

Minutes of the
October 21, 2021 meeting of the
State Interagency Hazard Mitigation Team (State IHMT)

Meeting location: webinar only

The following 33 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
	Michael Greenburg
Division of Financial Regulation (DFR)	Tracie Weeder
	Tricia Goldsmith
Building Codes Division (BCD)	Jeremy Payne
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)	Nancy Taylor
Dept. of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI)	Ian Madin
Oregon Health Authority (OHA)	Candy Cates
	Ericka Mason
Infrastructure Finance Authority (IFA)	Gloria Zacharias
Dept. of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD)	Celinda Adair
	Katherine Daniel
	Marian Lahav
	Tricia Sears
OMD, Office of Emergency Management (OEM)	Andrew Phelps
	Stephen Richardson
	Anna Feigum
	Jason Gately
	Joseph Murray
	Althea Rizzo
Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM)	Erik Rau
	Tom Welle
Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)	Jenna Trentadue
	Tom Fields
Oregon Partnership for Disaster Resilience (OPDR)	Michael Howard
Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)	Jessica Gourley
Cow Creek Band of the Umpqua Tribe of Indians	Julie Smithart
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)	Edgar Gomez
	Rynn Lamb
	Laura McSweeney
WSP USA (formerly E&E)	Trevor Clifford

1) Welcome

Stephen welcomed everyone to the quarterly meeting of the State IHMT, including those new to the Team.

2) Introductions

Joseph facilitated introductions, highlighting new members.

3) Meeting Minutes (January, April, and July)

Noting that they had been provided in advance of the meeting for review, Joseph asked for action on the draft meeting minutes from January, April, and July. Celinda moved, and Tricia seconded that the January, April, and July 2021 minutes be accepted as drafted. No one was opposed, so all were accepted as drafted.

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

Celinda talked briefly about what Silver Jackets (SJ) is, saying this Subcommittee is focused on flood risk identification, floodplain management, flood mitigation, and outreach. She noted SJ is focused currently on strategic planning for the next three to five years. The next step will be a SWOT¹ analysis. Others are welcome to join, including Tribes. Celinda is the state lead; let her know. She talked about using Survey 123 to collect high watermarks (HWMs) and flood images during an event. She then talked about having an interactive map. She talked about working to find a place to store data and documents for sharing. She talked about the development of King Tide signs. She noted the SJ website is out of date. The *Strategic Plan, Flood after Fire Playbook*, etc. will be posted, and the website will be updated.

5) New statewide earthquake hazard data

Please see Ian's DOGAMI slideshow which is included as a companion to these meeting minutes. Also see <https://www.oregongeology.org/pubs/dds/p-OSHD-1.htm>

Mike Harryman asked, "What outreach has been done?" Ian noted that DOGAMI is down on staff, missing a publications person, PIO, and also has no General Fund (GF) to do that kind of activity. They are having trouble finding the staff or money to publicize. Mike said that he will work with Althea to help do publicity via OSSPAC.²

Several members thanked Ian for his presentation, and Tricia noted that this information will help in the update of natural hazard mitigation plans.

6) Report from FEMA Region Ten Mitigation Division

Edgar talked first about the status of local and tribal mitigation plans in Oregon, including NHMPs that will soon be losing their FEMA approval. Edgar then talked a bit about RiskMAP accomplishments. Edgar said he'll soon be working with OEM to offer a G-318 class (Local/Tribal Hazard Mitigation Planning Workshop) either for Oregon or for regional delivery. See also the FEMA update file which is a companion to these meeting minutes.

Rynn said that Gilliam County is interested in having a RiskMAP study done; she will do a call during early November with them. A Discovery Meeting may occur in March or so.

¹ SWOT = Strength, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats

² OSSPAC = Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission

Rynn said they have just awarded a bunch of CTP³ grants: to DOGAMI for multi-hazard risk assessments in Benton, Marion, and Morrow counties; Post-Fire Debris Flow (PFDF) analyses for the Holiday Farm, Beachie/Lionshead, and Eagle Creek Fires; to DOGAMI also for a channel migration study on the Umatilla River and McKay Creek. There is also a CTP grant for lower McKenzie floodplain restoration. Mike Howard is the POC for that one. Finally, there is a grant to do LiDAR work in Baker County and for the Eagle Creek Watershed.

7) State Hazard Mitigation Officer (SHMO) update and other hiring updates

Stephen talked about building the mitigation team at OEM. He noted we missed out on \$1.6 million in Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding this year due to loss of our Oregon NHMP enhanced status. We have begun work to regain enhanced status. He noted Anna is the new SHMO, and that Amie has left OEM. Stephen emphasized that Anna has a team now. It includes Nic Roberts, Jessi Weaver, Jason Gately, Joseph Murray, and another position for which we have begun recruiting. Anna noted to use the shmo@mil.state.or.us email address to contact her team regarding HMA grant questions and issues. Stephen noted that as of July 1, 2022, OEM will move out of the Oregon Military Department and become the Oregon Department of Emergency Management.

8) Pre and post disaster HMA grant updates; competitive panel required for FEMA-4562-DR-OR HMGP applications; competitive panel requested for BRIC FY2021

Anna shared her screen, showing post-disaster grant rounds, and providing information about each round in some detail. Please see Anna's grant table which is included as a companion to these meeting minutes.

[Drop, cover, and hold – the Great Oregon ShakeOut occurred at this point in the meeting: Stephen gave a two-minute break for people to participate.]

Anna again shared her screen, showing pre-disaster grant rounds in some detail, i.e., BRIC and FMA.

Stephen talked about how the loss of having a Pre-Disaster Mitigation grant program planning state set aside has affected the us: we no longer have this reliable source of funding for mitigation planning. Stephen said we are now leveraging HMGP instead, i.e., the 7% allocated to planning as part of HMGP.

Stephen talked about how important the State IHMT Grant Review Panel is to our HMA grants. In the meeting chat Candy noted that as wildfire recovery winds down, she likely can become more involved in the work of this panel.

Michael Howard suggested that we set-up a State IHMT subgroup to be the panel for HMA grant reviews and set dates well in advance. He also noted that it would also be helpful to have pre-review meetings to get on the same page as to what is expected during the review process, e.g., to make clear what criteria are being used in the evaluation, etc.

³ CTP = Cooperating Technical Partner

In the meeting chat, Celinda noted that it may help that for BRIC and FMA the schedule is fairly predictable - so agencies can plan time to help with reviews. For her to participate it would help if we can estimate hours needed over a July 1 - June 30th period, so she can put them in her next grant to allow her position to spend time on the review panels.

9) OEM working with DLCD to have a more active role in Oregon NHMP

Stephen praised the hard work and leadership that Marian has shown during the two most recent Oregon NHMP update cycles. Stephen said “OEM is not a planning agency, but there are pieces of the Oregon NHMP where OEM can take ownership.” Stephen said we are doing great mitigation planning work, but need to better demonstrate it. OEM will be taking the lead role in monitoring and maintaining the plan. There are currently 180 action items. There are a lot of state agencies with lead roles. Are you aware of your roles? Do you have the capacity? Stephen said OEM will be emailing out the actions to all of the state agencies with roles in implementing actions. Stephen noted that for some actions, a target date has come and gone.

Stephen noted that OEM has begun working on updating Oregon NHMP Chapter 5, the enhanced plan materials. He noted that less than ideal HMA grants management is the primary reason Oregon lost its enhanced status.

Mike Harryman said Stephen is “spot on.” He talked about his experience inheriting the *Oregon Resilience Plan*. He took all the actionable items and put them in an Excel spreadsheet. He then did a lot of outreach and education. He thinks Stephen is taking the right approach. Mike would be happy to help Stephen connect the dots.

Stephen said the Oregon NHMP is over 1,600 pages long. He noted that some State IHMT members have inherited actions previously agreed to by staff who are no longer involved. He talked about FEMA and OEM being able to provide training. He talked about building capacity including FEMA’s HMTAP Team.

Stephen would like to hear at each State IHMT meeting what each agency has done between meetings toward implementing their actions. Expect to hear from Stephen, Jason, and/or Joseph about the existing mitigation actions.

Stephen asked what the barriers are? Celinda said that with regard to flood actions, she needs state GF. Her position is funded by a FEMA grant which limits what she can do. Gloria said she is a staff of one, and could use some help. They make 50 or 60 awards every year under the SRGP.

In the meeting chat, Celinda agreed it is a good idea to have meetings themed by hazards on occasion to walk through the mitigation action items for that hazard, different players, and discussing who is responsible for what action items, how our work overlaps, and how we can better coordinate.

10) State IHMT member updates

Stephen asked how we can be organized or more structured? Or communicate better as we come into a new year? Celinda said from the Silver Jackets side of things, it would be good to spend a little time focused on the intersections between subgroups. Make sure each subgroup contains all the right players. Reevaluate. Candy also talked about all the intersections between the roles of state agencies.

Mike Harryman said he has mentioned this before, but the State IHMT needs to be formalized in OAR. Mike said the State IHMT has operated ad hoc. The OAR would ID primary and alternate POCs. It might also cover quorum requirements, who can vote, how decisions are made, etc.

Stephen talked about developing a Charter, Bylaws, etc. He noted that meeting minutes need to get posted to the State IHMT website. He said we may need a Chair, Secretary, etc. He asked who wanted to be part of that discussion? Do we want a co-chair from outside of OEM? He then asked for volunteers to serve on a subcommittee to help develop a Charter and Bylaws for the State IHMT. The following people volunteered: Mike Harryman, Jason Gately, Celinda Adair, Tricia Sears, and Katherine Daniel.

11) Other business

Tricia summarized a handout on local and tribal mitigation planning that had been shared with the calendar invitation, i.e., a PDM and HMGP Tribal and Local NHMP Update, produced jointly by DLCD and OPDR. No one else spoke-up with other business.

12) Develop agenda items for January meeting

Stephen said to let him or Joseph know what you would like to see on the agenda.

13) Public comment

There was no public comment.

14) Adjourn

Stephen adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

The next regular quarterly meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.