

Minutes of the  
Thursday, July 21, 2022 meeting of the  
State Interagency Hazard Mitigation Team (State IHMT)

Meeting location: webinar only

The following 34 people participated in the meeting:

Governor's Office, SRO	Mike Harryman
University of Oregon (OPDR)	Michael Howard
Department of Administrative Services (DAS)	Jenny Potter
Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)	Don Pettit
	Wes Risher
Division of Financial Regulation (DFR)	Tracie Weeder
Building Codes Division (BCD)	Jeremy Payne
Dept. of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI)	Christian Appleby
Oregon Health Authority (OHA)	Candy Cates
	Amelia Reynolds
Infrastructure Finance Authority (IFA)	Gloria Zacharias
Dept. of State Lands (DSL)	Lauren Brown
Dept. of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD)	Katherine Daniel
	Marian Lahav
	Susan Millhauser
	Pam Reber
	Meg Reed
	Cynthia Smidt
OMD, Office of Emergency Management (OEM)	Stephen Richardson
	Anna Feigum
	Janine Mayer
	Jason Gately
	Joseph Murray
Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM)	Amber Cross
	Erik Rau
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)	Nancy Taylor
Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)	Jenna Trentadue
Public Utility Commission (PUC)	Lisa Gorsuch
Oregon Water Resources Department (OWDR)	Alyssa Rash
Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS)	Alex Campbell
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)	Edgar Gomez
	Rynn Lamb
	Laura McSweeney
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)	Paul Sclafani

1) Welcome

The meeting was underway a minute or two after 9:00 a.m. Stephen gave a nice introduction including expressing his interest in learning what OEM's partner agencies are doing.

2) Introductions

The webinar chat was used to facilitate introductions.

3) Act on draft minutes from April 21, 2022 meeting

Stephen gave a few minutes for people to finish reviewing them. Mike moved them as written, Cynthia seconded. Stephen noted that they will be loaded onto the State IHMT website.

4) Public Comment

Mike noted his work with the Oregon SeaGrant Program, including a new Cascadia Hub. Jonathan Allen (DOGAMI) is also involved. Mike will be inviting State IHMT members to participate in a one-day virtual workshop. He is looking for feedback on a research project. Mike will provide quarterly updates. USGS staff will lead in putting together the invitation..

5) Silver Jackets (SJ, aka the State IHMT Flood Mitigation Subcommittee) update

Paul talked about an interest outlined in the SJ Strategic Plan to better link SJ's work to local mitigation plans. He noted the work SJ is doing with Daniel Stoelb (OEM) to better use ARCGIS to publicize the work SJ is doing, and to determine the SJ private and public facing pages. The next SJ meeting is in September. Paul is looking forward to having the the RiskMAP and NFIP Coordinators on board. He also mentioned King Tide signage and the links to sea level rise, working with Meg Reed. There has been a lot of interest and positive feedback.

6) Report from FEMA Region Ten Mitigation Division

Rynn shared her Monthly Dashboard and let people know that they can ask to be included in receiving it routinely. The Silvies Phase 2 meeting occurred last week; it went well. A few properties were removed from the regulatory floodplain in Burns and Hines. She also noted the Lane County Community Coordination (CCO) meeting that occurred back in May, gearing up for a public meeting in September or October. In this case, the result is the opposite in Cottage and Creswell, where many properties will be moved *into* the regulatory floodplain. She just received maps for Amazon Creek in the Eugene area and is determining how to communicate that information. It needs to be integrated with the new revised preliminary flood maps so that everything goes into effect at the same time. They are gearing up for the release of preliminary maps in Klamath County in October. Rynn then talked about underway and proposed Cooperative Technical Partner (CTP) projects in Oregon. Rynn noted that Wendy Shaw is the new branch chief.

Edgar reintroduced himself and noted the "Consultation" is scheduled for August 1. Jason talked about Erin Cooper now having the position John Schelling had previously. Edgar asked Joseph to add Erin to the State IHMT distribution.

7) Report from the Charter and Bylaws Subcommittee

Stephen noted that OEM Executive Leadership is doing the final review. It will then be distributed. Stephen said this will be followed by a survey and an OAR. OEM will do Bylaws, if needed, at a later date.

Mike talked about his happiness about the formalization of the State IHMT, and possible nexus to several new Governor-directed mitigation groups. He noted his interest in pre-disaster mitigation, including BRIC.

Stephen renewed his call for State IHMT Member agencies doing rotating presentations at each meeting on the work they do in the area of hazard mitigation. He said to look for invitations from him.

Stephen talked about OEM's work to help local jurisdictions struggling with match, including seeking and receiving match funding from the Oregon Legislature.

8) Discussion: additional representation on the State IHMT from state agencies that "serve the underserved

Joseph introduced the topic. Stephen asked for input from the membership.

Wes spoke up and suggested adding the OMD.

Alex Campbell then talked about the recent HUD award, and the new section within OHCS focused on resilience.

Erik said that this is an important discussion. He noted a nexus to the Disability Emergency Management Advisory Council, and the State Independent Living Council at Oregon DHS.

Mike talked about a new program at the Oregon DHS, Office of Immigrants and Refugees. He will track down a POC for us there. Mike suggested that the State IHMT membership, including these new additions, be included in the proposed OAR.

Stephen talked briefly about adding related groups like REMTEC as non-voting members. Mike wants to make sure that it's one vote per agency. Stephen said the draft Charter covers this.

9) DLCD's draft recommendations to the Oregon Legislature and others required by SB 762 (2021 Session), The Omnibus Wildfire Bill

Susan had a formal presentation.<sup>1</sup> Please see that presentation for information about this agenda item.

After the presentation Don noted that additional air quality monitoring stations are being deployed around the state. Don also encouraged working with the Tribes and their interests in protecting cultural resources. He said that data is not available in one place, and sometimes is simply in the

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<sup>1</sup> This presentation has been posted to the OEM website.

memory of one or more Tribal members. Don urged a statewide approach. Susan noted that sometimes there is reluctance to share this information.

In response to comments and questions in the chat, Susan noted that in terms of natural resources protection, DLCD has been additionally meeting with ODFW staff.

#### 10) Update on Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA)

Anna had a formal presentation.<sup>2</sup> In addition to the formal slides, Anna noted that the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) on “4519, 4562, and 4499” are all affected by FEMA’s shift to 90% federal share. She noted that this has created various complications for OEM, especially for grant rounds that have already been allocated.

Mike congratulated Anna for a job well done. He asked if there is a timeline on the 90-10? He also asked for an update on the Oregon NHMP enhanced status. Anna said the 90-10 won’t go away. She deferred to Stephen on enhanced status. Stephen said OEM is on a really good track. OEM did well in its first review and has a second review scheduled during August. He noted that Oregon is leading the four Region Ten states in HMA status. OEM is still on target for enhanced status in 2023. Mike said to let him know if OEM needs his help.

#### 11) Other business

Stephen noted the July 1 start of OEM as its own department. Once OEM gets moved into its new building, the State IHMT will start having hybrid meetings at that location as soon as possible, maybe for the October meeting. Stephen talked about the new hazard mitigation “general” email address (in addition to OEM’s individual email addresses): [oem.hazardmitigation@oem.oregon.gov](mailto:oem.hazardmitigation@oem.oregon.gov)

Stephen asked for a volunteer for the next State IHMT meeting to do the State IHMT Member update (no one stepped-up).

#### 12) Develop agenda items for July meeting

Mike noted the great partnership between ODF and the UofO for the fire camera detection and warning system. He suggested that Dr. Leland and Jamie Poole may be good people to provide an overview of this system. Mike will reach out and let Stephen and Joseph know. Jenna thought that having Jamie speak is a great idea. Jenna noted that she is changing positions at ODF and will likely stop being the State IHMT representative.

At a future meeting, Mike would also like to receive an update from Oregon DHS and OHA on air monitoring and shelters to escape smoke.

#### 13) Adjourn

Stephen adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

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