

Minutes of the
January 8, 2021 meeting of the
State Interagency Hazard Mitigation Team

Meeting location: webinar only

The following people participated in the meeting:

State Resilience Officer (SRO)	Mike Harryman
Department of Administrative Services (DAS)	Darrin Brightman
Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)	Don Pettit
Division of Financial Regulation (DFR)	Tracie Weeder
Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)	Jenna Trentadue
Dept. of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI)	Bill Burns
Infrastructure Finance Authority (IFA)	Gloria Zacharias
Dept. of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD)	Matt Crall
	Celinda Adair
	Katherine Daniel
	Marian Lahav
	Meg Reed
	Tricia Sears
OMD, Office of Emergency Management (OEM)	Amie Bashant, Chair
	Anna Feigum
	Joseph Murray
	Stephen Richardson
	Althea Rizzo
	Stan Thomas
Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM)	Michael Heffner
Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)	Jessica Gourley
Public Utility Commission (PUC)	Lisa Gorsuch
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)	Edgar Gomez
	Rynn Lamb
	Laura McSweeney
	Kristen Meyers
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)	Paul Sclafani
Coquille Indian Tribe	Derek Mollier

1) Welcome

Amie opened the meeting at 11:00 a.m. and welcomed the participants.

2) Introductions

Joseph facilitated most of the introductions (see next agenda item below).

- 3) Introduction of Stan Thomas, new OEM Deputy Director for Mitigation and Recovery; Stephen Richardson, Mitigation and Individual Assistance Section Manager; and Anna Feigum, Deputy State Hazard Mitigation Officer (Deputy SHMO)

Amie facilitated introductions of Stan, Stephen, and Anna. All three are new to OEM and key players in hazard mitigation at OEM.

Stan talked about the work he has been doing in mitigation and recovery at OEM since he began on August 1. He talked about the reorganization OEM is undergoing. He talked about his interest in building capabilities in mitigation at OEM. He talked about the amazing work Amie has been doing, “the work of three or four people.”

- 4) Silver Jackets (Flood Mitigation Subcommittee) and NFIP updates

Celinda talked about how the fires of September have changed our course from strategic planning to post-fire flood risk outreach and communication, and technical assistance. She talked about training videos she has posted to the Silver Jackets’ YouTube site regarding the NFIP and flood-after-fire. She talked about the regulatory aspects of rebuilding post-fire.

<https://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/Missions/Flood-Risk-Management/Flood-After-Fire/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVBB6DcCwD-PMk2NZBHxw>

Finally, she talked about Oregon being funding for flood studies on the Luckiamute, and for King Tides. The Subcommittee plans to pick-up with strategic planning efforts soon.

- 5) Report from Landslide Mitigation Subcommittee (aka, Oregon Landslide Risk Reduction Team)

Bill first talked about the work of Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) Teams, which work only on federal lands. Therefore the state set-up Erosion Threat Assessment and Reduction Teams (ETARTs) to conduct similar work on non-federal lands involved in the fires of September. The ETART reports are just about to be released. He talked about how the federal BAER staff mentored state staff on the ETARTs. He talked about how quickly the ETART work was done. He talked about their concerns about post-fire debris flows. He said it is likely this debris flow hazard will be elevated for 10 to 15 years, so we need both short-term and long-term risk reduction efforts. He talked about post-fire research teams that he is a part of. He said we tend to learn a lot from disasters. Bill talked about Executive Summary concepts that he, Rynn, and others are working on as high level information for local community leaders.

He noted that President Trump had just signed a House Resolution on the National Landslide Preparedness Act, which is similar to the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP). So now we have a similar program with annual grants for landslide identification and mitigation. See: <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/116/hr8810>

6) Update on DLCDC work on Tribal and local NHMPs

Tricia gave this update, using the memo she had provided in advance. She talked about the recent Approvable Pending Adoption (APA) Letter received via OEM from FEMA on the Burns-Paiute Tribe NHMP.

7) Report from FEMA Region Ten Mitigation Division

Edgar first talked about wildfire recovery, especially the work of the Integrated Strategic Recovery Plan (ISRP). He talked about work he has been doing with the California wildfire mitigation coordinator to try to integrate work across the two states. He talked about the local mitigation plans currently under review. He talked about RiskMAP work in Benton, Polk, Grant, and Douglas counties. He talked about the new mapping for the Silvies Watershed in Harney and Grant counties.

Rynn thanked Edgar; said his report was great. She mentioned she is looking forward to working more with Bill Burns on the projects he had mentioned. Rynn then gave a project status summary for Oregon RiskMAP, noting that the Upper Willamette Project in Benton County is in the discovery phase; Silvies in the public comment phase; Siuslaw in the draft maps stage; Mid-Columbia/Hood Watershed in the final risk report and risk assessment phase; Lane County in the public comment stage; and Baker and Grant counties in the scoping phase.

8) Information/update on Oregon NHMP maintenance and implementation; proposed addition of *Oregon Climate Change Adaptation Framework (CCAF)*

Marian talked about the re-approval of the Oregon NHMP, and the need now to maintain and monitor implementation of the plan. She talked about help she will need from the State IHMT members to accomplish this. The plan is on DLCDC's website for the public, but there will also be an internal-facing version that State IHMT members will be able to go-in and edit. Maintenance needs to occur often, ideally as things are occurring.

The first act of plan maintenance is the CCAF. She spoke in summary about a recent memo, and the proposal which is on the table. She noted that the Oregon Climate Assessment Report #5 was released earlier this week.

Marian said that Oregon NHMP updates will now occur not less often than quarterly instead of annually. Don asked if this will be a bigger time commitment? Marian said "Probably not; the information will be more fresh, and therefore easier and quicker to submit." Marian is going to not use the big spreadsheets we've been using in the past. Marian plans to talk about this at greater length at our April meeting. She referred everyone to Section 4.3 of the Oregon NHMP posted on the DLCDC website. She noted that DLCDC and OEM are currently in discussion on how best to go about this. We'll let people know the plan prior to the April meeting.

9) Mitigation grant update

Amie shared her screen, providing Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant updates:

	BRIC FY20	FMA FY20	HMGP-DR-4519-OR	HMGP-PF-FM-5327-OR	HMGP-DR-4562-OR
Pre-applications Received	40	4	17	18	11
Subapplicants anticipated to submit subapplications	12	-	12	17	9
Subapplications Received	6	-	1	1	-
Subapplications Submitted to FEMA	-	-	.*	1	-

	HMGP-DR-4519-OR	HMGP-PF-FM-5327-OR	HMGP-DR-4562-OR
Directly Affected Areas	Umatilla, Union, Wallowa Counties and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation	Clackamas, Coos, Douglas, Jackson, Jefferson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Tillamook, Wasco, Washington, and Yamhill Counties in addition to Warm Springs Indian Reservation	Benton, Clackamas, Columbia, Coos, Deschutes, Douglas, Jackson, Jefferson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Tillamook, Wasco, Washington, and Yamhill Counties in addition to any Tribal lands that were directly affected
Incident Type	Oregon Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, And Mudslides	-	Oregon Wildfires And Straight-line Winds
Declaration Date	April 3, 2020	August 13, 2020 (first FMAG declaration)	September 15, 2020
SHMO sent out initial statewide guidance	May 22, 2020	September 25, 2020	October 24, 2020
Pre-application due to SHMO	July 20, 2020 August 21, 2020	January 15, 2021 April 15, 2021	April 1, 2021 July 1, 2021
Subapplication due to SHMO	November 20, 2020 March 3, 2021 June 2, 2021	February 19, 2021 May 28, 2021	August 25, 2021 November 29, 2021
Subapplication due to FEMA from SHMO	December 20, 2020 April 3, 2021 July 2, 2021	March 30, 2021 June 28, 2021	September 15, 2021 December 14, 2021
Period of Performance	April 3, 2024 July 2, 2024	March 30, 2024 June 28, 2024	September 15, 2024 December 14, 2024
Federal Funds	\$3,059,657.00 (per 6-month lock-in)	\$10,074,896.00	\$60,045,205.00 (per 30-day estimate)
Federal Funds Still Available as of 1/6/2021	-	\$6,390,453.50	\$42,917,288.40

Amie said that for HMA inquiries, questions, etc., after January 19, reach out to Deputy SHMO Anna Feigum via shmo@mil.state.or.us. She also noted that FEMA Region Ten is providing HMA assistance with sub-application development, eligibility review for pre-applications, letters of interest, outreach, etc.

10) Other business/round robin

Paul noted a proposed Umatilla River Flood Study, and work that is underway on an updated hydraulic model for the Lower Willamette Watershed. The latter has a nexus to Lower Columbia modeling.

11) Develop agenda items for April meeting

Marian said that she had talked with Keith Mills at OWRD, who said he'd like to give an update on the State Dam Safety Program at the next meeting: mitigation of hazards related to dams; maybe also talk a bit about levees and structures that function like levees. Marian gave some context. She talked about how we have addressed this within the 2020 version of the Oregon NHMP where this is a new sub-section to floods. She also said a lot of people are curious what the state is doing with levees and how are levees not like dams. She said there are grant possibilities related to dams. Keith has asked for 30 minutes to cover this.

12) Public comment

There was no public comment.

13) Adjourn

Amie adjourned the meeting at 12:18 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2021, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.