. He also suggested one mitigation specific public meeting a year and will add various options for that in the plan. Kelly suggested presenting updates annually to the Board of County Commissioners, likely toward the end of the year, and maybe also to the Planning Commission. This should be a 15 minute overview with a public comment period. Tricia suggested highlighting accomplishments throughout the year, discussing a CWPP action plan and any other community actions that have taken place. She also suggested including a sample agenda in to the NHMP so members know what to potentially expect for the first meeting.

Will asked if anyone had any suggestions to add to page 4-4 (examples of other plans, programs, or agencies). The only suggestions were to add City of The Dalles plans, and any other small city programs. Angie asked Juston if he had any examples of messaging tools that he used to contact the public and he said the only one he uses in Everbridge. Tricia suggested adding Emergency Operations Plans, but Juston stressed the confidentiality of that plan, and we agreed to leave it off so that its existence is not generally well known.

Will said at the first meeting that the priority should be Action Item prioritizations. Kelly asked about public involvement. The survey has not been successful, and a discussion arose around sending it to schools and involving youth. Cindy said anything longer than a page will be thrown away, but it might be useful as part of the curriculum. This will be addressed in the education goal. Angie suggested including this effort in a senior project but these projects are already controversial and Cindy suggested targeting juniors. Cindy suggested guest speakers, such as Will, Juston, or Bob Palmer. Angie asked if there was a fire cadet program but there is not. Cindy said if we get the kids involved, the parents will follow. Will will add pulling kids into this effort as part of the education goal.

The rest of this section of the meeting focused on how our efforts compare to Table 4.1 – NHMP update toolkit. The SC reviewed each line (1-22).

3- Public involvement activities. Most have been this year in the update process. April 11, mega meeting, Disasters and Donuts. Juston had a public meeting about the flooding, but that was agency only. Will will send an email to the SC asking what public outreach activities have occurred in the last several years relating to Natural hazard Mitigation. Juston mentioned that they did a lot of outreach surrounding the Eagle Creek Fire and all the smoke impacts in the area and let people know where air purification sites are located. He was also on the radio a bit. Angie said we should add tracking tool of outreach efforts as a standing item on the agenda of biannual SC meetings. Will will add a historic hazards table to the plan in Chapter 2 as well.

7- New Hazards. Tricia suggested incorporating Dogami risk studies in February of 2018.

8- Future annexations in hazard prone areas. Development patterns in Tygh Valley, construction in the WUI, Kelly slide.

5- New studies – New Yorker article on the Cascadia Subduction Zone. Angie would like to see some research done on FEMA housing impacts on local land use, and plan for a possible overlay zone. Where would we place trailers? What would happen in the event of dam failure and what is that inundation zone? During comp plan and LUDO updates Kelly will look into creating a new overlay zone, and identify good places for disaster housing (Shaniko? Boyd?)
9 – New populations. UGB annex, slide area. No UGB growth expected. Maupin may grow south of the bridge, but more likely north of the bridge.
10- influx of homeless population. Angie has numbers but thinks it went from 49-149.
13- ID buildings in hazard areas. If not make it an AI.
15- Potential dollar loses. Wasco County tax assessment not current, updating now.

4. Next Steps

a. Editing Process

Now that the SC has reviewed all chapters, Will will incorporate the edits into the document. He has already completed chapter 2 and submitted it to Tricia. She will review the documents and then submit to the group. Once the whole plan is done it will be sent to the Partner agencies and small cities for any comment.

b. Approvals Needed – Boards, Councils

Tricia described this process. Once completed, we will submit the plan to OEM, they have unlimited amount of time to review it. Then it goes to FEMA and they have 45 days. Once FEMA approves it, the boards need to approve for final step. Will suggested making sure the boards and councils looked at it before any submittal in case they had any issues. A major meeting will be proposed between all bodies to review the document once it is edited and updated.

Will adjourned the meeting at 10:38 AM.