

Oregon Resilience Task Force Minutes

Feb. 3, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. at the Capitol in Salem.

Task Force Members Present:

Scott Ashford, Chair	Oregon State University (scientific community rep)
Jeff Rubin, Vice Chair	Special Districts Association of Oregon rep (TVF&R)
Senator Arnie Roblan	SD 5, Oregon State Legislature
Senator Alan Olsen	SD 20, Oregon State Legislature
Representative Debbie Boone	HD 32, Oregon State Legislature
Representative Jim Weidner	HD 24, Oregon State Legislature
Mark Ellsworth	Regional Solutions Coordinator for Gov. Kitzhaber
Commissioner Mark Labhart	Tillamook County Commission (AOC rep)
Mayor George Endicott	City of Redmond (LOC rep)
Jeff Soulages	Intel Corporation (private business rep)
Paula Negele	American Red Cross (private nonprofit rep)
Dave Ferre (via phone)	Oregon Military Department
Dave Stuckey	Office of Emergency Management
Lucinda "Luci" Moore	Oregon Department of Transportation
Mike Harryman	Oregon Health Authority

Task Force Members Absent:

Heidi Moawad	Public Safety Policy Advisor to Governor Kitzhaber
Jay Wilson	OSSPAC Chair/Clackamas Co. Hazard Mitigation

Others in Attendance:

Representative Tobias Read	HD 27, Oregon State Legislature
Vicki McConnell	DOGAMI
Bruce Paskett	NW Natural Gas
Diana Enright	Oregon Department of Energy
Marian Lahav	DLCD
Bev Hall	Office of Emergency Mgmt., Admin. Support
Althea Rizzo	Office of Emergency Management, Task Force Coordinator
James Bela	Oregon Earthquake Awareness

1. Administrative Matters

Chair Scott Ashford opened the meeting. New task force member Paula Negele from the Red Cross was introduced. She is taking the position vacated by Maree Wacker.

2. Review of Task Force's Charge

Scott reviewed the recommendations listed in SB33 - Task force shall make recommendations about (Section 2 (3):

(a) Education and training of community leaders in emergency management and resilient practices.

(b) Coordination of investments in equipment, facilities, and systems critical for enhanced resilience and survivability in the near, intermediate and far terms.

3. Review of Priorities from January 6 meeting

Scott then listed the priority categories from last meeting:

- Education
- Policy
- Infrastructure
- Science

4. Refinement of priorities

Education: Priorities in order of task force are K-12, policy-makers and media, and general public (location determining the threat addressed).

Policy: Priorities are improved land use, funding incentives, readiness (preparedness guidelines, resources, waiving state rules) and improved building codes.

Infrastructure: Priorities are transportation, energy lifelines (including liquid fuel), inventory/assessment of critical buildings, other lifeline utilities (including communication), and seismic upgrades of public buildings.

Science: Support research and outreach.

5. Next Steps/Discussion

Scott then said based on feedback from members, he would like to form subcommittees by the March 3 meeting. He or Jeff Rubin would be on each subcommittee. The purpose of the subcommittees would be to form recommendations in line with the task force priorities. This will help tailor the report due in October. OSSPAC would be used as a resource, also. His proposed subcommittees are:

- Education and Training
- Lifelines
- Readiness
- Critical Buildings
- Land Use
- Cascadia Science and Engineering

Scott then asked for volunteers, and will be working the next month to form the subcommittees. He asked for input on stakeholders to be included. Jeff

Soulages suggested reaching out to the “chapter chairs” of the ORP. He also recommended making clean boundaries in the work of the subcommittees. As to length of the deliverable, Scott suggested one page – perhaps bullets at first.

Discussion was then held on deliverables wanted. Consensus was that the report should be clear and concise. Jeff Soulages said stakeholders would be disappointed if the report was too abbreviated, but being clear and concise on the direction we want people to take is very important. Jeff Rubin said that the subcommittees can look for the state of where things are now. Rep. Weidner suggested keeping the report very simple and straightforward, with clean recommendations for readiness. Mark Labhart noted that SB 33 mentions near, immediate, and far term goals. Scott Ashford said that we are focusing on the near term, but can refer to the ORP for long term. Jeff Soulages agreed, and added that the task force can prioritize and list next steps. Even if the goal is long term, short term tasks can be recommended. Rep. Boone asked about best practices, such as Manzanita CERT teams in the high school. Scott Ashford said those can be listed as examples. Mark Labhart asked about checking in with the legislature this February session to see if they feel we are on the right track. Rep. Boone said that there is still time for that to happen, though it isn't scheduled as of now.

Other Input from the task force members:

Sen. Roblan asked about including the need for shelter, especially in urban areas with a lot of damage. Scott agreed it could be plugged into an area, perhaps critical buildings. Jeff Soulages suggested readiness.

Mark Ellsworth suggested funding for convening officials to implement the recommendations – how to solve things – tangible, long-lasting projects.

A question was asked regarding the suggestion of a State Resilience Office in the ORP. Jeff said it could be someone already working at the Governor's Office.

Dave Stuckey mentioned two large projects coming up in communications. One is Next Gen, a five year project for 911, and the other is First Net having to do with mobile communications. Both should take into account the Cascadia Subduction Zone resiliency.

5. Public Comment

Bruce Paskett said as a member of the Energy Task Group for the ORP, he would like to raise the importance of communications. Utilities will need to be able to communicate with each other. Also, he would like to include waiving all state rules that would hamper recovery.

Diana Enright said that she brought a copy of DOE's Petroleum Emergency Preparedness Plan overview. Scott Ashford said that can be posted on our webpage.

Vicki McConnell suggested using state agencies as resources – to build on what's already there, like DLCD.

James Bela said that public education should include everyone – to reinvent the “will.”

Scott Ashford then announced that future meetings will be held at Oregon Emergency Management's building, in Room 114. However, if the legislature is still in session March 3, the next meeting will be held at the Capitol.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.