

OSSPAC MINUTES
January 9, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m. at the Capitol in Salem.

OSSPAC Members Present:

James Doane, Chair	Tualatin Valley Water District (Stakeholder: utilities)
Gerry Williams, Vice Chair	C.E.M. Research (Public member)
Carl Farrington	(Stakeholder: multi-family housing)
Rose Gentry	ODOT (State agency: transportation)
Bert Kile	ARC (Stakeholder: American Red Cross)
Ravi Mahajan	Building Codes Division (Stakeholder: building codes)
Tom Manning	Tillamook County Emergency Management (Public member)
Diane Merten	Benton County (Public member)
Autumn Rudisel	Lewis & Clark Bank (Stakeholder: banking)
Mark Tyler	(Stakeholder: school district/community college/university)
Yumei Wang	DOGAMI (State agency: geology & mineral industries)
Jay Wilson	OEM (State agency: emergency management)

OSSPAC Members Absent:

Jason Atkinson	Senator (legislative assembly)
Peter Courtney	Senator (legislative assembly)
Gene Miles	City of Mt. Angel (Stakeholder: local government)
Susan Steward	BOMA (Stakeholder: building owners)
Chris Thompson	catena engineers (Stakeholder: structural engineer)
Christine Valentine	DLCD (State agency: land conservation & development)

Vacant Positions: None at this time

Others in Attendance:

Bev Hall	Oregon Emergency Management
Natalie Richards	US Army Corps of Engineers
James Bela	Oregon Earthquake Awareness
Randy Prince	Public
Brendan McCarthy	Pacific Gas and Electric
Anne Morrow	Bonneville Power Authority

1. Administrative Matters

1a. Welcome and Introductions

Jim Doane, Chair, welcomed everyone and led in the introductions.

1b. Review and Approval of Minutes from Nov. 14, 2006

Having a quorum present, Gerry Williams moved that the minutes be accepted as written. Bert Kile seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

1c. Public Comment

James Bela showed a video clip from OPB "Oregon Field Guide" filmed several years ago regarding the danger of tsunamis in Oregon.

1d. Old Business

None.

1e. New Business

I. Recognition of Natalie Richards, PE, for her work protecting Oregon's Children. Chair Jim Doane presented Natalie with a plaque for her work on the seismic needs assessment in support of SB-2.

II. Recognition Of Christine Valentine for her membership on OSSPAC. A certificate of appreciation will be sent to Christine, who is leaving her job at DLCD.

III. Report to the Governor and Legislature of OSSPAC's 2006 activities. Jim Doane asked for a volunteer to write this report. Due to no one volunteering, Jim said he would do it.

IV. Governor's Proclamation for April. Jay Wilson handed out last year's Governor's Proclamation for April being Earthquake and

Tsunami Awareness Month, and asked for any input from members to be sent to him by January 16, 2007.

1f. **Events Notification**

Ravi Mahajan announced that April 1, 2007 is the deadline to make changes to the building code. Oregon is making changes to align with the national code. Some Oregon specific amendments are being dropped. Ravi said the move is considered an administrative change.

Yumei Wang said she had been talking to Health officials about hospitals doing seismic retrofits. Also, this summer there will be two tours of seismic retrofits, one at WOU and one at OSU.

1g. **Time and Location for March 13, 2007 Meeting**

It was decided to hold the March meeting in Salem, hopefully at the Capitol. Ravi offered his office as a backup. Bev Hall will reserve a room.

2. **Discussion of Sample Bylaws**

Rose Gentry shared a draft of bylaws for OSSPAC. She took input from members, and will present it for voting at our next meeting.

3. **Reports of the Sub-Committees**

Gerry Williams and members of his sub-committee discussed legislative policy proposals they have developed. His committee will be meeting again soon and then the proposals will be sent to the Governor and Legislature for overview.

4. **Break**

5. **Earthquake Recovery Strategy - PGE.**

Brendan McCarthy from PGE discussed details of his company's customers and energy sources. He then talked about PGE's business continuity plan. PGE takes an all-risk approach.

6. **Emergency Preparedness and Response to Contingency Events – BPA**

Anne Morrow gave a PowerPoint presentation on the BPA service area and the redundant systems they have in place for emergencies. They are revising their 72 hour Emergency Action Guide and integrating that with their Continuity of Operations Planning. Their plans include potential damage from known seismic faults.

**OSSPAC questions for electric utility representatives requiring followup to
Chair Jim Doane from January 2007 meeting:**

PGE –Brendan McCarthy

1. designated targets of providing what percent of electricity to how many customers in what time frame after a large event,
2. if there is motion sensitive circuitry that would automatically turn off certain systems in an earthquake,
3. if major infrastructure including bridges are out, how does PGE plan on dealing with that,
4. whether or not PGE plans on cutting electricity to a certain area like downtown Portland if there are major lines on the ground causing a dangerous situation.

BPA – Anne Morrow

1. what standard BPA is looking at after a major event for power to be restored, i.e. timelines,
2. if there are certain geographic areas or clients that have higher priority to restore power,
3. if they have an inter-agency communication plan,
4. when they plan on having all of their transmission towers anchored.

7. Commission Discussion of Recovery/Restoration Information and Development of Action Items

Further discussion was held regarding policy proposals and the funding needed for the Senate Bills. Jim Doane said he would present the final proposals to Senator Courtney.

8. Public Comment

Randy Prince, a social studies teacher from Eugene, proposed that OSSPAC support integrating seismic issues into the curriculum for public schools at the high school level. Gerry Williams asked him if he could put his proposal into a policy statement for OSSPAC. He agreed to send it to Jim Doane.

James Bela passed around the “Homeowners Guide to Earthquake Resistant Design and Construction” book that is a FEMA publication. He suggested that everyone obtain a copy. Jay Wilson offered to do that for the members. James reiterated his concerns about watering down the building codes for Oregon. Jim Doane asked James to list his top issues with building codes, send to Jim, and Jim will put James on the agenda for the March meeting.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:43 p.m.