



OSSPAC MINUTES **September 14, 2021**

The virtual meeting was called to order at 9 a.m.

OSSPAC Members Present:

Tiffany Brown, Chair	Local Government Stakeholder
David Gomberg	Representative Legislative Assembly
Lesley Ogden	First Responder Stakeholder
Bonnie Magura	Schools Stakeholder
Joe Karney	Utilities Stakeholder
Ed MacMullan	Banking Stakeholder
Adam Pushkas	Building Owners Stakeholder
Susan Romanski	Public Member
Elizabeth Safran	Public Member
Christina LeClerc	State agency: ODOT
Althea Rizzo	State agency: OEM
Katie Young	Public Member

OSSPAC Members Absent:

Bob Houston	State Agency: DOGAMI
Aeron Teverbaugh	State Agency: DCBS
Matt Crall	State agency: DLCD
Trent Nagele	Structural Engineer Stakeholder

Others in Attendance:

Mike Harryman	Governor's Office
Lily Morehead	Governor's Office
Meg Reed	DLCD
Luke Harkins	Gomberg's Office
Jonathan Allan	DOGAMI
Andrew Phelps	OEM
James Bela	Citizen
Steve Robinson	Cascadia Prepared

1. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a/b. Welcome and Introductions

Brown opened the meeting and led introductions.

c. Review and Approval of Minutes from March meeting

Brown advised there were no minutes were approved due to some staff turnover and illness, but they were working to get them completed.

d. Events Notification

Gomberg provided an update on construction at the Capitol and redistricting. He shared that the Coastal Caucus was advocating for lines on the coast because of the special interests to OSSPAC, like Cascadia. The CC is trying to obtain grants related to seismic issues related to water and power supply to our coastal hospitals to make them 2-week ready, more likely to be 30-day. Will work on during the next session.

Rizzo reminded that the Great Shakeout would occur on 10/21/21 at 10:21 and encouraged everyone to participate.

e. New Business

None.

f. Location for Next Meeting

Virtual through the end of 2021.

2. REPORTS

a. State Agency

ODOT: Getting ready for winter.

DLCD: Working with coastal communities to complete Natural Hazard Mitigation Plans. Coos and Curry are both in the process, finishing up soon. Tillamook starting soon. Opportunities for communities to think about projects they'd like to do or are already engaged in. Strategic planning for funding in the next few years.

OEM: Rizzo is working on guidance document for tsunami debris planning for local counties/cities how to approach planning effort for tsunami debris. Won't duplicate other guidance. Other public education and outreach later this year.

DOGAMI: Allan announced an annual meeting for NTHMP in Portland on January 30. He also advised they had released a new report regarding the Earthquake regional impact analysis for Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties. Brown asked if they were considering a regional assessment of the same kind, and he said they were visiting the idea but it will take some time and funding.

<https://www.oregongeology.org/pubs/ofr/p-O-18-02.htm>

b. State Resilience Officer

Harryman shared that the Regional Resilience Assessment Project (RRAP) report is completed, so he will prepare an outline to present to the Commission at the next meeting or ask the Department of Homeland Security to present. Romanski said she was interested in getting more

information on the next concept he intended to approach with the RRAP, and Harryman said he'd report back on mission assignments.

He said that PSU had talked to he and Phelps about the new CEI Hub study, which focuses on mitigation, and there will be legislation this year. Next week during Energy and Environmental Committee to have hearing on CEI Hub introducing possible legislation.

Gomberg asked about RDPO \$400K grant for supply chain and OEM will hire 2 planners to assist RDPO.

Received a briefing from the mass care team, and their work complements the Mass Care report and actions many of the recommendations. Mass Care and food are combined again with Department of Human Services as the sole planner.

3. OSSPAC Member Survey Results & Discussion - Brown

Brown reviewed the survey results on the screen with the group. The members agreed to follow up with a work group to discuss further: MacMullan, Safran, Magura, Harryman, Romanski, Brown and Nagele will convene before the next meeting and share results at the November meeting.

4. Seismic Retrofit Outreach Program - Rizzo

Rizzo introduced a project to the group and asked for Commission participation if desired. She has \$10K to create materials (infographics, brochure and social media) that support residential home retrofits and seismic upgrades. She is hiring a contractor to do the writing and design but asked for volunteers to assist with the project. MacMullan, Romanski, Brown, and Magura agreed to assist with developing initial objectives and helping to apply work/recommendations stemming from the OSSPAC report.

5. Oregon Office of Emergency Management – Andrew Phelps, Director

Phelps talked about the changes that would be occurring to OEM by July 1, 2022 as a result of a bill to take it out from under the Oregon Military Department and make it a standalone agency. He said that the changes/growth in EM is predicated in our experiences over the past 24 months with wildfire, winter and the pandemic. He said that we talk about the hazards but we don't always address the hazard of apathy, so he is grateful for OSSPAC discussions.

The agency changes include 3 parts: 47 new permanent positions from 21 budgets, increasing to 92 full time permanent positions. The positions are mix of federal funds and general fund. The wildfire bill (762) provided two new positions-- one management focused on preparedness initiatives

and another in response division to assist with ECC. Made permanent the Public-Private partnership position.

The decoupling (OMD and OEM) bill was 2927, and beyond separating the agencies, it makes OEM a cabinet level state agency with 10 new permanent positions to include 6 regional positions. In addition to 10 positions, on July 2024 OEM will take over OERS call taking system.

Nuts and bolts of the changes will be to set up councils: The Oregon Homeland Security council moves to Governor and names two new councils. EM advisory council in Governor office and Local Government Advisory Council within OEM. Legislative names who will be appointed by makeup. More information to build structure in early 2022.

The “why”. It had come up before but it was just the right time. Throughout the US, about 1/3 states have standalone and 1/3 are military and another 1/3 in another construct. Phelps stressed there was no one right way to structure at the state level, just like the local level. The EM has a direct report to a CEO, whether that is a Commissioner, Judge, etc. Standing up an agency comes at a cost, funding considerations. Those costs versus the work is expected to do, couldn't justify standing us up without the proper resourcing, so had conversations about how it needed to be resourced. Groundswell effort to provide adequate support to the OEM, then the timing was more appropriate to discuss standing up as a standalone cabinet agency.

The move levels the blue-sky playing field, provides direct connection between OEM Director and Governor (never roadblocks to date). It's worked well thus far with the personalities at play, but the move eliminates future personalities creating a barrier. EM at the state level and across Oregon needs to maintain the capacity to respond, maintain level of coordination, stand up ECC and perform alerting and response. Risk reduction approach to the work we're doing. The Jackson County fire brought to mind where we need to make investments, i.e. risk reduction, where we build and how we build. Take comprehensive approach to the risks in our state, and our risk profile is changing. Building with intention of reducing statewide risk and that our programs are inclusive of everyone in our community. Geared toward the most vulnerable and those most impacted by disasters.

Moving from response-oriented to a deliberative approach to reducing the hazards we face. Organizationally, it allows us to create divisions: Preparedness/Response and Mitigation/Recovery. Standalone sections are enhanced. Mitigation/recovery regional program with planning liaisons working through all phases of an emergency. It also creates expansion in the Director office—standing up tribal liaison, equity/inclusion initiatives.

Important to note that the mission doesn't change: To reduce the risk and make sure Oregon is prepared. Policy, programs and people and that each is effective, inclusive, efficient, and accessible. Play out in conversations, committees—what do we want to see or need in Oregon. Do we remain a coordinated body? Are we primarily grant coordinators? We've been built based on yesterday's disaster so build more intentionally for the future. Disasters happen at the local level so want to make sure it meets those local needs.

Bela asked about the Director position, and Phelps explained it would be confirmed by the Senate. Romanski asked about hazards that haven't received sufficient attention. Phelps said the winter storms will continue to worsen, and whether they look at climate change as a hazard. Not so much a hazard, the vulnerability of our infrastructure. Used chlorine example as an issue where one facility taken offline posed a potentially devastating situation. The pipeline issue in the southeast with disruption in ability to provide fuel for vehicles. It doesn't take much to impact the infrastructure—not a specific event but just the day-to-day.

6. Earthquake Shelters Code Amendment Update - Brown

In between meetings, there was an opportunity to participate in a code update regarding earthquake shelters. Nagele and Soulages had participated during the last update, but upon reviewing the previous application for doing so, Brown and Nagele decided not to attend for several reasons: They hadn't had time to consult the other members, and the Commission hadn't taken recent testimony on the matter in order to hear from a broader group of stakeholders. She said the next update would be in 3 years, and that it presented a better timeframe for OSSPAC to get involved the next time around by hearing from stakeholders and doing commission work in advance.

7. Structural Masonry/Seismic Resilience - Brown

Brown had been contacted by a lobbyist and the bricklayers union president regarding a bill that would certify contractors performing seismic construction—not retrofitting. Another similar effort was also underway regarding fire proofers—and another legislative concept—that listed OSSPAC as having a role in the process, so she expressed an intent to clarify that the Commission had no such authority. She said she believe the involvement held value as it might suggest a path forward legislatively with the building codes division that could inform other OSSPAC interests, i.e. post-earthquake inspections and retrofitting. She said that Nagele had concerns so she wanted to bring it to the group and talk about pros and cons of participation. The concept was put forth previously as HB3121 (sent to members) in 2021, and the sponsors are planning to resubmit in 2022. Brown was invited to attend a meeting before the next OSSPAC meeting, so was looking for direction from the group. Harryman said the

bill hadn't left committee, but it was a worthwhile effort, the group had a brief discussion about potential concerns/issues, then agreed that it was a good idea for Brown to attend. Brown will report back at the November meeting.

Adjournment